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## **Birmingham Residents Encouraged to Share Feedback on Master Plan**

BIRMINGHAM, MI, October 7, 2020 – An important public engagement effort is underway concerning the first draft of Birmingham's Citywide Master Plan. During the October 14, 2020 Planning Board meeting at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Board will review findings and recommendations suggested for Birmingham's proposed Haynes Square, the South Woodward Gateway and the Rail District. Residents are encouraged to join the meeting and share their feedback.

The Citywide Master Plan will guide Birmingham's future for the next twenty years. An extensive ongoing public engagement process has included community surveys, round-table discussions and charrettes. The community is encouraged to visit [www.bhamgov.org/participate](http://www.bhamgov.org/participate) to learn how to attend upcoming virtual Planning Board meetings via zoom.

“Birmingham has a rich history of preparing and implementing community-wide plans. Public feedback is a key component to the development of the Citywide Master Plan,” said Birmingham Planning Director Jana Ecker. “We’ve had great participation to date but we encourage more people to join us and share their unique thoughts and ideas.”

Residents may also now review and comment on "Neighborhood Packets", which summarize key recommendations contained within the draft Master Plan concerning each of Birmingham's neighborhoods. Residents are invited to submit comments regarding the Neighborhood Packets at [www.thebirminghamplan.com](http://www.thebirminghamplan.com) by October 23, 2020. Following this neighborhood-focused engagement process, the planning team will synthesize the input and present neighborhood data to the City's Planning Board during the November and December 2020 public meetings.

Following the public discussion wrapping on the first draft document, the planning team will prepare the second draft Master Plan for another round of presentation, direction, and revision in 2021. The community may download the first draft of the Master Plan, Neighborhood Packets and the Master Plan Review Process at [www.thebirminghamplan.com](http://www.thebirminghamplan.com). The site includes relevant data, surveys, documents and an email communication option that allows residents to send comments directly to the planning team.

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