

## City Manager Presentation Notes

### During last six months

1. Working, partnering, and communicating with business community, downtown, docks, Chamber and other businesses.
2. Instilled excitement and spirit during "Promote Tarpon First" campaign.
3. Important bonds have been made between the city and business community; We Care, We Listen, We Help.

### 2009 and Beyond

#### Setting the Stage:

1. Beginning with tonight, you will be reviewing Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Special attention to Goal 5 which is being added around page 34; "To promote Sustainable Economic Development and Responsible Growth within the City of Tarpon Springs".
3. Components include:
  - a. Evaluating potential growth patterns.
  - b. Analysis of the cost of growth.
  - c. Insure small, local independent business can compete.
  - d. Evaluation of impact formula based business.
  - e. Encouraging sustainable development/re-development.
  - f. Allow urban agriculture, community gardening, hydroponics, etc...
  - g. Incentives to attract businesses.
  - h. Local economic job growth.
  - i. Dealing with issues in the industrial district.

## Carrying out this Vision

1. Presently, we are in the process of selecting a General Planning Consultant.
  - a. Out of four excellent finalists, one will be chosen after “test” presentation based on “Study of long term viability of sponge docks as a tourist destination”. Pre-presentation meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the sponge docks with final presentation on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Two major tasks for this Planning Consultant when hired:
  - a. Work on Special Area Plan not only for the CRA as talked about before with the Smart Code/Overlay District, but to include the sponge docks area. We need to present these at the same time since the city has only one Land Use Amendment left to Department of Community Affairs. Goal is late summer/early fall completion.
  - b. Unified Sign Plan for downtown, sponge docks and trail to include historical signage.

*\*\*Community input is the key throughout these two processes.*

3. Staff and the Consultant will be cognizant of the future development of the north side of the river.
  - a. Special area plan rules already in effect.
  - b. Industrial uses being looked at as you see in Goal 5, EAR Report.
  - c. We will be developing a vision for this area to be reviewed in the future.

## Issues – City of Tarpon Springs working on with State/County/Cities

1. State:
  - a. (FDOT) taking over Tarpon Avenue.
2. County:
  - a. Ongoing discussion about Keystone Road project.

- b. Discussion on Beckett Bay bridge issues.
- c. Discussion on county roads in Tarpon Springs jurisdiction/maintenance issues lending to possibly reverting to city.
- d. Upcoming meeting on water issues.

3. Other Cities:

- a. Keeping up with developments through monthly City Manager's Meetings.
- b. Quarterly North County Manger's Meetings, two attended with the second one hosted this month in Tarpon Springs.