

Leadership Group Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2011 – 4:00 pm
Meeting Notes

Present:

Paolo Mastroserio
Clark Yandle
Gilbert Martinez
Bob Dumond
Summer Gill
Todd Rudnianyn
Narvella Haynes
Fred Roberts
Steve Albright
Tye Chighizola
Mike Daniels
Dorothy LeBlanc
Bill Ray

The Leadership Group (LG) discussed the continued participation of members and the role they will take moving forward with the implementation of the Ocala 2035 Vision. The LG discussed the need to be present at Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and City Council meetings. There was a consensus that the group needs to obtain information and be a part of the process of (re)development from the beginning and not waiting until things are too far down the road to be changed. Based on the discussion, the LG decided to meet the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 pm beginning February 24th. Staff will provide information about current and proposed projects that are going on in the City. The Leadership Group will then give input as to the impact that they see the development having on the Ocala 2035 Vision and if it “fits” the Vision. Based on the meetings outcome, they will then decide if LG members need to attend a Commission or City Council meeting to provide input and/or support for a project. Support for the West Ocala Sub-area Plan should also be given by LG members through attendance of the meetings, workshops and sharing of knowledge.

The continued time commitment for LG members was discussed. There were some members that had not attended many meeting or on a regular basis during the past year. A motion was made by Steve Albright and seconded by Fred Roberts that staff should contact Tom Ingram [due to attendance] and Dave Fetchman [due to attendance and new role at Chamber of Commerce] to determine if they wanted to remain on the committee. If they declined to continue on the Leadership Group, Paul Stentiford and Barbara Fitos would be asked to serve on the committee. The motion passed unanimously. Fred Roberts volunteered to speak with Ken Ausley about his continued interest.

Mike Daniels reported that the Proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) was approved by City Council and transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs and other state and local agencies for a courtesy review prior to adoption of the report by the City. The State has 30 days to review the report and make recommendations. The final EAR document will go back to

the Planning and Zoning Commission and to City Council for consideration. The final adoption and transmittal to the State is tentatively scheduled for May, 2011.

EAR-based Amendments will begin to move forward with the Future Land Use, Transportation and Parks and Open Space Elements. A draft meeting schedule for public meetings to address the Comprehensive Plan amendments was also discussed.

Dorothy LeBlanc provided an update of the West Ocala Sub-area Plan. The effort is being led by a community-based Steering Committee of 12 people. Their role is similar to that of the LG but on a neighborhood scale. The sub-area plan was identified as a strategy in the Ocala 2035 Vision Plan. A draft schedule of meetings and events for the sub-area plan was passed out. The LG was invited to all of the meetings with particular interest being given to the public workshops. The Steering Committee and City staff will take a tour of Winter Park [Friday, March 4th] to learn how they dealt with similar issues concerning redevelopment. The group is interested in their CRA, heritage center, community center (under construction) and housing projects.

Some of the current projects that are going on in the City were discussed: Ocala 489, medians on SE 17th Street, 4-laning of 35th Street west of SR 441, Osceola Ave being converted to green space, the downtown parking garage, the Marion Theater, the Chamber and Sprint sites.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2011