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**TO:** EDUCC

**FROM:** Erik A. Bredfeldt, Planning and Development Services Director 

**DATE:** November 18, 2010

**SUBJECT:** EDUCC Meeting – November 22, 2010

**RE:** *Infrastructure Needs and Economic Development Partner Discussion*

At October's regular Committee meeting, the issue of Infrastructure Needs and Economic Development was discussed with community partners from the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, the Council of Economic Outreach (CEO) and the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

It was determined that it would be important mechanically for the City Commission to have partners meet following the Committee meeting to discuss prioritization in order for the Commission to deliberate on this matter in calendar year 2011 in preparation for the next budget and CIP cycle.

A meeting was held with the aforementioned community partners on November 17<sup>th</sup> and the following issues were stressed:

- ED Infrastructure priorities should be looked at through a geographic filter; specifically, partners indicated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW Innovation Square District and its immediate periphery should be the chief priority for Infrastructure improvements and investments to accommodate the vision for Innovation Square;
- Partners feel that provision of primary public utilities (electric, water/wastewater, stormwater management, broadband, natural gas, and reclaimed water) in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW Innovation District and its immediate periphery is of the utmost importance;
- The provision of mass transit facilities, as well as facilities to accommodate the parking of automobiles, is important as well;
- In the future, other geographic areas of importance include a larger area inclusive of the GRU Power District, Depot park and the facilities that serve them; the Fairgrounds property in East Gainesville was mentioned as well;

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- Finally, partners should give thought to the continuum the community has in place with respect to land/building inventory in order to serve the lifecycle needs of maturing private industry (from incubator to light industrial production).

Partners were very interested in seeing the planning and provision of Infrastructure issues in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW Innovation District occur in a timely manner to coincide with construction associated with the Innovation HUB as well as future development of the remainder of the former AGH site.