

THE CITY OF ERIE



A RESOLUTION OF ERIE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT AND SUPPORT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN FOR THE WAYNE HEALTH & WEALTH EQUITY DISTRICT PLANNING AREA; ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE MULTIPLE YEAR ACTION PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Erie is responsible for the preparation, adoption, and implementation, of the City's comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2016 the City adopted a comprehensive plan entitled Erie Refocused according to the requirements of the Pennsylvania's Municipalities Planning Code, Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247 as amended; and

WHEREAS, The City understands that its responsibility is to provide a framework for change. Without a framework, plan or way to measure change, the development process is reactive, leading to fragmented and uncoordinated development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Erie, its administration and elected officials believes that planning that is done in conjunction with residents and community stakeholders results in positive and forward thinking outcomes and will lead to achieving the vision and goals of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has created a process by which comprehensive plan recommendations can meet the objectives of proper planning while moving efficiently and effectively into implementation through due consideration by City staff and the Erie Planning Commission working with community stakeholders, neighborhood groups and interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, this process is referred to as the Neighborhood Planning Initiative which is designed to create specific neighborhood plans that align with Erie Refocused and are citizen driven through a robust citizen engagement program; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne Health & Wealth Equity District Neighborhood Development Plan (the Plan) has been developed through input by neighborhood groups working within the area including the Equity District's own steering committee of community residents, business owners, and leaders, the Erie Center for Arts & Technology, and the City of Erie's Love Your Block program; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was informed by a significant amount of public input via community meetings, stakeholder meetings, a participatory community-wide survey, as well as data collection and analysis including the collection of over 400 property condition surveys; and

WHEREAS, the Plan fulfills the requirements of the Neighborhood Planning Initiative and has been reviewed by the mayor, and the mayor's staff, the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Resources, and was presented at a City Council study session; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed and is recommended for approval by the City of Erie's Planning Commission at their regular meeting held on June 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the council members of the City of Erie have carefully and thoughtfully reviewed the Wayne Health & Wealth Equity District Plan, it's recommendations and action plan, and are satisfied that it meets the needs of the City and fulfills the goals of the City's comprehensive plan, Erie Refocused, and the accompanying Five Year Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Erie hereby adopts and commits to collaboratively implementing the Plan with BUILD Community Development Corporation and community stakeholders to improve health outcomes and quality of life for the District.

Motioned by:

Council Person:

Seconded by: Council Person