TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: September 13, 2019

Subject: Overview of Traditional Planning Principles

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 brief 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.

Since that time, our Region has continued to grow and we are now confronting unexpected challenges and opportunities. The Region, and indeed our society, has experienced many changes since 2012, some of which affect the way we plan, design, and inhabit our cities, towns, and neighborhoods. While the core principles of traditional town and city planning have not changed, they must adjust and adapt to our current and future conditions.

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 Council with additional insight and knowledge on how to promote positive growth in the region.

Recommendation

For information purposes only.

Council Action – September 20, 2019

Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Dana Little, Urban Design Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Attachment
Traditional Planning Principles
A Series Dedicated to Education and Dialogue
for Planning in the Treasure Coast Region

- OVERVIEW: The Components of Sustainable Design for a Region
- Neighborhood Scale: Building Blocks of a Region
- The Neighborhood Center/The Town Center
- Streets, Blocks, and Alleyways: Interconnectivity and Detailing the Street
- Public Open Spaces: Creating Memorable Infrastructure
- Civic and Public Buildings: Placement and Priority
- Mix of Uses: Vertical and Proximal Relationships
- Mix of Housing: The Integration of Varying Building Types and Price Points
- Building Typologies: Form, Density, and Discipline
- Parking: How to Handle the Essential Nemesis
- Summary: A Strategy for the Region