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Here is the summary for this week:

-Affordable Housing Dashboard- We are making good progress, and this will be released in the next month.

-Class Field Trip to City- The Departments of Planning, Parks and Rec and SPD met with K-3 Spanish Legacy Class students, teachers and parents on a class field trip this morning, and it was a huge hit. I presented my interactive session with the kids on how to plan a city, Jerry gave an equipment demonstration and held outdoor events for the kids, and SPD gave tours of their Mobile Learning Center and Mobile Command Unit. All City staff did a great job.

-Downtown Improvement District Board Meeting- Broxton gave an update on future changes to parking as approved by the CC. The America 250 Celebration on 7/3/26, flower baskets, tree illumination and other topics were discussed.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park- Authorization for construction services for this project, partially funded through the services of OHCD, is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 4/20/26**.

-Earth Day Event- This is scheduled for tomorrow at The Bay from 11am-1pm. Trees will be available to the public.

-Electronics/Computer Recycling- We continue to meet with IT and other departments on the progress of the City's recycling program which is now focused on recycling electronics.

-First Street Workforce Attainable Housing Initiative- An update was presented and we received authorization to move forward at the CC Meeting on 4/6/26.

-Historic Preservation Board- The Bay gave a presentation and update on what's happening in the current and future phases. They also presented the work they've done on the historic structures on site. It was very well received by the HPB.

-Historic Preservation Board Report- This is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/17/26**.

-Leases Review- Participated in a staff meeting on all of the City's current leases and their status.

-National APA Conference Speaking Engagement- I've been invited to speak and will be presenting at the National Conference on 4/28/26.

-NCRAAB Report- This was approved at the CC Meeting on 1/5/26. Staff and the NCRAB Board continue to move forward with the RLT public art mural per the CC's recommendations.

-Parking Update- Met with downtown business owners to review the upcoming parking concept changes approved by the CC. The meeting went very well, and it was very productive.

-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 and Zoning Association Conference- I'm actively working with the committee on the planning of the conference. The conference will take place here in Sarasota May 27-29.

-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 Annual Report- The Annual Report is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/20/2026.**

-Ringling College Projection Art- We are scheduling future meetings for generating new ideas for projection art in 2026 for possibly the July 4th weekend and the November Fresh Friday event.

-Sarasota Humane Society Lease- This is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 5/4/26.**

-Sarasota Outboard Club Lease- This is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 5/18/26.**

-Transportation Planner Interviews- Participated as a member of the interview panel for a new transportation planner to work with Corinne at PW.

Project Update

-Batch ZTAs- Staff is working on a new set of Batch ZTAs, and these will most likely go before the PB and CC this summer.

-Composting ZTA- Alia and staff have been working on a ZTA focused on composting. Authorization was given to proceed at the CC Meeting on 3/23/26.

-Comprehensive Plan Update- This week we reviewed the historic preservation, intergovernmental coordination and open space and rec chapters and have scheduled our first of two public workshops for May 11. As with each of chapter grouping, two public meetings will be scheduled. After the public meetings, the chapters will go to the Planning Board for a public hearing. It will then go to the CC, the State and then back to the CC for final approval. This process will take, on the average, about 5-6 months each. As mentioned previously in my weekly summaries, the Transportation Chapter Update and population projections are scheduled to go to the **PB on 5/13/26.**

-DID Term Limits Amendment- This was approved at the CC Meeting on 4/6/26. The Second Reading is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 4/20/26.**

-Downtown Master Plan Update- A presentation/discussion on process, timing, the 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 meeting on 11/4/25 included an update and short-term schedule on the ITN, and recommendations by the ICM for the selection committee. The next meeting was on 12/8/25 where the Committee decided to forward the ITN scoring system to the CC Meeting on 1/5/26. The Selection Committee met on 3/24/26 for its initial review. The Ad Hoc Committee met the two key members of the consultant team at their meeting on 3/31/26 and was very impressed with the team. A final interview was held the next day, and the selected consultant team received unanimous support from the six members of the Selection Committee.

-Osprey Court Street Vacation- This was turned down at the PB Meeting on 4/8/26.

-St. Armands Outreach- We held our 2nd meeting on 4/13/26 at the Keating Center, and it was well attended.

-Traffic Concurrency ZTA- This is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 6/10/26.**

Have a fun weekend!

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