

## **Evaluation and Appraisal Review**

### **City of Bonita Springs**

#### **Public Input Meeting #1 Narrative Summary**

**June 7, 2022**

On June 7, 2022, a public meeting was held regarding the Evaluation and Appraisal Review process and to obtain feedback from participants on the direction of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The meeting was live-streamed through the City's website and 28 persons signed the sign-in sheet indicating attendance in person. Four sets of question prompts were addressed in small table in a round-robin format where all participants were asked to address each set of questions.

A summary of the feedback appears below.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Quality of Life**

##### *Question Prompts*

- How do you define quality of life?
- What actions or policies will protect or enhance quality of life in the City?

##### *Feedback*

The participants defined "quality of life" in Bonita Springs as maintenance of the City's small town charm and preservation of history. Participants offered the following topics for discussion:

- Entertainment options
- Public transportation improvements
- Planning for increase of electric and autonomous vehicles
- Affordable housing
- Environmental priorities
- Noise pollution
- Complete Streets projects
- Redevelopment opportunities
- Public access to beaches and parks

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<sup>1</sup> Participants were asked to consider broad questions related to the City's strategic direction. Not all feedback is able to be implemented through the City's Comprehensive Plan; additional feedback may be appropriate to other entities, including, but not limited to external jurisdictions, private organizations, or City policy as expressed in the land development code.

## **Governance**

### *Question Prompts*

- What does good governance mean to you?
- What actions or policies support good governance?

### *Feedback*

Participants were interested in the City's efforts for continued engagement with residents and other government partners. Specifically, the following discussion items under the general area of governance were offered:

- Reach of City communications via electronic communications and via printed materials
- The City's social media, quarterly newsletters, website, and email blasts
- Zoning notice requirements and the radius applicability
- Community outreach for events in parks and downtown
- Coordination of stormwater infrastructure with FDEP and SFWMD

## **Water and Environment**

### *Question Prompts*

- What water / environment issues are important to you?
- What actions or policy should the City consider in the area of water and environment?

### *Feedback*

The participants agreed that flood mitigation and water quality initiatives are of high importance, and offered the following topics for discussion:

- Preservation of open space and adequate stormwater capacity
- Imperial River and its stormwater capacity
- Implementing a water quality improvement plan with high standards
- Quality of drinking water
- Natural landscaping in medians
- Florida-friendly landscaping practices, such as limiting fertilizer and conserving water
- Climate change as it relates to protecting assets

## **Economic Development**

### *Question Prompts*

- What should the city consider in economic development?
- What actions or policies support economic development?

### *Feedback*

Participants noted that Bonita Springs has been experiencing large amounts of growth, which has contributed generously to its economic development. Specifically, participants offered the following topics for discussion:

- Balancing the interests of seasonal and permanent residents to preserve small town charm
- Keeping small businesses viable
- Affordable housing
- Incentivizing redevelopment
- Beach access