MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Staff
Date: December 6, 2019
Subject: Traditional Planning Principles Education Series: 2. Neighborhood Scale

Introduction

In 2004, Council staff developed the Council Orientation Series on Town Planning which was a ten-part presentation program highlighting many of the key planning principles found in our most desirable built environments. The educational series focused on neighborhood scale and design; streets, blocks, and alleyways; public open space; civic buildings and architecture; mixed-use development; understanding building typologies; form, density, and height; and proper parking placement. A PowerPoint presentation was provided on each of these topics with the intent of generating discussion and debate. The series was updated and provided to Council again in 2010-12.

Council staff is re-envisioning the Council Series and will be providing these brief presentations over the course of the coming year. They will be based upon Council’s adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan and will explore the many components of sustainable planning and design at the regional and neighborhood scale. By providing a “toolbox” of planning techniques and research, staff hopes to equip the Board with additional insight and knowledge on how to promote positive growth in the region.

This segment is titled, “The Neighborhood – Building Blocks of a Region” and discusses a brief history of American neighborhood planning as it relates to the scale of a neighborhood; what makes it walkable; and how a variety of uses and income levels can be accommodated within a compact area.

Thank you for your dedication to the Treasure Coast and being a significant part of its future; we hope you find the series enlightening and useful.

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.
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Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Dana Little, Urban Design Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (copy attached).

Attachment
1. OVERVIEW: The Components of Sustainable Design for a Region (9-20-19)

2. The Neighborhood: Building Blocks of a Region (12-13-19)

3. The Neighborhood Center/The Town Center (TBD)

4. Streets, Blocks, and Alleyways: Interconnectivity and Detailing the Street (TBD)

5. Public Open Spaces: Creating Memorable Infrastructure (TBD)

6. Civic and Public Buildings: Placement and Priority (TBD)

7. Mix of Uses: Vertical and Proximal Relationships (TBD)

8. Mix of Housing: The Integration of Varying Building Types and Price Points (TBD)

9. Building Typologies: Form, Density, and Discipline (TBD)

10. Parking: How to Handle the Essential Nemesis (TBD)

11. Summary: A Strategy for the Region (TBD)