

Thursday, February 19, 2019

Area Workshop Meeting Summary

Base Assumptions and topics

- Impacts of development on flooding and climate issues
- Impervious surface ratio requirements
- Filling issues and stormwater trespass
- NFIP Grants and mitigation requirements
- Funding impacts when built-out – capacity issues
- Charging impact fees
- Infrastructure impacts – water and sewer
- Impacts of seawalls and bulkheads, implications of armoring the shoreline
- Strategic planning and budgeting

Local Issues

- Transportation infrastructure improvements – road conditions make it difficult to “operate” alternative modes, need levels of service for roads
- Upgrades to roads/sidewalks/connectivity and connections
- Accountability for improvements, development, need enforcement and consequences
- Impose impact fees
- Complete street concepts for pedestrians, bicycles, “people movers”, satellite parking and shuttles
- Include alternatives to access beach and downtown
- All areas experience congestion
- Look at other communities as resource and benchmarking
- Boats in waterways and associated issues
- Homelessness
- Character in core a high priority, preserve the downtown identity
- Timeframes for projects – so impacts are mitigated in real time
- Fines, enforce timeframes for projects
- Proactive code enforcement
- Impacts on the environment should be second priority – wildlife, habitat, water quality, waterways, alternative energy
- Issues are interrelated
- Mobility/circulation issue, look at traffic flow pattern
- Public safety, need a safe, clean environment, visible police presence
- Beautification

Good things about St. Augustine

- The people
- Living history
- Employers/businesses are welcoming
- Pet friendly
- Historic nature, sites/buildings/fort
- Downtown walkability – new crosswalks
- General ambiance, don't lose the character
- Encourage brick streets, historic feel, upgrade St. George Street
- Environmentally friendly
- Amphitheatre venue, art community, arts in general – art walks, theatres, film festival
- Education opportunities – Flagler College
- Festivals/Nights of Lights
- Local hospital
- Beautiful beaches
- Lighthouse, fort
- Local discounts