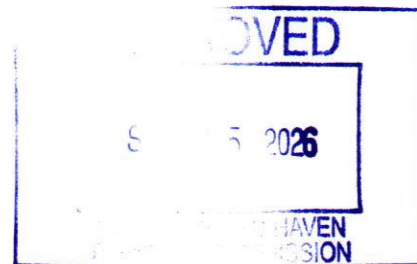




CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026



The special work session of the Grand Haven Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Joe Pierce at 6:00 pm. Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Present: Chair Joe Pierce, Dan Borchers, Joe Filippelli, Vice Chair Jennifer Smelker, Secretary Magda Smolenska

Absent: Amy Kozanecki, Scott Blakeney

Also Present: City Planner Brian Urquhart, Mayor Bob Monetza, City Manager Ashley Latsch, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollwehr, and members of the public.

Presentation

Urquhart presented the case. The Centertown Vision Plan was a long-time process with our Steering Committee that included surveys, Steering Committee meetings, and public engagement/feedback.

Scott Blakeney arrived at 6:03 pm

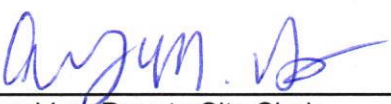
Kevin Garcia and Aayoush Patel from McKenna Consultants presented the Centertown Vision Plan. The plan came after months of extensive public engagement in early 2026 and is an extension to the Centertown Vision Plan that was started back in 2014. They broke down the progress that has happened since the initial plan and then went through the new plan that was created.

The current draft plan includes updates from Master Plans after 2014. The draft plan includes detailed building types, potential parking both in lots and on street, shows a city center that would be outdoors surrounded by townhouses and businesses, and details key streets that create the shape of Centertown. The plan also details priorities and design intentions.

Commissioners' feedback included questions regarding parking considerations and Beacon Blvd as a barrier in Centertown. Commissioners expressed desire to make sure this plan gets implemented. There was also discussion on potentially unifying the zoning districts in Centertown.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by **Chair Pierce** at 6:51 pm.



Amy Vos, Deputy City Clerk