Regulatory Streamlining Task Force Update

Board of County Commissioners June 26, 2012



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Clearly Articulated

the more understandable the requirements and processes are for citizens, developers, staff, and the Board, the more certainty for all parties



• Predictable

- the earlier in the process the developer can have some certainty about the project, the better
- with certainty the developer is more willing to take a risk on an innovative project



Well Managed

- the better managed the process, the more promptly, fairly and carefully staff can accomplish their review
- well managed processes facilitate better solutions



• Collaborative

 Collaboration, with appropriate levels of flexibility, ensures that the intent of policies and regulations can be

achieved and the resulting projects are desirable



• Timely

 addressing uncertainty and delay reduces the direct and indirect costs for the developer and creates an incentive for developers to submit quality proposals





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Quick Fixes

- Starting from Experiences
 - Surveyed members' experiences
 - Looked for immediate improvements
 - Staff has responded positively



Quick Fixes

Quick Fix improvements in:

- Vertical Permitting / Construction
- Development Review
- Customer Service

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Quick Fixes

- Improvements in the works
 - PDF Plan Submittal for the DRC
 - Remote payment of fees for DRC
 - Land Development Code clean-ups

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• Culture

- Create, adopt and support practices that ensure a "can do" culture
- Recognize and reward staff who demonstrate leadership in customer service

• Flexibility

- Encourage and empower staff to make responsible decisions to further good development proposals
- Allow the County Engineer to accept standards in an approved stormwater permit issued by the WMD or the DEP

• Flexibility

- Review the site development standards in PD District Code to eliminate redundancy and barriers to creativity and include flexibility
- Amend the PD District Code to allow for up to a 15% deviation from performance standards

• Review Strategies

- Restructure the Development Review Committee to a staff technical review committee
- Use a Project Manager approach to development approvals

Review Strategies

- Address concerns regarding conveyance of land for rights-of-way
- Expand one stop permitting to include commercial permits

Hearings for Plan Amendments

- Allow Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to be scheduled anytime the Planning and Zoning Commission meets
- No longer require an adoption hearing with the Local Planning Agency for Regular Cycle Future Land Use Map Amendments

Redevelopment

- Amend the Comprehensive Plan to identify infill and redevelopment areas
- Create a floating zoning district to facilitate redevelopment in identified areas

• County Investment

- Direct infrastructure investments to a select number of redevelopment areas to incentivize development proposals in those areas
- Invest resources in hiring a national firm to overhaul the Land Development Code

Continued Monitoring

- Establish an ongoing committee to monitor the implementation of streamlining recommendations
- Use the committee as a resource for future streamlining efforts as needed

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Final Recommendations

The Task Force has 6 scheduled meetings to complete their work and will be bringing a final report to the Board sometime this fall



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