

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Area Workshop Meeting Summary

Base Assumptions and topics

- Commercial areas are not accessible
- Commercial areas have changed and are more tourist oriented, not serving the neighborhoods
- Walkability should be encouraged – Better/more sidewalks
 - Alternative modes of transportation
 - Reliable other transportation
 - Ferries/water taxi
 - Electric bikes/bikeshare
- Recognize different types of infill such as commercial areas vs residential areas
 - Better design and uses for commercial that are needed
 - Redevelopment projects that are mixed use, creative, and include greenspaces
- Parking outside of downtown
- Sea level rise
- Create incentives for environmentally sensitive property to be set aside as undevelopable (mechanism to encourage donating property)
- Make other utilities more reliable (FPL) – problem with power outages
- Encourage sustainability – all uses
 - Reduce carbon footprint
 - Water bottles etc reusable cups/refill stations
 - Ban plastic bags/straws
- Workforce vs “affordable” housing encouraging reality and understanding the relationship to economic development
- Question of multifamily housing – how and where
- Community should help fight the bad influences – churches organizing to help fight drugs etc
- Need a bicycle path in from the west to help with transportation to jobs downtown
- Separate bikes from roads because of the conflict and transportation issues
- Short term rentals a problem
- Engage with the county to help with these issues
- Look at southern Florida for inspiration/Winter Park

Good things

- Great neighborhoods
- Encourage train to bring people downtown – close enough, can use the right-of-way to widen the roads
- Art and music scene/art culture, should support local artists and resources
- Try to keep open spaces
- Encourage walkability – traffic makes it hard, including trailer trains
- Historic flavor
- City should work with the county to have events at the fairgrounds