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Subject: Planning Department Update 10/31/25

Here is the summary for this week:

-Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Report- This is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 11/3/25.**

-Architecture Sarasota/Harvard Bayfront Study- Alia and I received an update on the status of the Harvard study and discussed options for presenting their results in the near future.

-Arlington Park “Rhapsody in Bloom” Mural- Community Paint Day is scheduled for 10am-2pm on 11/15/25.

-Attainable Housing- Met with representatives from firms to discuss attainable housing opportunities in the City.

-Bay Park Phase 2- The Canal District is expected to be completed before Thanksgiving.

-Bay Runner Trolley Operations- We’re continuing to discuss recommendations with staff and the County on the Bay Runner.

-CIP Coordination Meeting- Attended meeting to update City staff on the Planning Department’s CIP Projects.

-CORE Team Program- Alia is kicking off the CORE (City Operations for Resiliency & Efficiency) Team Program. This group is projected to meet once every two months.

-DID Board Meeting- Items to be discussed are the draft of the Annual Report, the Black Friday promotion , the DID Map, the Downtown Master Plan Update and future Board topics.

-DID Board Report- This is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 1/5/26.**

-MLK Visioning Initiative- Staff continues to make progress on this initiative. A consultant is preparing a 3-D video of a portion of the corridor.

-Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program- Eighteen community grant proposals were approved at the CC Meeting on 10/20/25.

-North Water Tower Park Mural- Cleaning has begun on the surface to be painted.

-Parking Analysis- Staff is now assessing current expenses and capital improvements necessary for future years.

-Payne Park Tennis Center Courtyard Sculpture- The top finalists will be shared with the PPTC community and then at the PAC Meeting on 11/5/25.

-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.

-Public Art Committee- Agenda items include the re-installation of the Exotic 10 Sculpture, Arlington Park W-Fi Box Wraps and Statues for Equality.

-Ringling College Projection Art- The projection art program is scheduled for Fresh Fridays on November 7.

-Sarasota Memorial Hospital 100th Anniversary- Attended the event on Thursday.

-Sarasota School of Artists Mural- The final concept will be shared at the Rosemary District Association Meeting on 11/11/25.

-St. Armands Outreach- Scheduled meetings with staff and other departments to prepare a preliminary outreach plan for securing input and ideas on storm resiliency, assisting businesses, etc.

-School Convocation of Local Governments- There will be a discussion on potential topics for the upcoming **School Convocation Meeting on 1/16/2026.**

-Standardized Plans for ADUs- Continued to meet with staff to discuss the concept of creating standardized plans for ADUs and to simplify the ADU process.

-Strategic Plan Meeting- Attended the CC's Strategic Plan Meeting yesterday afternoon.

-10th and Osprey Mural- Final concepts were shared with the Gillespie Park Neighborhood Association. The top 5 will present their final concepts at the PAC Meeting on 11/5/25.

Project Update

-Batch ZTAs- The ZTAs were mostly recommended for approval, some with conditions, at the PB Meeting on 9/10/25. These were approved, except for the building width ZTA, at the CC Meeting on 10/20/25. The Second Hearing is projected to be at the **CC Meeting on 11/17/25.**

-Downtown Master Plan Update- A presentation/discussion on process, timing, approach and ad hoc committee selection 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 was held on 7/24/25 and focused on Committee logistics and

the ITN solicitation process. The 7th meeting took place on 8/14/25 authorizing staff to move forward with the ITN process. The 8th meeting took place and focused on the ITN (Due 11/2/25) and the selection of the Ad Hoc Committee's member, Melissa Laughlin, for the Solicitation Evaluation Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/4/25 and will include an update on the ITN, comments by the ICM and plans for the next meeting on 12/8/2025.

-Marian Anderson Comp Plan Amendment- This was recommended for approval at the PB Meeting on 9/10/25 and is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 11/3/25**. We held 1-on-1s with the Commissioners to discuss the details of this agenda item.

-New College Master Plan Update- Staff has reviewed their submittal and met with leadership at the college. The meeting went very well.

-Payne Park Auditorium- Held 1-on-1s with Commissioners to discuss the request for historic designation for this building and discuss the potential impacts on the current lease the City has with The Players.

-Primary Grid Street Comp Plan Text Amendment- This was recommended for approval at the PB Meeting on 5/14/25, approved for transmittal to the State at the CC Meeting on 7/7/25 and was approved at the CC Meeting on 10/6/25. This was approved at Second Reading at the CC Meeting on 10/20/25.

Have a great weekend!

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