WHAT IS A CHARRETTE?

A charrette is a design process involving residents, staff, elected officials, and other participating agencies working with designers to develop a detailed master plan to guide development, and define and protect a community’s character.

Pre-charrette, interviews are conducted with community leaders, property and business owners, local government staff, elected officials, and other participating agencies. The charrette process then kicks-off with a one-day public design workshop where residents participate by actually drawing and designing elements of the plan.

Once the public design workshop is held, a team of designers refines the information and formulates a conceptual master plan. This plan is presented in a public forum about one week later, then provided as a report to the community and elected officials.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information please contact Tim Frank with the Town of Palm Beach at (561) 227-6414, visit www.tcrpc.org, or contact the Charrette Steering Committee Members:

Mayor Lesly Smith - Chair, Wendy Victor - Vice Chair, Gerry Goldsmith - Secretary/Treasurer, Alex Anlyan, Ned Barnes, Page Lee Bell, Jeff Cloninger, Elizabeth Dowdle, Gerald Frank, Ida Goldstein, Arnold Hoffman, Paul Leone, Mayor Yvelyne “Deedy” Marx, Kit Pannill, John Ripley, Sidney Spiegel, Rebecca Williams.
YOU ARE INVITED!
The Town of Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council invite all interested residents and property and business owners to participate in a public design charrette (a series of public meetings) to create a vision for the future of the Royal Poinciana District (see area below). The concerns and ideas you express during this one-time, two-day commitment will be the basis for a comprehensive blueprint that will guide the Royal Poinciana District for generations to come.

MEANINGFUL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
The charrette process provides the most meaningful and authentic opportunity for people to get involved to respond to growth and change in their community. Without a clear, community supported vision for an area, the conventional approach to the public approval of projects usually results in a parcel-by-parcel decision-making process, where changes and exceptions to existing land use and zoning regulations occur on a piece-meal basis.

While the Royal Poinciana District may appear built-out and is currently subject to conventional, state-mandated land use and zoning rules that regulate development, these regulations are general in nature and do not provide an absolute assurance that, as change occurs, the character and spirit that brought residents and merchants to this area will be preserved and enhanced over time.

The charrette process will provide a framework for creating a shared vision for this important District within the Town. This process will result in a conceptual master plan that will guide change over time on the community’s terms. It will bring predictability to an area that currently lacks it.

The charrette process will also:
- Promote trust among residents, property and business owners and government through meaningful public involvement and education.
- Foster a shared community vision.
- Define a predictable future for the Royal Poinciana District.
- Create a better plan through diverse community input and involvement.

WHAT YOU’LL DO?
You will roll up your sleeves and address planning issues - big and small - for the Royal Poinciana District.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN?
You will learn about the District’s existing and proposed projects, as well as about both the hopes and concerns for the area from residents, merchants, property owners, local and state agencies, and all those who choose to participate.

WHAT YOU’LL LEAVE?
You will have participated in the creation of a master plan that will guide development for the next 20 to 50 years, leaving a worthy legacy for generations to come.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CHARRETTE PUBLIC WORK SESSION
Saturday February 23rd, 2008 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
St. Edward’s Catholic Church Parish Hall
142 North County Road - Palm Beach, FL 33480
Refreshments and lunch will be provided

Participants will be working with neighbors and with a team of professionals on their vision for the area. At the end of the day, citizens will present their ideas for the future. Everyone is encouraged to attend this session.

PRESENTATION OF WORK IN PROGRESS
Friday February 29th, 2008 – 4:00pm – 6:00pm
The Breakers
1 South County Road - Palm Beach, FL 33480
Refreshments will be provided

This two-hour session consists of a presentation of work in progress to unveil the conceptual master plan for the area and to take into account additional citizen and professional input. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

CHARRETTE WEEK
Sunday February 24th through Thursday February 28th, 2008 – 9:00am to 9:00pm
201 Chilean Ave. (Future home of the Fortin Foundations)
Palm Beach, FL 33480

During the week, a team of professionals will gather all public input and create a conceptual master plan for the area. The team will be setting up a design studio in town, where the doors will remain open for all those who were not able to attend during the Saturday public workshop, wish to provide additional input, or simply want to follow the progress of the plan. Attendance optional.