

Flagler Beach Comprehensive Plan

August 1, 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. Four facilitators from the planning team led discussions on conservation and coastal issues, as well as recreation and open space. A representative of the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Transportation as well as several representatives of the City of Flagler Beach were available to answer questions and provide technical support. Discussion was facilitated based on the current Comprehensive Plan as well as examples provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity related to flood risk and the coastal construction control line. The ideas discussed during the facilitated discussions are listed below, followed by written comments received prior to the meeting.

Open House Public Comments Flagler Beach Comprehensive Plan Update

Conservation/Coastal and Recreation/Open Space

August 1, 2017 – Open House Public Comments

Facilitator – Elizabeth Payne

Parks / Recreation

- Beach important – add in the list of facilities – Beach services & access new LOS
- Shower facilities and the beach
- Picnic facilities at the beach. Co-locate on walkovers (northside)
- Bike facilities / parking
- Lifeguard needs – ensure for public safety standards
 - Continue Junior Lifeguard program
 - Seasonal vs. year round
- Review list of facilities in LOS to determine their true City need – even if located County Park
- Greenways important – continue to encourage/develop
- Safe access to beach
 - Pedestrian friendly crosswalks activated
 - Speed limits
- Increase adult recreation opportunities, higher priority than children’s activities due to makeup of population
- Picnic pavilion facilities – add additional, maintain existing
- Encourage additional uses for the Pier (other than fishing) to benefit the whole community

Conservation / Coastal

- Drainage issues – high level of impervious surfaces
- Look to LDR's to increase the percentage of pervious surfaces on lots
- Revisit Drainage Master Plan to include new provisions to deal with issues in the City
- Continue to encourage reclaimed/reuse water
 - Manatee Protection Plan? Is it needed? Continue coordination
- Parking off of the beachside – to the west (Barrier Island) of A1A....to enhance the quality of the beach
- Beach / dune re-nourishment efforts important to the City
- Encourage native vegetation
- Coordination on protection of wildlife/habitats
- Investigate the creation of a Climate Action Plan for the City

Facilitator – Ed Preston

Parks & Recreation

- Restrict beach via parking
- Walkovers: 1 per intersection
- Generally in favor of re-nourishing beach
- In favor of Walkovers as is
- Pier = asset (fish)

Issue: Redevelopment seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line / CHHA

- Citizens offered that 35' building height restriction provided enough density restriction along the beach
- Citizens wanted any method,(including structural) to address the need of protecting the beach and the Intracoastal shoreline from erosion
- Citizens satisfied with current levels of restriction of CHHA by height restriction
- Citizens offered to comply with national flood hazard area requirements except repetitive loss

Issue: Parks and Recreation Level of Service Standards

- Citizens offered no objection to changing standards for level of service from individual elements in facilities like basketball courts, to recreational system elements like neighborhood parks
- The four major current recreational facilities of Flagler Beach were: the beach, the pier, the city-owned golf-course and the 2 marinas on the Intracoastal
- The city owned community center next to the is leased to a non-profit

- The City depends on the County to provide park capital improvements and operations, the City provides police protection
- The Wadsworth Park west of the ICW provides ample ball fields and tennis courts
- The Wickline City park is considered very good. Wickline Park is bordered on the east side by South Daytona Avenue between South 7th and South 9th streets.

Boardwalk

On the north-east side of the park lies the entrance to a boardwalk, which meanders through the wetlands and continues to The Flagship Harbor boat launch on the Intercostal Waterway.

