To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: June 15, 2012 Council Meeting

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendments to the City of Fort Pierce Comprehensive Plan
Amendment No. 12-1ESR

Introduction

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*, requires that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. TCRPC comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any local government within the Region. TCRPC must provide any comments to the local government within 30 days of the receipt of the proposed amendments and must also send a copy of any comments to the State Land Planning Agency.

Background

The City of Fort Pierce is proposing one Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment and one text amendment to the City Comprehensive Plan.

Evaluation

A. FLUM Amendment

The City is proposing an amendment to the FLUM for six parcels of a 42.66-acre park known as Ancient Oaks County Park. The Park is located at 4650 Oleander Avenue, north of Midway Road, south of Weatherbee Road, west of U.S. Highway 1 and east of Oleander Avenue. This amendment is being done at the request of St. Lucie County in order to fulfill the criteria of a grant award agreement between the Florida Communities Trust and the County. Currently, the property is assigned the land use designation of Medium Density Residential, which allows 6.5 to 12 dwelling units per acre. The proposed land use designation is Conservation and Open Space, which will protect the parkland and is consistent with the continued use of the property as a park.
B. Text Amendment

The proposed text amendment is to add three policies to the Transportation Element to support and incorporate the Bicycle Facilities Improvement Program (BFIP) in the comprehensive plan. The inclusion of the BFIP within the comprehensive plan will strengthen the ability for the City to pursue various funding mechanisms in support of a multi-modal transportation network. The proposed policies are:

2.13.8 Policy: The City shall implement a “Bicycle Facilities Improvement Program” (BFIP) in phases as bicycle lanes are constructed in key areas of the City, specifically park and recreational facilities, transit stops, and public spaces, as identified in Phase 1.

2.13.9 Policy: The bicycle facilities utilized as part of the BFIP shall include covered and uncovered bicycle parking areas, fix-it stations, long term bicycle storage lockers, and solar powered tracking devices.

2.13.10 Policy: The LDRs shall identify reduced parking requirements for all development contributing to the facilities identified in the BFIP that are above the established multi-modal requirements.

Extrajurisdictional Impacts

Under the informal agreement facilitated by the TCRPC, local governments in the northern three counties of the region are to provide copies of amendment materials to other local governments and agencies that have expressed an interest in receiving such materials. On March 14, 2012, TCRPC requested comments from these local governments and organizations regarding any conflicts with the proposed amendments. As of the date of the preparation of this report, no objections to the proposed amendments have been received.

Effects on Significant Regional Resources and Facilities

No adverse effects on significant regional resources and facilities have been identified.

Conclusion

The proposed amendments are not in conflict or inconsistent with the SRPP.

Recommendation

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to the City of Fort Pierce and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Attachments
# List of Exhibits

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