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Subject: Planning Department Update 7/31/26

Here is the summary for this week:

- Affordable Housing Dashboard-** The dashboard is live on the City Website and is available to both employees and the public.
- Budget-** Attended and presented at the budget workshops on Monday and Tuesday.
- Cultural Heritage Display-** “Echoes of Sarasota” is now on view in City Hall and the Van Wezel. An Opening Reception is scheduled for City Hall at 4pm on 9/17/26.
- Historic Preservation Board Report-** This is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 8/17/26.**
- Micro-Transit-** Planning and Transportation staff met with a micro-transit operator who is active throughout Florida. This one may be worth looking at more closely, but we should wait and see what happens in November.
- One Stop Shop Public Art-** A call for artists has been issued to provide public art for the One Stop Shop. Submittals are due no later than 8/31/26.
- Parking Open House and Workshop-** The City will hold an open house for businesses and the public focused on the city’s parking program on the evening of August 24 at 5:30pm in the Commission Chamber at City Hall. The city will give a presentation on the city’s current parking program. The city will also hold a **Commission Workshop on 8/31/26** focused on the city’s parking program at 3pm. Public notice for both are well underway.
- Payne Park Tennis Center-** The celebration and ribbon-cutting for the new art piece “Swing” at the Payne Park Tennis Center was a big success. It’s really great at night, too, when the art piece is lit.
- 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.
- Projection Art Project-** Our next project will be a projection art program for the November 6 Fresh Friday event on Palm Ave.

Project Update

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

-Batch ZTAs- These are projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/9/26.**

-The Bay ZTAs- These are projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 10/14/26.**

-Composting ZTA- This is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 10/14/26.**

-Comprehensive Plan Update- The Transportation Chapter Update was approved at the PB Meeting on 5/13/26 and is scheduled 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 open house on the Inter-Governmental Coordination Chapter was held on 7/23/26.

-Condo Hotels- A discussion on this topic was held at the CC Meeting on 7/20/26 and staff was instructed to move forward with a ZTA.

-Mobile Food Trucks in Downtown Bayfront ZTA- This was discussed at the CC Meeting on 7/6/26 and staff was directed to prepare a ZTA for this issue. This will be added to the Batch ZTA package which is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/9/26.**

-Osprey Court Vacation- The Second Reading is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26.**

-Traffic Concurrency ZTA- This was approved at the PB Meeting on 6/10/26 and at the CC Meeting on 7/20/26. A Second Reading has been scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26.**

-1819 Wisteria Street- An appeal of the HPB's decision to deny a demolition permit is projected to go the CC in September.

-1660 Ringling Plan Amendment- This was approved at the PB Meeting on 7/8/26 and is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/17/26.**

Hope you have a fun weekend!

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