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Subject: Planning Department Update 7/2/26

Here is the summary for this week:

- Affordable Housing Dashboard-** We gave a presentation on our proposed dashboard that will go live very soon.
- Airport Meeting-** Ciera and I have scheduled a meeting in mid-July with Paul Hoback to discuss public art opportunities at the airport.
- Consolidated Plan for 2026-2030 and One Year Action Plan for 2-26-2027-** This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26**.
- Cultural Heritage Display-** “Echoes of Sarasota” is now on view in City Hall and the Van Wezel. A new virtual tour is also available featuring artwork images, interpretive text and historic context for each piece.
- Economic Development & Real Estate Manager-** We completed our interviews, selected a candidate and are moving forward with the hiring process.
- Fresh Fridays-** Tomorrow, a special “America 250- Light Up the Sky” Fresh Fridays event will take place. This will also include an interactive projection art component at the library. We tested it out last night, and we think it will be a huge hit.
- Historic Preservation Board Report-** This is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 8/17/26**.
- McCown Towers-** William Russell forwarded the latest plans for their project, and staff is reviewing them now
- Parking Changes-** I joined Parking Staff this past Sunday morning to help put up the new signage reflecting our changes to parking hours. These changes went into effect 6/29/26.
- Payne Park Tennis Center-** Installation of the selected public art piece will take place in late July.
- Plan and Permit Reviews-** Planning staff continues to 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 Annual Report-** The PAC Annual Report is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 7/20/2026**.
- Ringling College Projection Art-** We’re working on a new projection art program for the November Fresh Friday event.
- Trolley Grant Funds from State-** This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26** and totals \$371,057.

Project Update

-Aspinwall Street Vacation- This was approved at the PB Meeting on 6/10/26. This is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26**.

-Batch ZTAs- Staff is working on a new set of Batch ZTAs, and these are projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/9/26**.

-Comprehensive Plan Update- The Transportation Chapter Update and population projections were approved at the PB Meeting on 5/13/26 and are projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26**. Conceptual goals of the Historic Preservation Chapter were discussed at the HPB Meeting on 5/12/26. A meeting with the Argus Foundation was held on 6/5/26. Meetings were held with two CCNA Board members on 6/8/26 and the Chamber of Commerce on 6/12/26. A public workshop on the Inter-Governmental Coordination Chapter has been scheduled for 7/23/26. We also met with the Vice Mayor to review the Historic Preservation Chapter.

-Condo Hotels- A discussion on this topic is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26**.

-Mobile Food Trucks in Downtown Bayfront ZTA- This is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26** for discussion.

-Osprey Court Street Vacation- This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26**.

-Traffic Concurrency ZTA- This was approved at the PB Meeting on 6/10/26. This is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26**.

-1819 Wisteria Street- An appeal of the HPB's decision to deny a demolition permit is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26**.

-1660 Ringling Plan Amendment- This is scheduled to go to the **PB Meeting on 7/8/26**.

Hope you have a fun holiday weekend,

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