

EXECUTIVE BRIEF WORK SESSION

AGENDA DATE: May 18, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Lake Worth Development Context - Envision

SUMMARY:

Discussion regarding the importance of creating a financially sustainable City through a balancing of the City's historic, cultural and environmental assets and sensibilities with economic, financial and market forces.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The City of Lake Worth Beach is at a crossroads in terms of how to foster an overall sustainable community that respects the past, appreciates the present and embraces the future. Historic, cultural, and environmental assets set the City apart from almost all others in South Florida. These assets are held most dear across a diverse population. On the other hand, the City is financially challenged and requires private investment and development to create a diversified, stable and improved tax base and to create adequate utility revenue to help bolster the General Fund. These two interests appear to be at odds in the eyes of many.

How can the City bring these two interests together without sacrificing one for the other? This is a significant challenge the City must tackle successfully in order to sustain itself for the long term. It also is one that the City cannot afford to ignore. The future of the City depends on balancing these interests in a positive, definitive, predictable way that celebrates all that is Lake Worth Beach.

The City has invited world renowned new urbanist and founder of the Congress of New Urbanism as well as former Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Miami, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk of DPZ Miami to facilitate and guide this discussion.

DIRECTION:

Establish policy milestones for staff to prepare next steps.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A

Powerpoint

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