

Memo

TO: Land Design Innovations
FROM: Becky Mendez, Planning Manager
DATE: August 21, 2007
RE: Recap of Deltona EAR Scoping Meeting

Tracy and LDI staff-

Thank you for hosting the Deltona EAR scoping meeting held today at City Hall. As you know, Volusia County and FDOT representatives were present for the scoping meeting, as well as many Deltona department heads. Staff from the Regional Planning Council and St Johns River Water Management District were not available due to scheduling conflicts. However, SJRWMD staff provided written comments to Deltona prior to the meeting. No response to the invitation was received from Dept of State, Dept of Environmental Protection, or Dept of Community Affairs. Below is a recap of issues discussed:

- There was approval of the two issues to be addressed in the EAR (transportation and diversity of land uses). The County agreed that limiting the scope of the EAR to two major issues was much more manageable and mirrored the major County issues.
- FDOT requested that the transportation issue of providing multi-modal transportation opportunities within the neighborhoods of Deltona be expanded to include state roads, specifically SR415, SR472, and Interstate 4 as they relate to Deltona.
- Jon Thomson, on behalf of Jon Cheney Volusia County Transportation Engineer, cautioned the City that the County's comp plan amendment will eliminate County roads that are located within the City and advised that the Deltona EAR address this issue.
- Jon Thomson reminded the City to communicate with VOTRAN during this process.
- Deltona staff requested refined wording regarding a transportation support system for the commuter rail station planned in west DeBary. Getting Deltona residents across Deltona, through DeBary to the station by shuttle, park-n-ride, and/or fixed route system is necessary.

- There was no comment on the diversity of land use category issue, other than the other required elements of the comp plan shall support any proposed density/intensity increases and be financially feasible as currently defined by florida statute.
- Deltona staff requested LDI to broaden the “transportation” issue heading, albeit explained in the body of the text.
- Deltona requested that LDI meet with staff from Planning and Public Works to expand contract to include the required Water Supply Plan that will address comments delivered at the meeting from SJRWMD.
- The MPO is coordinating efforts with My Region to update TAZs County wide. The new zones are in the preliminary approval process, and should be utilized during the comprehensive plan amendment. However, the information may not be available for the EAR review. Centroid analysis of the new TAZs will commence in October 2007.
- HHI group was selected by the City Commission last night as the Urban Design and Placemaking consultants. Staff will coordinate with LDI, any public workshop to be held.

If there is anything to add, please let me know. We appreciate everyone’s attendance today and look forward to an effective and efficient EAR process. A revised draft Letter of Understanding, outlining the issues to be addressed in the EAR will be sent to all attendees for their review and comment.

Thank you,

Becky

c.c. Greg Stubbs, Deltona
Jon Thomson, Volusia County
Judy Pizzo, FDOT
Geoffrey Sample, SJRWMD
Andrew Landis, ECFRPC