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Progress Report on Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (B)

The purpose of this item is to provide the City Commission and the public with a brief update on the progress of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan Board reviewed the Public Schools Facilities Element on May 27, 2010 and the Potable Water & Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Housing Elements on June 30, 2010.

Staff finds that the goals, objectives and policies of these four elements have substantially been met.

Review of the Public Schools Facilities Element finds that the requirement to annually update the Capital Improvements Element to include the School Board's annually adopted 5-Year District Facilities work program needs to be changed to incorporate the updated work program by reference.

Review of the Potable Water & Wastewater Element finds that new policies are needed to address: water supply level of service (LOS); inclusion of alternative water supply projects within 18 months of adoption by the water management districts; and additional new water conservation techniques/requirements. The Plan Board recommended inclusion of policies about the following: how the City itself will conserve water; additional irrigation restrictions; and setting the potable water LOS standard based on attainment of reduced water usage per capita.

Review of the Solid Waste Element indicates that Objective 1.1 needs to be revised to match the waste diversion target rate of 75 percent established by the State of Florida. Element review also shows that policy revision is recommended to require that 98 percent rather than 60 percent of multi-family residential and commercial properties participate in a recycling program.

Review of the Housing Element shows that new policies are needed: to address affordable housing incentives near transportation hubs, major employment centers, and mixed-use developments; to encourage energy-efficient upgrades in affordable housing, particularly for rental units; and to address energy-efficiency standards in the design and construction of new housing. Policy updates and deletions are needed with respect to livability of neighborhoods, and allowance of accessory dwelling units in single-family land use areas. The City Plan Board at its June 30, 2010 EAR workshop expressed an interest in allowing accessory dwelling units in single-family areas.

None

Staff to City Commission - the Commission hear a presentation by Planning staff on the draft EAR Report chapters on the following Elements: Public Schools Facilities; Potable Water & Wastewater; Solid Waste; and Housing.