




Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

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—AND—
Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: September 10, 2019 — Work Session Item
Comprehensive Plan and Orange Code Update

In 2016 the Planning Division began a major update to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code. This work session will give a brief overview of the scope of this project and what it means for the County's future as we prepare for the County's growth over the next 30 years. The Plan had its last full policy review as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report adopted in 2009, and the Code is still largely based on the principles current at the time of its 1957 adoption, so a comprehensive review of both is timely.

The work of reorganizing and simplifying the Comprehensive Plan has started with an administrative "cleanup" of the Plan's policies and continuing with a full reorganization of the Plan. The intent of this reorganization is to offer a clearer vision that directs growth into areas where it is most desired and fiscally sustainable. This new, simplified plan will provide guidance that is predictable for both citizens and business, efficient for public infrastructure and services, and can better harness the massive energy of growth for meeting County goals and objectives.

Implementing the Plan will be the new form-based Orange Code which will change the focus of development approvals away from a somewhat isolated project-by-project review to a location based review. This will balance predictability and flexibility and better consider how the project fits within and complements its setting and creates a sense of place. That portion of the project is nearing completion.

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The work session will cover background on today's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code, reviewing the County's Market Areas and the approach of identifying targeted areas for growth and the use of place-types for defining how that growth can occur. Next steps include public outreach and a timeline for activities.

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is being requested.

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