CREATING GREATER TRANSPARENCY Exchanges from concerned citizens with Mayor & City Manager

Sept 12 outbound email to Patricia R & Pat M

Good morning,

As you prepare for next week's City Council meeting, may we ask that our two requests (deemed "reasonable") be addressed by either or both of you:

- When the City replies to a developer regarding their plans, the plans and response will be posted on the City website with opt in/out. This would occur prior to Planning Commission review
- When the City is required to post information in the Kalamazoo Gazette, it would simultaneously be posted on the City website with opt in/out.

Also, here's a link to an article in Crain's yesterday. Thought you'd find this informative.

https://www.crainsgrandrapids.com/news/real-estate/walker-to-consider-a-moratorium-on-permits-for-high-density-residential-

projects/?utm source=Sailthru&utm medium=email&utm campaign=Newsletter-Morning5-20230911

Thank you!

Sept 12 Pat McGinnis' response

Thank you for the article. Portage, like Walker, is engaged in Master Planning and will soon have a better understanding of where higher density investments make the most sense.

We will be posting plans that we receive when they are submitted. There will be an item on the agenda Tuesday and City Counicl will be asked to formally approve the staff recommendation.

When public hearings are noticed in the Gazette, they are also posted on our web site and in the window kiosk here at City Hall. You can sign up to receive such notifications via our Notify Me service (click HERE).

Pat McGinnis, City Manager