Amenities

Amenities include:

Basketball court

Beach volleyball court

Fenced in children's playground

Two pavilions

Two tennis courts

- There are 2 tot lots next to the ICW
- There are 2 boat launches, one at Gamble Rodgers
- The citizens wanted to add the library as a recreational resource

Issue: Soil Erosion along the Intracoastal

- No comments

Issue: Beach Access

- Last EAR counted 52 dune walk overs
- Citizens reported 10-12 not functional
- Mostly occur at road intersections
- Citizens want all 52 to be functional
- Citizens want good design with overlooks, ADA compliant and compliant with sea turtle protection regulations

- Citizens want no more
- Citizens believed they are there primarily for residents and want no associated bathroom or additional parking facilities
- Expressed no need for grade level separation over A1A

Boynton Beach Example Feedback

Objective 7.2 MTDL did not support

Objective 7.3 Wastewater pollutants did not support due to \$10-12M costs

Objective 7.8 CHHA did not support due to not enforceable

Objective 7.104 Protect, conserve local wildlife supported to a point

Objective 7.6 Reduce flood hazard risks did not support except new construction code requirements

Objective 7.7 re-write LDRs did not support

Objective 7.68 Evacuation supported

Objective 7.7 Reduce hurricane evacuation times did not support too few options

Objective 7.9 Climate Action Plan did not support, not science

Objective 7.13 Minimize risk in population concentration areas did not support, no such areas

Facilitator – Brian Teeple

- In favor of Parks & Recreation
- 1.1.5 – Flagler County School Board adult education doesn't pertain
- 1.1.3 - Existing prior to Hurricane Matthew
- 1.1.2 - No one can find the agreement
- 1.3.1 - No incentives – but there are LDR requirements
- 1.2.1 - Done – there is a unified code

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- DEP
- Erosion – Intracoastal Water – oyster shell bags
 - Erosion may be down to Manatee Zone Protection – May through September
- Beach access
 - Vendor carts

CHHA

- E1.1.5 - Check on these: Flagship Harbor Parcels, OFW, AP
- 1.1.10 - Storm water Plan is complete
- 1.1.12 - Greenway system??
- 1.1.13 - No longer valid
- 1.3.3 - Check on DEP
- 1.3.4 - Comprehensive Plan issue??
- Whose responsibility is remediating mosquito control ditches? If City owns mosquito control ditches, they should restore them
- 1.4.1 - No beach driving is allowed
- 1.4.3 & 4 – FNAI has done this
- 1.4.7 - City doesn't have a plan but has adopted someone else's
- AQ - No plan, doesn't monitor
- E1.6.1 - LDR issue?
- E1.7.1 - There is a hazardous waste collection on Old Kings
- E1.9 - DEP – is the citation accurate
- E1.9.3 - What does impact mean?
- E1.10.1 - Change/replace

Facilitator - Margo Moehring

Coastal Element:

Policy E.1.1.8 may not be needed

Policy E.1.1 13 refers to the property behind the library and may not be needed.

Add Gopher Tortoises to E.1.4.1 or another policy- they should have the same protections as sea turtles and other listed species.

E.1.4.7- Does Flagler County have a manatee protection plan?

Boynton Beach example:

Policies seem reasonable, until 7.104.1 (Page 7-5)- not needed as handled by local regs

7.5.1- add that the City is looking to expand public access to the water and add an additional boat ramp.

7.6.2- North and South Flagler Avenue frequently flood.

Objective 7.7- a new ordinance limiting pervious surfaces has partially addressed this issue

Policy 7.7.1 the floodplain ordinance has just been completed

Objective 7.9- No need for a climate action plan

Policy 7.9.1- propose designating CHHA as an adaptation action area (less confusing than creating a new area). Add measures to address flood risk within this area to outreach efforts of the County related to emergency preparedness. Contact the County to explore.

Include all maps. SLR maps for 1', 2', 3'

Recreation and Open Space

Policy F.1.1.2 is too specific. Who maintains the restrooms does not belong in the Comp Plan

Policy F.1.1.5 policy should be to maximize the usefulness of the Wickline Center, in conjunction with community organizations (do not name them.)

Wadsworth Park, as a shared facility, should be included in the parks inventory considered when determining consistency with level of service. OK to better define facilities in LOS.

