

Regular Workshop – March 23, 2015
Agenda Item 18

Agenda Item: Urban Land Institute (ULI) Implementation Project Update

Presenter: Town Manager; and PZB Director

Summary: Staff will provide an update to the Commission on the current status of implementation efforts regarding the recommendations contained within the Urban Land Institute Study.

Attachments: PowerPoint Presentation

Recommended
Action: None, informational only.



ULI IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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FOCUS AREAS

- Gulf of Mexico Drive/Town Gateways
- Pedestrian/Bikes/Transit
- Bayfront Park/Recreation
- Town Center
- Comprehensive Plan/Land Development Code
- Digital Communications
- Whitney Plaza Area
- Rentals



GMD Pedestrian Crossings

- FDOT Design Underway
 - Beach Access, North of Diplomat Condo (3175 GMD)
 - Bayport (3855 GMD)
 - North of Club Longboat Condo (5055 GMD)
 - South of Centre Shoppes (5350 GMD)
 - North of Spanish Drive (5800 GMD)
 - Spanish Main HOA Requested Crossing Not be Constructed
- Construction Start Anticipated in Late 2014
- Exploration of Crosswalk at Hilton



Sidewalk Gap – Broadway to Longboat Pass Bridge

- Town applying for grant through MPO
- Application due February 1, 2014
- Rankings Summer 2014
- If approved, Funding Available 2019



Town Gateways

- Engaged consultant for conceptual roundabout designs
 - Longboat Club Road and GMD
 - Broadway and GMD
- Entry features with potential for public art, fountains, landscaping, pedestrian accessibility, etc.



GMD Corridor

- Undergrounding of overhead utilities currently being considered
 - Project includes undergrounding overhead, replace/enhance lighting, and fiber optic backbone installation
 - Funding method analysis underway
 - November 2015 referendum



Town Center

- Town purchased 2.81 acres in center of Town Center area
- Next public meeting to be held in March (date TBD)
- Concept designs for public input in April
- Market Analysis Completed
- Land Development Code Revisions for Overlay District anticipated in Fall (dependant upon FY2015-16 Budget)
- Pursuing potential interest from local educational institution for cultural center partnership with the Town



Bayfront Park

- Final Concept plan presented to Town Commission March 2, 2015
- Staff is working on costs and funding sources



Comprehensive Plan/ Land Development Code

- Completed
 - Outline Development Plan Ordinance adopted June 30, 2014
 - Personal Wireless Services Ordinances (Comp Plan and LDC) adopted June 30, 2014
 - Ordinance 2015-02 (Comp Plan – Nonconforming Properties) to Town Commission for 2nd Reading in April (anticipated)
- Underway
 - Town Center Concepts for public input – April 2015
 - P&Z Board working on Nonconforming LDC issues and Tourism Categories – to Town Commission Sept. 2015
 - Full Comp Plan and LDC rewrite – Completion 2016/17



Digital Communications

- Telecommunication Ordinance
 - Ordinance adopted June 30, 2014
- Exploring option of including fiber backbone in utility undergrounding project



Whitney Beach Area

- Options for redevelopment being explored as part of Comprehensive Plan work
 - Looking at “opportunity areas” where Comp Plan and LDC could encourage and potentially incentivize redevelopment



Rental Codes

- Town continues to monitor any legislation that could impact tourism on the island
- Effort is currently underway through Code Enforcement to provide education to property owners and rental agents regarding Town Codes



End of Agenda Item