

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) FOR THE PLATT ROAD SITE ON THE DISPOSITION AND COMMUNITY DESIGN PROCESS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 2014

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2013 the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established the membership of the Platt Road Site Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to bring recommendations to the Board of Commissioners toward disposition; and

WHEREAS, the CAC identified a number of needs and uses for the site including onsite employment opportunities, affordable housing, opportunity for commercial, office, and residential uses, and incubator office/retail space. Ensuring fresh food access, community center with a commercial kitchen, and open space were also identified as important values to be integrated into the site design; and

WHEREAS, the CAC identified through consensus a number of principles that could apply to the site including demonstration for green technologies and sustainable design, mixed use, mixed income including affordable and moderately priced housing, minimized parking spaces, alternative transit, varied types and forms of housing for people of different ages, an urban village, less impervious surface, lower auto footprint, integration with neighborhood, visionary design, draws people to the site, opportunities to grow businesses, and connections to County Farm Park.; and

WHEREAS, the site should incorporate uses that reflect its value as a county property and bring the opportunity of use or value for all Washtenaw County residents; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is in high demand near jobs and transportation in Ann Arbor and using publicly-owned land is an affordable housing best practice, a portion of the site should provide affordable housing, as defined through a community design process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now wants to accept the recommendations for the disposition and the community design process for the Platt Road site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners agrees to hold the property in part or in full, so that it can be used to advanced community values and the public good through a deliberative, visionary, and inclusive design process. Future sale and/or transfer of the property will be determined based on a community design process that establishes community goals, a vision, and plan for the site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the CAC to assist in hosting an intensive multi-day community design process to create a plan for the site, inclusive of affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the CAC to provide analysis and recommendations by September 31, 2014.