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2008 HOWELL CHARRETTE DESIGN PRESENTATION

RESULTS FROM CHARRETTE WORKSHOP, NEIGHBORHOOD WALKABOUTS TO BE PRESENTED

On Thursday, October 9th, design consultants from Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin along with City staff will present the designs for the streets included in the Multi-Year Street Program. The presentation will be held at 6:00 pm at the Howell High School Auditorium, 1200 W Grand River.

The designs are the result of significant public input that has been received, beginning with the Charrette Kick-Off Workshop held on September 29th. Approximately 90 residents attended this workshop and expressed ideas and concerns about their neighborhood, their streets, and the downtown. City staff and consultants then held walkabouts in each neighborhood impacted by the street program, with the goal of talking to residents on their streets about issues such as parking, drainage, speed, pedestrians and neighborhood character.

At the October 9th presentation, Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin designers will present the street designs along with recommendations for improvements to the downtown. The final designs will then be presented for approval by the City Council on Monday, October 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Howell City Council Chambers, 611 E. Grand River.

The street program includes reconstruction of approximately 11 miles of the City's 36 miles of streets, replacement of aging water and sewer lines, and storm sewer improvements beginning in July, 2009. Many of the streets included in the program have not undergone any significant rehabilitation within the last twenty years

In coordination with the infrastructure improvement program, the City is also examining the implementation of a new type of zoning ordinance called a form-based code. By implementing a form-based code, the City will ensure that our planning, zoning, and building codes support the community's vision of what our streets, neighborhoods, and downtown should look and feel like.

After the October 13th City Council meeting, engineering consultants Hubbell, Roth & Clark will begin detailed design of the streets. Staff from Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin will finalize the downtown plan as well as provide recommendations on the form-based code during October and November.

For additional information, including dates for future presentations and materials from the Charrette kick-off workshop and walkabouts, contact the City of Howell at (517) 546-3502 or visit our 2008 Howell Charrette website: www.howellstreets.org.