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## STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING #12 – MINUTES

6:00 PM, November 15, 2018

FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

**Steering Committee Members:** Kelley Lake, John Miller, Joy Howell, David Schmidt

**City Staff:** Anthea Gianniotis, Amy Alvarez, Marlene Brunot

**Public:** Adam Kerr, Kimley Horn, Mobility Element Consultant

**1. Welcome – David Schmidt, Chair**

**2. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2018**

Approve as presented, John Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kelly Lake.

**3. Status of the Always Delray Comprehensive Plan Update**

Ms. Gianniotis provided an update on the Elements being reviewed with an anticipated Transmittal Hearing for March 2019.

**4. Discussion – Mobility (fka Transportation) Draft**

Ms. Gianniotis provided an overview on the Mobility Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies being reviewed.

Mr. Miller inquired about the Coastal Link; Ms. Gianniotis explained where the station will likely be located, and the projected timeframe and intent of the project, as well as an explanation of the Coastal Link Master Plan study provided by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Ms. Gianniotis provided an overview of the Roadway Connectivity Map; the patterns are drastically different between the historic core of the city and west of Interstate 95. The TCEA map illustrates the area downtown where exceptions to transportation concurrency requirements are permitted. The Delray Beach TCEA was established in 1995.

Ms. Howell inquired about if the City is required to do a transportation study each year, while developers are not required to provide a study within the TCEA. Mr. Kerr explained that the TCEA exempts the developers from widening roads, but they must provide other requirements or improvements; without the TCEA the County Level of Service would then be required, which is contrary to the vision desired in the downtown.

An updated draft of the Existing Transit and Future Transit Opportunities Map was provided to the Committee. The differences show a reduced service area by Palm Tran, which was concerning to the Committee; Staff will check on the reasoning for the route change.

Ms. Gianniotis provided an overview of the Bicycle Facility Map, Pedestrian Route Map, and the Evacuation Routes Map. The primary emphasis on the proposed element is a “balance of transportation modes” as opposed to focusing on roadways and traditional level of service standards, and the implementation of a mobility plan and fee.

**a. Goal 1      Mobility System**

Plan for and provide a safe and effective mobility system that is accessible to all users and meets their needs to access employment, goods, services, and recreational and cultural activities, while preserving neighborhoods, protecting natural resources, and promoting economic development.

Mr. Kerr explained that the level of service is based on vehicular delay, which has historically been determined as “bad”, and resulting in a lower LOS. The existing Transportation Element is very auto-centric.

The current fee is for new lanes and lane improvements per the Charter. Mr. Miller inquired how the Mobility Fee will not be incorporated into the City’s general fund. The impact fees would be replaced by the Mobility Fee.

Mr. Miller, regarding 1.1.8, this will take time to prioritize overall mobility over conventional vehicular levels of service. Discussion regarding Table T-1, Mr. Miller indicated that in some instances additional lanes may not be necessary, but turn lanes would be helpful.

Ms. Howell inquired where the trolley fit into the proposed element. Ms. Gianniotis explained that the CRA and DDA recently met and extended to trolley through April, and that an RFP for a fixed route transit provider will be requested, and the point to point service will also be issued an RFP.

**b. Goal 2      Mobility Infrastructure**

Provide for the existing and future mobility and accessibility needs all users by providing multimodal projects to maintain and enhance a complete street system with superior pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation facilities. (20 minutes)

Discussions regarding mobility, but no revisions suggested.

**c. Goal 3      Maximize Investment & Retrofitting**

Accommodate future growth through projects that maintain and enhance the City’s mobility system, directed toward enhancing walkability and accessibility. (20 minutes)

Ms. Howell inquired where the language is that maintains the “Village by the Sea” character. Language seems broad on Objective MBL 3.1. Mr. Miller indicated that the policies don’t necessarily look at growth; people get heartburn when speaking about Atlantic Avenue and growth.

Mr. Schmidt explained that we've worked hard to keep our alleys, yet more and more the delivery trucks are blocking the right of way because it's easier for the delivery people. Something in the Element is needed to encourage alley use with a mechanism for enforcement. We should add an alley Objective regarding maintaining, how they work, etc., and add an alley map.

**Next Meeting: December 13, 2018**

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

This meeting will need to be held on another evening due to the City's Advisory Board reception at Old School Square.

Staff will send out the upcoming schedule of Elements being review by the Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission.

**5. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

