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Subject: Planning Department Update- 10/9/26

Here is the summary for this week:

-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 2-day event will take place in the Spring of 2027.

-DID Meeting- Items discussed were the Letter of Support for the Main Street Resilient Stormwater Infrastructure Project, the Farmers' Market and its recent selection as the #1 Farmers' Market in Fla and the US, Black Friday/Shop Small Saturday, marketing, and landscaping and beautification services.

-Florida Highwaymen Exhibit- An all-new exhibit has been installed in the 2nd floor lobby of the One Stop Shop Building.

-Fresh Fridays- The first Fresh Fridays with a Yacht Rock theme was a big success and very well attended. Staff and Ringling are finalizing the projection art program for the 11/6/26 Fresh Fridays Event on Palm. I met with the Ringling students and their professor today, and their work is excellent. This should be another very successful event.

-Nancy's Village Groundbreaking- This event was very well attended, and this is going to be a very good attainable housing project.

-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 is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 10/19/26** and includes \$29,640 in grants.

-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. The review of these submittals has been completed and narrowed down to 4 finalists who will be reviewed by the PAC in their upcoming meeting.

-Performing Arts Center- Architecture Sarasota will be hosting a presentation on the latest design concepts of the proposed Performing Arts Center on 10/14/26, 5:30pm at their building on Orange Avenue.

-Petticoat Painters – An all-new exhibit has been installed in the 3rd floor lobby of the One Stop Shop Building.

-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/Communications- I had another good meeting with Communications relating to marketing and sharing information on the City's Public Art Program. We continue to develop a more effective strategy for public art solicitations as well.

-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, "Paradisa" at The Vue, and "Where Time Meets Community" at Southside Village.

-Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition, Inc. Lease and Purchase Agreements- These are scheduled for 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's been a great deal of information exchanged.

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 Reading at the **CC Meeting on 11/2/26**.

-Bay Park ZTA- This is scheduled for the **PB Meeting on 10/14/26** and is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 11/16/26**.

-Composting ZTA- This is scheduled for the **PB Meeting on 10/14/26** and is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 11/16/26**.

-Comprehensive Plan Update- A Commission Workshop has been scheduled to discuss the Transportation Chapter Update on 10/26/26. This is also scheduled for a final vote at 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 will be 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 is researching this topic and putting together some initial thoughts.

-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 approved at the CC Meeting on 10/5/26 with a time restriction, having this reviewed in 2 years.

Hope you have a fun weekend, and Go ChiSox!

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