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Memo

Subject: 3 November 2016 Public Workshop - GGAMP Golden Gate Eastern Estates

The GGAMP Restudy-Golden Gate Eastern Estates Public Workshop was well-attended by approximately 130 Eastern Estates residents, stakeholders, and county staff members. The client team introduced the current GGAMP and presented a draft vision statement that was produced as a result of resident visioning questionnaires and surveys. An audience polling session was then conducted to obtain additional feedback.

The following draft vision statement was presented to workshop attendees:

“The Golden Gate Eastern Estates is an interconnected, low-density residential community with limited goods and services in neighborhood centers, defined by a rural character with an appreciation for nature and quiet surroundings.”

Upon presenting the draft vision statement, attendees were asked to provide feedback and potential revisions. Responses included the following terms and subject areas:

- No interference
- Nature/natural/environment/park/recreation
- Family-oriented
- Health and safety
- Code enforcement
- Rural/country-living
- Protection of natural character
- Desire for services including: postal, medical, governmental, community and recreation
- Access to retail goods and personal services
- Desire to change the wording “limited” presented within the draft
- Acknowledgment of watershed/sheetflow
- Sidewalks, bus stops, and refuge for school-aged children

Audience polling was conducted to obtain additional feedback in a manner that did not require attendees to self-identify with their answers or opinions in a group setting. Results of the audience polling session are attached. Additionally, attendees

were encouraged to provide additional comments and feedback using written comment cards. Dialogue and comments received during and after the polling session included:

- desire to preserve foliage on properties and only clearing necessary areas for wildfire protection
- concern for the high volume of heavy equipment operating within and traveling through the Eastern Estates
- mixed support for additional conditional uses including churches and assisted living facilities
 - general satisfaction with availability/locations of social organizations
 - mixed satisfaction with availability/locations of child care/adult day care, religious institutions, group housing options, assisted living facilities,
 - general dissatisfaction with cellular reception/service
- desire for roadway expansion and additional connectivity to the west
- mixed support for additional commercial land designations, with general support for small shopping centers as opposed to large centers
- call for effective code enforcement
- desire for equestrian and other recreational trail networks
- request to prohibit fireworks and pyrotechnics in an effort to protect wildlife and prevent wildfires
- requests for improved drainage
- strong support for an I-75 interchange in the vicinity of Everglades Boulevard
- general support for industrial areas or business parks to provide jobs and support trade near to the Eastern Estates
- strong support for non-residential architectural standards specific to the Eastern Estates
- support to allow rental of guest houses
- overwhelming support for an incentivized small-lot combination program
- general support for an incentivized transfer of ownership program