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Subject: Planning Department Update- 10/23/26

Here is the summary for this week:

-Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Report - This will be presented at the **CC Meeting on 11/2/26.**

-Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Local Housing Incentive Strategy Recommendations- The request to submit the Annual Report to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 11/2/26.**

-Attainable Housing Update- A total of 397 attainable housing units has been developed since the Planning Department's Attainable Housing Program kicked off. Attainable housing units at various stages of City review currently total 1,038 units.

-Citizen's Academy- Planning and Communications will commence meetings with the various departments early next year. The two-day event will take place in the Spring of 2027.

-Fresh Fridays- Staff and Ringling College are finalizing the projection art program for the 11/6/26 Fresh Fridays Event on Palm. This should be another spectacular event and will include projection artwork from 11 students.

-Miramar Project- Staff visited the site and determined the construction underway is in compliance with the approved plans.

-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.

-Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program (Cycle A)- This was approved at the CC Meeting on 10/19/26 and includes $29,640 in grants for 15 neighborhood associations.

-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- Ciera will be meeting and welcoming our new STAR Student Committee Member next week.

-Public Art Projects In Process or Underway- Approved projects include "Spoonbills of the Suncoast" on State Street, "Above the Nest" on N Osprey, "Undulations" at The Edge, "Where Home Takes Root" at

Amaryllis Park Place (just completed), “Paradisa” at The Vue, and “Where Time Meets Community” at Southside Village which was completed last week.

-Rosemary Parking Rate Study- Staff met with the consultant on their latest research on potential parking rates this afternoon. We asked for one more piece of information and then we’ll pass this information on to you.

-Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition, Inc. Lease and Purchase Agreements- These were approved at the CC Meeting on 10/19/26.

-SPD/Parking Coordination- This effort is going extremely well so far, meetings have been very productive and there has been a great deal of information exchanged. The official turnover date is October 28, 2026.

-State Housing Initiatives Partnership Fund Item- This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 11/2/26.**

Project Update

-Batch ZTAs- These were unanimously recommended for approval at the PB Meeting on 9/9/26. These were approved at the CC Meeting on 10/5/26 except one relating to parking for automotive repair shops. These are scheduled for Second Public Hearing at the **CC Meeting on 11/2/26.**

-Bay Park ZTA- This was recommended for approval at PB Meeting on 10/14/26 and is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 11/16/26** with the Second Public Hearing projected to be at the **CC Meeting on 12/7.**

-**Composting ZTA**- This was recommended for approval at the PB Meeting on 10/14/26 and is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 12/7/26** with the Second Public Hearing projected to be at the **CC Meeting on 1/4/27.**

-Comprehensive Plan Update- A Commission Workshop has been scheduled to discuss the Transportation Chapter Update on 10/26/26. This is scheduled for 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 and was discussed again at the HPB Meeting on 10/13/26.

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. An Open House Meeting is scheduled for 11/5/26.

-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.

-Elevated Structures ZTA- Staff continues to meet and research this topic.

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

-Mobile Food Trucks in Downtown Bayfront ZTA- This was approved at the CC Meeting on 10/5/26 with a time restriction, having this reviewed in 2 years. This is scheduled for Second Public Hearing at the **CC Meeting on 11/2/26.**

Hope you have a fun weekend!

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