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Subject: Planning Department Update- 9/18/26

Here is the summary for this week:

- Attainable Housing Dashboard-** The dashboard is live on the City Website and is available to both employees and the public. This is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 9/21/26.**
- Cultural Heritage Display-** “Echoes of Sarasota” is now on view in City Hall and the Van Wezel. An opening reception was held this Thursday and was very well attended and received.
- Florida Highwaymen Exhibit-** An all-new exhibit has been installed in the 2nd floor lobby of the One Stop Shop Building.
- Fresh Fridays Projection Art-** Staff is currently working on a projection art program by the Ringling College students for the 11/6/26 Fresh Fridays Event on Palm.
- Inventory List of City-Owned Property for Suitable Affordable Housing-** This State Statutory requirement is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 9/21/26.**
- Local Housing Assistance Plan Amendment-** This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 9/21/26.**
- National Coastal Resilience Fund-** The City has applied for a \$500,000 grant to advance the Bayfront Drive Living Shoreline Project to 60% design and permitting. A decision is expected in late November or early December and \$400,000 has already been secured for the project.
- OHCD/SHIP Funded Housing-** In conjunction with OHCD, Community Assisted Supportive Living (CASL) has constructed two new affordable homes on 16th Street.
- One Stop Shop Public Art-** A call for artists was issued to provide public art for the One Stop Shop. Over 150 submittals were received. Review of those submittals has begun.
- 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 the website so that citizens can get the latest on what is being proposed.
- Public Art Committee-** Wendoly Cueto Ocana has been selected as the PAC’s new Star Student representative.
- Ringling College-** Ciera and I met with the new Ringling College President and some of his staff to work together on future public art projects. In addition, we discussed the opportunity for Ringling and Newtown to work together in the future.

-Rosemary District Meeting- Staff met with the President of the Rosemary District Association to discuss parking options. It was a very productive meeting, and the association appears to be very supportive of the Parking Division's efforts.

-Traffic Calming Community Engagement Meetings- Attended both meetings this week, and they went extremely well.

-1 Million Cups- The Office of Economic Development has been accepted into 1 Million Cups, a national program designed to foster entrepreneurship, connection and community support for local business owners. Sarasota will eventually become one of 110 communities participating nationwide and one of just 11 communities participating in Florida.

-2081 12th Street- The wall mural has been completed at the Canned Ham Vintage Building. A ceremony will be scheduled in the near future.

Project Update

-Batch ZTAs- These were unanimously recommended for approval at the PB Meeting on 9/9/26. This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 10/5/26**.

-The Bay ZTA- This is 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 was approved to be transmitted to the State at the CC Meeting on 8/3/26. This is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 11/2/26**.

A public open house on the Inter-Governmental Coordination Chapter was held on 7/23/26. 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.

Conceptual goals of the Historic Preservation Chapter were discussed at the HPB Meeting on 5/12/26.

A meeting was held with CCNA Board members on the Recreation and Open Space Chapter on 8/18/26 and a presentation was given to the PREP Board on 8/20/26.

-Condo Hotels- A discussion on this topic was held at the CC Meeting on 7/20/26 and staff was directed to research and look into preparing a ZTA. Research has begun on this topic.

-Links Avenue Alley Vacation- This is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 11/17/26**.

-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 has been added to the Batch ZTA package.

Hope you have a fun weekend!

Steve