



always delray

Meeting Minutes: Steering Committee

Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida

Date: September 26, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting #: 11

Steering Committee Members: David Schmidt, Andy Katz, Yvonne Odom, John Miller

City Staff: Anthea Gianniotas, Amy Alvarez, Jasmin Allen and Ana Puszkyn-Chevlin

Subject Member Experts/Consultants: Lauren Zuckman (Healthier Delray Beach) Erin Deady (Erin L. Deady P.A.), Erins coworker

Members of the Public: None

1. Welcome – David Schmidt, Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2018

John Miller approve as presented; Andy Katz second. Vote is unanimous.

3. Status of the Always Delray Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Gianniotas provided an overview on the presentation of individual elements at Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission for comments prior to the formal public hearing for all elements at once.

Monday, October 1, 2018 is a Special Meeting at the Planning and Zoning Board for review of 3 elements: Housing, Economic Prosperity, and Coastal Management. Mr. Schmidt asked that when elements are updated to send an email to the Steering Committee regarding those updates and where to find them online.

4. Discussion – Healthy Community Draft

Ms. Gianniotas gave an overview of the Healthy Community element and noted that it is not a required element by the state statutes. Quick facts from the Data, Inventory, and Analysis were provided, along with a review of the proposed maps regarding the identified Health Centers in the city, the food market review to identify existing or potential food deserts.

Mr. Miller identified that the Neighborhood WalMart grocery store should be considered in the map even though it is not in the city boundary, as well as

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the one at Gulfstream Boulevard and Federal Highway, which is also not within the city boundary.

a. Goal 1 Improve the Quality of Life For All Residents by Providing an Environment For Active Living, Cultural Opportunities and Equitable Access to Healthy Food and Physical and Mental Health Care

Mr. Schmidt: Need to complete the Community Health Assessment in less than 7 years (2025 is proposed in draft). A review of the proposed edits to the GOPs was reviewed by the group. Policy HCE 1.1.3 was discussed regarding potential future land use changes needed. A definition for "equity lens" should be provided and included.

Ms. Zuckman clarified the meaning of an equity lens, and that we need to include additional language regarding equity.

Mr. Miller inquired about fruit trees and a potential conflict by HOA rules; a clarification is needed or maybe talk to the HOAs on ability and benefits of providing fruit and vegetable trees; it is ironic that all land west of I-95 used to be for farming and now its all HOAs where you can't have those items or community gardens.

Mr. Miller: Maybe we identify some programs and facilities and work with our strategic partners such as community greening on these efforts, in addition to the School District of Palm Beach County in promoting gardens for students to grow their own food to eat at school. (See Policy 1.2.6)

Ms. Gianniotos gave an explanation on the simplicity of Objective 1.5, Support recovery and sobriety.

Mr. Schmidt: Regarding Policy HCE 1.8.4, could we strengthen the language regarding the joint use of schools and parks.

Mr. Schmidt: Added language to the draft of "develop inter-neighborhood alternative transportation systems, and we should work with Palm Tran to provide additional routes for mass transit. There's someone new with Palm Tran who is analyzing the bus routes to reduce the time and there may be an opportunity there for us. This will help residents get around the areas around their neighborhoods. This also helps us to put fewer cars on the road; maybe an electric powered trolley would be an option, as well. We should think about the environment and sustainability.

Mr. Miller: With the Congress Avenue initiative, we spoke with a lot of the recovery businesses and their clients, they noted that they used the trolley a lot to get to work downtown. That population will be heavily impacted.

Ms. Gianniotos: We need to re-evaluate 1.9.14 and see if it is appropriate.

Mr. Schmidt: We need to look at the wording of 1.9.18 and consider what's going on in the world and whether open campuses are appropriate.

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b. Goal 2 Collaborate and Coordinate With Residents, Stakeholders, and Strategic Partners to Address the Health Needs of All Residents

Ms. Odom: Please clarify “communicate the results”; who is this to?

A revision to the projected draft was made to clarify.

c. Goal 3 Reduce Exposure to Health Risk Factors at Home, the Environment, and Society

Mr. Miller: Objectives or Policies regarding drowning prevention, swimming education, code enforcement of appropriate gates and fencing, etc. must be done.

Mr. Miller: Is a dark sky ordinance realistic? Light pollution is real and impacts migratory birds, among other things, and maybe this should just be through education not an ordinance.

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin gave an overview of the needs and benefits of the dark sky ordinance, and how it could be achieved. A certification can also be obtained.

Mr. Schmidt: Bicycle safety training should be provided in the schools; many or most bicyclists don't know the rules of the road, and it is dangerous driving by bikes.

5. Break: 7:00 – 7:15

6. Discussion – Conservation, Sustainability and Resiliency

Mr. Katz: Map CSR-1 is missing a few open space areas abutting A-1-A; they are currently OS now.

Mr. Katz: The sea level rise maps are mis-leading.

Ms. Deady: The maps were done based on a bathtub model and these types are recommended based on data. If the City wants to adopt different maps and levels, you will want to get that specific direction from the City Commission prior to putting it into the Comprehensive Plan as they are widely accepted.

Mr. Katz: A note needs to be provided on the maps for clarity that the higher tides of each month and king tides add to those measurements. The maps represent a projection over the highest tide, not a projection straight from the highest tide.

