

EXECUTIVE BRIEF SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA DATE: May 18, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability
and CRA

TITLE:

In Progress Presentation from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) regarding the Charette and public input for the Downtown Visioning Master Plan

SUMMARY:

Staff from the TCRPC will report out the progress to date on the Downtown Visioning Master Plan and public input on the CRA and City owned properties fronting Lake Avenue and along South M, South L and South K Streets to First Avenue South

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

In the later part of 2021, the City with financial support from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) engaged the TCRPC as an outside consultant to conduct public outreach and hold an open public charette to gather input on the vision for the downtown area. Specifically, the CRA and City owned properties along Lake Avenue and along South M, L and K Streets to First Avenue South were to serve as the basis for the charette.

A five (5) day public charette was scheduled to be held from April 30 to May 4 at The Hatch building in downtown Lake Worth Beach. Flyers were prepared in English, Spanish and Creole to advertise the event. In addition, a special section was created on the City's website to provide further publicity. In all over 100 people participated in the charette over the five days. Issues regarding City character, flavor, appropriateness, design, feasibility, historic preservation and economic development were discussed with the project team. The team took the input and began to draft scenarios of how that input may look in reality and what policy changes, if any, would be necessary to encourage and facilitate the investment in the properties.

Being presented is a summary of the work accomplished to date and an opportunity for the commission to ask questions and provide additional direction for the next phase of the project. The final product is anticipated to be completed by end of the August or September, at which time another public meeting will be held.

MOTION:

Provide additional insight, comment and policy direction as necessary.

ATTACHMENT(S):

TCRPC Summary
Public Outreach Flyer