



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2015

TITLE: Presentation on the Evaluation and Appraisal of the City's Comprehensive
Plan

Urban Design and Planning staff and consultant Jerry Bell, AICP, of The Corradino Group will present an update to the draft evaluation and appraisal of the City's Comprehensive Plan (Plan).

The Plan provides the blueprint for orderly and sustainable land development over the next decade and beyond. At least once every seven years, pursuant to Section 163.3191(1), Florida Statutes, local governments must evaluate their comprehensive plan to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect changes in state requirements since the last time the organization updated the plan. This review is typically completed via the evaluation and appraisal process. In addition, the City Commission has authorized the update to the City's Plan in order to better align it with the City's vision and strategic goals.

The Plan evaluation and appraisal is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority for Fiscal Year 2015. The report will consist of a review of the goals, objectives, and policies of the City's current 2008 Plan, an analysis of changes to state statutes and local conditions, and recommended major topics to be explored in the Plan update, which will occur as part of the next phase of the project in 2016 and 2017.

The draft evaluation and appraisal report explores the following:

- Climate change and resilience;
- Sustainability and energy conservation;
- Housing diversity;
- Multi-modal transportation and connectivity;
- Urban design and "sense of place";
- Optimizing economic development;
- Creating an illustrative, user-friendly format for the Plan update;

The Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission will have an opportunity to review the evaluation and appraisal report in the fall of 2015. Preparation of formal amendments to the Plan will commence after the City Commission's approval of the evaluation and appraisal report by resolution.

The Department of Sustainable Development is the lead department working on this effort. Additional departments with project responsibilities include the City Manager's Office, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Mobility, and the City Attorney's Office. Discussions shall also take place with the agencies that review comprehensive plans such as various Broward County departments, Broward County Planning Council, Broward County Commission, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of State, South Florida Water Management District, and South Florida Regional Planning Council.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a Fiscal Year 2015 Commission Annual Action Plan priority and is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 6: Be an inclusive community made up of distinct, complementary, and diverse neighborhoods.
- Objective 1: Evolve and update the land development code to balance neighborhood quality, character, and livability through sustainable development.
- Strategic Initiative 3: Prepare the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal.

This item advances the all six themes of the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan*: We Are Connected, We Are Ready, We Are Community, We Are Here, We Are Prosperous, and We Are United.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Presentation

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