

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
May 21, 2024**

Meeting video link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCULgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA>

Present were:

Mike Rahn, Chairman
Ray Turner, Second Vice-Chairman
Jason Bearden
George Kruse
Kevin Van Ostenbridge

Absent was:

Amanda Ballard, First Vice-Chairman

District 1 seat is vacant.

Also present were:

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator
Courtney DePol, Deputy County Administrator
Sarah Schenk, Chief Assistant County Attorney
Nicole Knapp, Director of Development Services
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of the Circuit Court



Chairman Rahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Mark Gibbens, Mill Creek Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Van Ostenbridge

AGENDA

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1. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REWRITE**




Nicole Knapp, Director of Development Services, introduced the agenda item and Presenter, Kelley Klepper, Kimley-Horn and Associates LLC.




Kelley Klepper, Kimley-Horn and Associates, LLC, utilized a slide presentation to review the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite, progress update, Comprehensive Plan elements, Scope of Comprehensive Plan update, 2024 population estimates by planning sub-areas, population trends, workshop takeaways, the process, review progress and recommendations with Board, general consideration and observations, Senate Bill 250, Live Local considerations, key findings in each element, Future Land Use (FLU), broad policies and repetitive references, density, and FLU-Mixed-Use (MU). This plan is regarding the Comprehensive plan policies themselves.


Discussion ensued regarding mixed use density bonus, incentive should match what the community needs, free units for having commercial, community is better when there is mixed use, metric that gives sites rights allowing a certain amount of square feet of commercial, community preference, and use “may” instead of “shall.”


Mr. Klepper continued the slides to discuss FLU-MU, Critical Area Plans, mix of uses, and locational standards.


 Nicole Knapp, Development Services Director, responded North River Ranch was not evaluated as part of the exercise, but staff will review this.


Discussion ensued regarding not making modifications to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) at this point, map is old, not rezoning with the FLU is changed, gives future rights.

 Rachel Layton, stated there are four corridors that staff will review, and they need to look at more categories. The Future Development Area Boundary (FDAB) is not being addressed in this study. Property owners will be invited to attend work sessions, and map amendments will still come forward as well as Land Development Code (LDC) text amendments.


 Discussion ensued regarding looking at the restrictions, be adaptable, different staff now, there needs to be a good balance, building in more incentive-based planning, smart growth, less is more, and form-based code.

 Mr. Klepper addressed regulatory policies, pulled items from the Comprehensive Plan and put policies in in the LDC. The purpose of the Parks Master Plan was to allow provisions that allowed flexibility with broad based definitions. He continued the slides to address Conservation, and Coastal Management.


 Adam Kerr, Kimley-Horn, continued the slides to address transportation, multi-modal provisions, repeal transportation concurrency, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) context classification,

 Trevor Poole, Kimley-Horn, and Mr. Klepper continued the slides to address housing, duplicate policies, being less restrictive, historical and cultural considerations for housing, recreation and open space, confirm consistency, and meeting needs of the community for public facilities.


Mr. Klepper concluded the slides reviewing work session goals, Community workshops coming in the Summer of 2024, and the next steps.

 Discussion ensued regarding policy updates, staff member as a champion to ensure all these elements are being worked on, need the process to be fluid, preliminary view, main corridors to start allowing a different level of development, preliminary recommendations prior to going out to the public, stop-gaps, height restriction in City of Bradenton is 21 stories, and anything over 200 feet would require FAA approval.


Ms. Layton noted form-based code was adopted in the City of Bradenton in 2011, the County can mirror some of the categories the City has, and offer incentives. She questioned what densities and heights the Board would like to see in appropriate areas.


 Discussion ensued regarding it makes more sense to not continue the sprawl out east, increase density in the urban core, encourage height and density to have a more diverse demographic, younger generations are more apt to go to higher density areas, provide what citizens want, and need high wage employers.

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 **RECESS/RECONVENE:** 10:44 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. All Commissioner present except Commissioner Ballard.


2. **PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSITIONING FROM A HOSPITAL-BASED TO A COMMUNITY-BASED CARE MODEL**

 Courtney DePol, Deputy County Administrator, explained there is no longer an indigent care contract with Manatee Memorial Hospital.

 James Crutchfield, Deputy Director, Public Safety, used a slide presentation to review the history, challenges, and solutions regarding indigent care, Health Services team, goal to ensure access to affordable, high-quality health and behavioral health services, history of health care system in Manatee County, and an overview of government supported services for indigent residents

Geoff Cordes, Health Information Services Manager, continued the slides to review indigent care clients eligibility (income at or below 200 percent federal poverty level), race and age breakdown, indigent care payments including State funding, proof of income required to qualify, and \$1.25 million paid out last year, County rates align with Medicare rates, County is payer of last resort, encourage residents to seek treatment at local clinics rather than emergency rooms (ER), focus on primary care and prevention, prefer to utilize community providers, free standing ERs are the same cost as hospital ERs, cumbersome software requirements that have hindered use by facilities, June 1 there should be a decrease in elective non-emergent procedures (radiology, lab, and therapy), currently only one hospital bills for indigent care, staff action to streamline access to care and eliminate barriers, identified critical shortages, near-term solutions include reallocating funds to support community-based care, eliminate barriers to provider participation, increase support for local safety-net providers, and increase enrollment capacity, and funding is available to support the near-term solutions, The health information system is there for providers to share information, but is not mandatory. The long-term solutions include no-cost clinics or pharmacies, mobile solutions, ER diversion, and pilot alternative support models.

 Discussion ensued regarding getting out into the community, and Manatee County Rural Health mobile units.

 Mr. Crutchfield noted they would like to continue what is working, and they want to get information out to the community, so they know what is available. A nurse practitioner is able to write prescriptions, and they also have staff who can deliver medication to clients. The community health team utilizes programs that are available. He responded there is a telehealth platform, that will connect non-emergency issues with providers to avoid dispatching ambulances.

Mr. Cordes noted there is the possibility to connect with Tampa General Hospital, and utilize their telehealth services or provide a local facility for checking blood pressure and other in person services, or having a kiosk available.

 Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, responded there could be exposure to litigation regarding a plan such as this.

Mr. Crutchfield noted the nurse practitioner would be liable, since she has her own practice. Telehealth providers are also liable. The 911 calls are mandated by protocols, and a physician has created those protocols. Callers have the option to have an ambulance dispatched. Manatee County is not the first county to use telehealth in conjunction with 911.

Ms. DePol and Mr. Cordes clarified hospitals are still required to treat patients in an emergent situation.



Mr. Cordes noted they work with Community and Veteran Services, and their staff is aware of the programs.



Discussion ensued that if there is a need for emergency care, the hospital must admit the patient, if a Manatee County indigent client is transferred to another county, Manatee County would still be billed, and Baycare will not be open until 2027.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Rahn adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Minutes Approved: June 6, 2024