



FORT MYERS INTEGRATED DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE LISTENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the CITY PIER BUILDING

On behalf of the City of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency, and the University of South Florida School of Architecture and Community Design, thank you for participating in this initial listening session and discussion to help define a future growth strategy for the Downtown, Gardner's Park, and Midtown areas. This effort will build upon previous planning initiatives and incorporate a number of subsequent public workshops and presentations throughout the duration of this project.

As the Fort Myers Integrated Downtown Redevelopment Strategy is just getting underway, this session is intended to allow initial community input on a series of topics that the Project Team will address over the next several months. The purpose of this advisory committee meeting is to truly hear from local residents and stakeholders about what you feel should be prioritized as the City evaluates and considers revisions to development regulations, identifies future economic development initiatives and explores growth scenarios in the subject Downtown CRA districts.

To make this a productive session, you will be asked about several topics noted below. In order to effectively gather the most feedback, each item will have a 15-minute time limit for comments. To hear from as many people as possible, please provide short verbal comments on the topic being discussed at that time. All comments will be documented and considered relative to the project work plan. We encourage you to use the provided comment sheet as well. Everyone's input will be considered even if time does not permit each person to speak at this first meeting.

- 1) Are you aware of any zoning or regulatory issues that would impede your vision for a Downtown Redevelopment Strategy?
- 2) As vacant or underutilized areas/structures are considered, what historic character or other features are important to you?
- 3) What role can Midtown play as an expansion of the downtown area and a transition between the Cleveland Avenue corridor and Dunbar community?
- 4) What do you feel is the optimal building height, commercial intensity, and types of buildings for Downtown, Gardner's Park, and Midtown, keeping in mind future growth needs and financial considerations?
- 5) What possible adverse impacts of new development are of concern to you, and are there rules or processes the City could put in place to minimize them?
- 6) What good urban design features are you interested in promoting or expanding (ecofriendly, multi-functional, bicycle/pedestrian friendly roadways, parks, public art, etc.)?
- 7) How do you want to see the redevelopment of these areas that will represent our history and uniqueness, while contributing to the way the public uses these areas, the "feel" of the area, and how people come together?