F.1.3.2.1- One parking lot at the pier has been created

F.1.3.2.2- Remove. There is a soccer field at Wadsworth Park so this is no longer a priority.

F.1.3.2.3- Walkways through the marsh are still a priority

F.1.3.2.4- Neighborhood park has been created in the North. One is still needed in the South.

Add new F.1.3.2.5- Upgrading and beautification of existing park sites

Add new F.1.3.2.6- More robust programming and use of the Community Center

Written Comments Received Prior to the Meeting

Conservation/Coastal Element

Page EE2

Policy E.1.1.1.

3. Fred-City Engineer thoughts?-Also managed by amount of impervious surface build out restrictions-maybe readdress current 70% for residential to lower number in LDR's-not a comp plan detail, but discussion for LDR's rewrite. Lessen pooling of water/flooding on A-1-A

Policy E.1.1.5

Are we enforcing?

Policy E.1.1.7

Requiring vegetated buffers between any development and the wetlands, not just Intracoastal Waterway

Policy E.1.1.9

Are we doing this?

Policy E.1.1.10

Starting to move forward on Lambert Ave. currently

Page EE3

Policy E.1.1.12

Are we doing this?

Policy E.1.1.13

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Policy E.1.2.1

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Page EE4

Policy E.1.2.3

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Policy E.1.2.4

Require Xeriscape principle?

Policy E.1.2.5

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Policy E.1.2.7

Do we have ordinance?

Policy E.1.2.8

Do we meet this criteria?

Policy E.1.2.8 and E. 1.2.9

Are we coordinating with County, state and federal agencies?

Page EE-5 Wetlands

Policy E.1.3.4

Are we doing this?

Policy E.1.3.5

Are we doing this?

Policy E.1.3.6

Are we doing this?

Fish, Wildlife and Vegetation

Page EE-6

Policy E.1.4.4

? Other than gopher turtles, is there a reference list?

Policy E.1.4.6

Standards and incentives for retention of native vegetation? Do they exist besides tree ordinance

Policy E.1.4.7

Flagler County established

Policy E.1.4.9

Is there a vehicle in place to do this?

Page EE7

Policy E.1.4.11

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Policy E.1.4.12

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Air Quality

Policy E.1.5.1

Realize Sea Ray (major title 5 air polluter) borders Flagler Beach is in the county. However, without air monitoring of their emissions, how does the City of Flagler Beach know they meet air quality standards set by State and Federal agencies?

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Policy E.1.8.2

DER no longer in existence? Now called DEP

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Policy E.1.10.2

Post Disaster Redevelopment plan?

Policy E.1.10.3

Coastal Building code?

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Policy E.1.10.5

Update

Coastal High Hazard Areas

Policy E.1.11.3

Interagency Hazard mitigation reports? Do they exist?

Policy E.1.11.4

Would this language prevent the city from building a new concrete pier at a later date?

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Historic properties-are owners even aware?

Floodplains

Policy E.1.12.3

How is this done to inform all potential property buyers?

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Policy E.1.13.3

Are we doing this on 5 year basis?

Policy E.1.13.5

Task force?

Policy E.1.13.6

Inventory of residents with special needs?

Policy E.1.13.7

Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance?

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Policy E.1.16.1

Coastal Building code and 30 year erosion setback line?

Policy E.1.16.2

CHHA?

Policy E.1.17.1

Very important-Development methods for additional beach parking and funding from primary users such as the county and the State. What are we doing or planning long term as a city?

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Policy E.1.17.4

Funding source?

Policy E.1.17.5

(Joint City/County P-2000...),....?

Recreation and Open Space Element

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Policy F.1.1.3

52 dune walkovers, is this correct?

Policy F.1.1.5

Believe Adult Ed is no longer at Wickline Center. Under lease to someone else.

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Policy F.1.2.1?

Policy F.1.3.1 ?

Policy F.1.3.2?-

Not aware of restrooms on north and south side of city

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#4 ?