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Subject: Planning Department Update 7/2/25

Here is the summary for this week:

-Ad Hoc Committee for Downtown Master Plan Update- The next meeting will be on July 24 at 5:30pm in the Commission Chamber. Topics to be discussed will be Committee logistics and the ITN procurement process.

-Bay Area Apartment Association Meeting- Met with the leadership of the BAAA to give them an update on the progress of our attainable housing efforts. Currently there are 24 projects in process projected to generate 872 attainable housing units.

-Design Review Committee- Presented on the Adagio Project and 7th and Central Condo Project.

-DID Marketing Campaign and Newsletter- These were launched to assist businesses throughout the summer season.

-DID Board Meeting- The next meeting is scheduled for 7/8/25 with some of the topics to include downtown parking and downtown landscaping.

-Economic Development Strategic Plan- The consultant's recommendations were presented at the CC Workshop on 4/15/25. Staff met, and I forwarded my comments to them.

-Federal FY2025-26 Annual Action Plan- This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/7/25**.

-Gateless Garages- The City's gateless garage program commenced on 6/17/25. So far, the feedback continues to be very positive.

-Humane Society of Sarasota County Purchase and Sale Agreement- This was heard at the CC Meeting on 3/3/25, and a change in the approach will be brought back to the CC in the fall.

-Main Street Project Meeting- Held a meeting to coordinate the Main Street project effort with the Downtown Master Plan Update.

-MarineMax Lease Extension- This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/7/25**.

-McCown Towers- Met with the CEO of the Housing Authority who indicated they will be receiving funding, and that they are looking into moving forward with their project.

-MLK Visioning Initiative- The Plan was presented to the NCRAAB in May. They voted to support the Plan, and the Board report is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/4/25**.

-NCRABB Meeting- This meeting is scheduled for 7/10/25, and will include discussions on MLK development opportunities, partnerships, mini-grant projects, a logo and a website.

-Parking for City Employees- Ryan, Broxton and I have a proposal that we think will work when everyone moves from the Federal Building to the Annex.

-Plan and Permit Reviews- Planning staff and I continue to review plans and permits, provide comments at DRC Meetings and attend field visits for historic preservation permits.

-Planning Website- Active Zoning Text Amendments scheduled for hearings for the PB and CC will be posted on our website so that citizens can get the latest on what is being proposed.

-Reverend Lewis and Irene Colson Wall Mural- The dedication ceremony was a huge success with over 120 people attending the event today.

-Rotary Club- I was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club Meeting on Wednesday to kick off their centennial year. The presentation went very well, and the group was very enthusiastic about the City's future.

-TDR Agreements/Enforcement- We continue to meet with staff and the CAO, and are making good progress finalizing the TDR agreement and enforcement process.

-Website- We're continuing to review the Department's draft website, and are following through on updates and revisions.

-10th and Osprey Mural Call for Artists- A call for artists has been issued with a deadline of 7/6/25.

Project Update

-Batch ZTAs- Staff is working on ZTAs to bring the code up to date. These ZTAs are projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/10/25**.

-"Children's First" Easement and Street Vacation- The Street Vacation was recommended for approval at the PB Meeting on 5/14/25 and is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/7/25**.

-Downtown Improvement District Ordinance- Changes to the DID Ordinance were approved to move forward at the CC Meeting on 5/5/25. Staff is projecting this will be coming before the CC in late summer.

-Downtown Plan Update- A presentation/discussion on process, timing, approach and ad hoc and selection committees took place at the CC Meeting on 8/5/24. The Resolution was heard at the CC Meeting on 9/3/24, continued to the CC Meeting on 9/9/24, and was approved at the CC Meeting on 9/16/24. Selection of the Ad Hoc Committee members took place at the CC Meeting on 11/4/24 with 13 members being selected. The first Ad Hoc Committee Meeting was held on 3/4/25. The second meeting was held on 4/8/25 to discuss committee duties, goals, procurement requirements and procedures for the ITN and selection of the consultant. The third meeting was held on 4/28/25 to discuss details of the ITN procurement process. The 4th meeting was held on 5/28/25 to discuss the past history of the current Plan. The 5th meeting was held on 6/2/25 to discuss past City plans and a presentation was given on downtown master plans. The 6th meeting is scheduled for 7/24/25 and will focus on Committee logistics and the ITN solicitation process.

-Marian Anderson Comp Plan Amendment- This is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/10/25**.

-Miramar Comp Plan Amendment- This was recommended for approval by the PB Meeting on 4/7/25, was approved with revisions at the CC Meeting on 5/19/25, and is scheduled for Second Reading at the **CC Meeting on 7/7/25**.

-Primary Grid Street Comp Plan Text Amendment- This was recommended for approval at the PB Meeting on 5/14/25 and is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/7/25** for a transmittal hearing.

-Temple Beth Comp Plan Amendment- This was recommended for denial by the Planning Board on 6/11/25, and is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/4/25**.

-Woods Addition to Hillcrest Park Street Vacation- This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/7/25**.

-4th and 5th Street Alley Vacation- This was approved at the CC Meeting on 5/19/25, and is scheduled to go for Second Reading at the **CC Meeting on 7/7/25**.

Have a great July 4th weekend!

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