

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: January 15, 2010

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review
Adopted Amendments to the Town of Jupiter Comprehensive Plan
DCA Reference No. 09-1

Background

On December 15, 2009, the Town of Jupiter adopted text amendments to the Future Land Use, Coastal Management, and Transportation Elements; as well as 16 amendments to the Future Land Use Map of the Town Comprehensive Plan. The amendments served a number of purposes, including a recognition of the Town's historic sites, properties that are within the Bioscience Research Protection Overlay and properties recently annexed.

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) reviewed the proposed amendments at a regular meeting held on October 16, 2009. The Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) issued a letter in lieu of an Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) Report on November 13, 2009.

Evaluation

A. TCRPC Report

The TCRPC report included one comment/recommendation for modification indicating that the Town should meet with the County to discuss any negative impacts that may result in the adoption of proposed Policy 3.2.9 of the Transportation Element regarding consistency of the Town's Transportation Element with the County Constrained Roadway at a Lower Level of Service designations.

B. DCA ORC Report

The letter of November 13, 2009 issued in lieu of an ORC Report indicated that the DCA had no objections to the proposed amendments.

C. Town Response

1. To TCRPC Comments/Recommendations for Modification

Town and County staff held a conference call on Monday December 7, 2009 to discuss proposed Town Transportation Element Policy 3.2.9. The following individuals were involved in the conference call:

Town

John Sickler, Director of Planning and Zoning
Tom Driscoll, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Thomas Baird, Town Attorney
David Kemp, Principal Planner

County

Allan Ennis, Assistant Director, Traffic Division
Khurshid Mohyuddin, Principal Planner, Planning Division
Leonard Berger, Assistant County Attorney

The result of the meeting was that both parties agreed that no revisions could be made to the satisfaction of the County and still retain the Town's intent of proposed Policy 3.2.9. Therefore, the policy was not amended prior to the December 15, 2009 adoption hearing. The result of the conference call was conveyed to the Town Council at the December 15th public hearing.

2. To the DCA ORC Report

No response necessary.

Conclusion

For information only.