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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PETITION NO. 24-35CP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EVALUATION & APPRAISAL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Department of Commerce Instructions

At least every 7 years on a rotating basis, all Comprehensive Plans in the state of Florida must be examined through a process called Evaluation and Appraisal to determine if they require updates. A letter stating these results is sent to the Department of Commerce. If an update is needed, the applicant has 1 year to complete these changes and send them to the state for approval.

EVALUATION & APPRAISAL PROCESS

Instructions laid out by the Department of Commerce required local governments to evaluate their comprehensive plans to determine if amendments are necessary to reflect:

- Use a minimum planning period of at least 10 years (this period was updated)
- Changes in state requirements (One Florida Statute change added)
- Changes in local conditions (none found)

WHAT WE FOUND

- Staff found no substantial changes needed – our Plan works well
- The biggest addition was coastal resilience, which we hope to use in future grant funding efforts
- Updates were made to dates or to improve clarity/readability
- We also corrected typos and misspelled words we noticed while going through the Plan in depth
- One change isn't as noticeable, but it is important: we are hoping to restore the Plan's online accessibility by making it ADA compliant

NEW LEGISLATION

Floating Solar Facilities

This legislation requires a floating solar facility to be a permitted use in the appropriate land use categories and requires local governments to amend their land development regulations to promote expanded uses of floating solar facilities.

ELEMENTS

- Changes made throughout the Plan were minimal
- The following slides highlight two or more of the changes made

LAND USE

- Addition of coastal resilience
- Saved confusion by eliminating the JPA/ILSBA section in this location. These tables can be found in their entirety in the Appendix chapter, along with additional important information.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

- Much improved complete street components illustration
- Removal of outdated tables, replaced with maps and reference to table source (Sarasota County)

OPEN SPACE

- Reworked element header and introduction to clarify that this includes coastal management and to differentiate between different types of open space
- Addition: possibility of future LEED certification

HOUSING

- Removed income level table in favor of a reference to the source for the most timely and accurate version of this data
- Rewrote Strategy HG 1.5.3 to improve readability

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Addition of coastal resilience
- Addition of new strategy for floating solar (Florida Statute requirement)

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

This element was written primarily by the Sarasota County School Board. They have the updating authority. City staff does not update this element. A note to this effect was added to the document for clarity.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

This is a newer element, requiring no changes

ALL NEIGHBORHOODS

- The future land use tables were broken up for improved ADA compliance
- Other actions taken were to simplify remaining tables and delete outdated text or add new information

APPENDIX

- Deleted unused and unnecessary “reserved” section
- Areas of unique consideration found only in Island Neighborhood, where it is most appropriate
- School long range plan replaced with Schools CIP

CONCLUSION

Upon review of the petition and associated documents, Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, staff report and analysis, and testimony provided during the public hearing, there is sufficient information on the record to take action on Comprehensive Plan Amendment Petition No. 24-35CP.