Flagler Beach Comprehensive Plan

June 6, 2017 – Open House

Meeting Summary

The meeting began at 4:00 pm and was well attended by members of the City Commission, the PARB and the public. Three facilitators from the planning team led discussions on transportation, public facilities, capital improvements and intergovernmental coordination. Several representatives of adjacent jurisdictions, government agencies and City of Flagler Beach staff were available to answer questions and provide technical support. The ideas discussed during the facilitated discussions are listed below, followed by written comments received at the meeting in hard copy, and e-mails sent to the team after the meeting.

Public Input/Correspondence

Facilitator – Brian Teeple

Transportation

- Traffic calming A1A and 100
  - Lack of designated crosswalks 9th & 9th
  - Lack of visibility of existing crosswalks (Ormond does it well)
  - Centerline/crosswalk signage
  - Hump
  - More public parking opportunities
  - Get a copy of parking plan
- Need bike plan/paths
- Transportation Improvement Plan
- Stop signs in south of city are irregularly spaced N/S or E/W
- A1A/100 turning radius is insufficient
- Use of grey water on golf course – in plan but not available. Area best suited is along John Anderson
- Plan for new future potable wells
- Septic tanks are discouraged
- Ordinance requires hook up as/in 200 feet
- Private roads are asking for city to take over – policy?
- Stormwater treatment/runoff adjacent “ponding”
- Routine ditch maintenance
  - Getting better
- Sewage waste is handled by City
  - Delete reference to County
  - Challenge – finding dollars in water and sewer
    - Water distribution system is old
**Intergovernmental Coordination**

- Crosswalk with Flagler/Volusia
- G.1.2.5 – Coordination Committee – Not happy
- G.1.1.1 – Protect resources
  - Want air in this policy
- Interconnect with private citizen wells and utilities
- Beverly Beach
- Beach, dunes and pier
- Rebuild A1A
- County transit

**Facilitator – Margo Moehring**

- Sewage treatment plant is antiquated – old technology
- Water and Sewer collection fees go to City/Seaside Landings – first 100 units – potential annexation – Flagler Beach committed to service area
- New water plant – water quality may not be a major issue
- Traffic calming – may limit speed limit. A1A safety study.
  - Issue – A1A reconstruction. Curb improvements to Pier and flashing lights – calms traffic
- Multi use paths – bikes off road
  - Also 100
- Walkovers
- Enforcement of pedestrian crosswalks
- Look at blinking lights for pedestrian crossings
- Speed table
- Add calming to Intergovernmental Coordination
- Matthew recovery a plus – ongoing
- Storm water is an issue
  - Some projects have failed – some success. Retention ponds don’t always work
  - North Flagler Avenue – culvert 2nd Street
  - 9th Street is working
    - Only 2-way street in town
- Bike lanes need to be in adjacent municipalities and counties – widening may be causing issue
- Edge – incompatible uses
- Intergovernmental Coordination – information sharing sooner
  - Notification 300’ + local government at staff review – before public notice advisory only
- Parking – tires on street is traffic violation – inform people, enforcement
- Major road construction outside of Flagler Beach – how is this coordinated
- Traffic circulation and intergovernmental coordination
  - Example Model: Volusia Council of Governments
Whole town atmosphere is fabulous
  Resistance to change – big boxes no – local yes
- 19th Street drainage – hook into sewer?
- People should know more about drainage plans
- Limits of city ownership
- Is new housing construction creating more runoff?
- 100 new houses in last three years
- Homes are larger – more impact on resources
- More money would solve some problems, but it’s not the big thing impeding progress
- City Commission is proactive because residents are proactive – planning and fiscal
- Emphasis on visitors hinders ability to help residents

Facilitator – Ed Preston

- How to pay CIE
- Stop buying without clear priorities
- Good – Fire and Police
- Walkovers not good (not handicap access)
- City working well (Garbage, Storm water, Old Florida charm, walk/bike)
- Reduce paperwork for 1st Friday (Local Artist)
- GOLA
- Is water safe? (Problem in past with mercury >5 years ago, black goo in toilet tank – phosphorus?
- New water plant 8-10 years ago
• Separate water meter for irrigation is needed
• Parking at intersections block line of sight

Intergovernmental Coordination

• TPO dollars for Flagler project
• Fire
• Sanitation
• FDOT/EPA
• Communication / City website
• U.S. Army Cor
• Mail delivery
• Lower speeds through town – 20 mph maximum
• Caution signs needed
• Crosswalk (street) and Crossover (dunes) 11-19 South too few
• Tourism
• City registration – Short Term Renter
  o (State Restriction) +/- 5 years ago
• Nourish tourism up to a point (Old Florida identity)
• 35’ height in Charter
• Downtown parking = issue
  o No big box stores or parking garages
• Beach User parking = issue
• Circulation solutions contradict goal
• Design guidelines have worked but for parking
• Built-out
• More people here – parking worse
• De-Sal
• ANTF Annexation
• Limited increased density
• Bury powerlines
• Implement 5 year CIE
• Conflict between commissioner role and citizen role
• Use City web-site and make more user-friendly
• Retirement community – no jobs
• Need canopy policy

Written Comments

Public Facilities Element

• Goal D.1 – Update dates
- Goal D.2.1.1 – Septics should be discouraged
- Goal D.2.2.1 – Already have Stormwater Master Plan
- Goal D.2.3 – Not sure this is happening

**Intergovernmental Coordination Element**

- G.1.1 – Council doesn’t exist
- G.1.1.5 – Update dates
- G.1.1.6 – No coordination regarding affordable housing
- G.1.1.13 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.2.5 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.2.7 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.2.8 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.3.4 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.3.5 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.4 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.6 – Don’t think this is happening
- G.1.7 – Don’t think this is happening.

**Capital Improvements Element**

- Dates
- Eliminate mention of EAR and incorporate EAR
- H.1.3.6 – Contradictory?
- H.1.3.7 – Contradictory?
- H.1.3.8 – Contradictory?
- H.6.2.1 – No longer applicable
- H.6.2.2 – No longer applicable

**Traffic Circulation Element**

- B.1.1.6 – Bicycle plan?
- B.1.2.1 – Transportation Improvement Program?
- B.1.4.3 – Don’t think we do this
- B.1.5 – Don’t think we do this

**Thoughts to Share**

- Additional crosswalks on A1A – speed control
- Encourage business opportunities by relaxing restrictive parking and architectural requirements