Ms. Gianniotis presented the Wellfield Protection Area map which was not included in the packet with the drafts.

Ms. Gianniotis: This is an existing element that has been expanded so much of the new language is towards the back of the GOPs.

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a. Goal 1 Protect Air Resources

Mr. Schmidt: 1.2.3 has a typo. It should be decrease, not increase.

Mr. Miller: Appreciate all the native landscaping requirements and comments.

b. Goal 2 Conserve and Protect Water Resources

Mr. Schmidt: On 2.4.8, we should require not encourage the use of low-water tolerant plant species.

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin: We should include a “no-idling” policy for those who park and get out of their vehicles, not for those on the road.

Ms. Deady: We need to look at the “no-idling” policy regarding city policies versus private vehicle regulations.

Deady coworker: We could do a policy on coordinating with the County to improve the water quality in the canals.

General discussion on fertilizer use, and maintenance of the areas adjacent to lakes and canals.

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin: Clarify Policy 2.6 that we are enhancing the quality of the water in the waterways, not just the waterways themselves.

c. Goal 3 Conserve and Protect Minerals and Soils

Mining is a requirement even though we aren't mining in Delray Beach.

d. Goal 4 Protect Lands for the Benefit of Habitat and Species

Mr. Miller: 4.1.4; whatever little bit of natural habitat we might have we need to encourage conservation of those areas. The City could utilize hurricane reserves in hurricane-less years to clean up the habitat areas from invasive species.

General discussion on invasive species; a few additional ones were identified and added to the appropriate Policy.

Mr. Miller: Could we look at options to utilize the FIND parcels for a passive public benefit, use to access the Intracoastal Waterway.

e. Goal 5 Promote Energy Efficiency and Diversify Energy Mix

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin: What date should be used for 5.1.2, and what type of manual?

Ms. Deady: Clarified how Pompano Beach has their Sustainable Development Standards and Manual; this is what is typically being utilized in other municipalities, as well. The manual helps with implementation of the standards.

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General discussion on timeframe, and that this should be completed by three years, particularly given the City Commission's recent guidance and support on these initiatives.

Mr. Katz: Regarding 5.2.1, there are many types of solar array systems.

Mr. Schmidt: 5.2.2, we need to do things to require sustainable initiatives, as opposed to saying encourage.

Mr. Miller: On 5.2.6, what are referred to as unnecessary obstacles?

Ms. Deady clarified that this could be HOAs or other entities passing restrictions or regulations, which are now illegal per Chapter 163. You may also want to review your LDRs to see where there may be unintended obstacles, and possibly look at the ability to have solar co-ops.

f. Goal 6 Support Sustainable Waste Management, Urban Agriculture and Food Programs

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin: Need to correct the performance measure to say increase the tonnage of waste recycled.

Discussion regarding commercial recycling; Ms. Deady noted that commercial recycling needs to be included in the City's franchise agreement to be able to include appropriate policies and requirements; this could be accomplished in the next agreement.

g. Goal 7 Support Sustainable City Operations and Practices that Increase the Triple Bottom Line

Mr. Katz: There should be a statement requiring the City to use solar.

Ms. Odom: Is there anything requiring education to the general public and residents on these requirements and what the benefits are. Even if this Goal is for the City, outreach should still take place.

Mr. Katz: Best practices indicate the use of solar in the sunshine state is needed.

Ms. Deady: Any new construction or significant retrofit of a City building or facility should be required to incorporate sustainable practices and solar or analyzed to incorporate appropriate green practices. Specify that the policies are intending to meet the City's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin: All RFPs should have a green or sustainable chapter.

Mr. Schmidt: We need a policy showing that the City will "lead by example" on this topic, and educate the public on why we are doing this. Public outreach

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and education on the benefits of the City doing green and sustainable improvements, building, etc.

h. Goal 8 Increase Citywide Resilience to Sea Level Rise and Weather-Related Events Equitably for All City Residents

Mr. Katz: The performance measures should be revised to include the dune height, beach width, elevation, etc.

Mr. Miller: Policy 8.1.3, protection of the shoreline along Lake Ida should be reworded. Not sure how this will be achieved.

Ms. Odom: Policy, 8.2.1, why do we have to continue to administer adopted regulations? Do we plan to stop doing this?

Ms. Gianniotis provided clarification that it is to show we have been doing this and will continue to.

Mr. Katz: Policy 8.4.2, we should provide incentives to the protection of dunes by private owners. Ms. Gianniotis clarified that this is also in the Coastal Management Element. Ms. Odom noted that this is also where the education component comes in for the residents. Policy 8.6.7, this should be broken up and better worded and possibly broken up into different policies. In addition, a clear statement for a policy is needed to encourage building above minimum standards with the City leading by example, particularly for fire stations, hospitals, police stations, etc. The critical structures should be above the base flood elevations. When we repave roads, streets, or parking lots, we should evaluate the ability to increase the height/elevate them. This should be cross referenced with infrastructure.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2018

Mobility (fka Transportation) Element

Neighborhoods, Districts and Corridors (fka Future Land Use) Element

7. ADJOURN

Adjourn at 8:55.

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