



Agenda Item Summary

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Legacy (former Ability Housing Site) Community Engagement

Presenter:

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Description:

Meetings held with East Gainesville Alliance and community residents.

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation of the recommendation from the community about the development on the Legacy Site and provide direction about seeking proposals for single housing development using Infrastructure Surtax funding for workforce housing.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

Fund 142 - \$6 million for a combination of infrastructure and subsidy costs

Strategic Guide:

Housing

Background:

On August 22, 2023 BoCC directed staff to coordinate with the City of Gainesville/Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) staff to have at least two community engagement meetings to develop some preliminary ideas for potential uses of the site. After which staff would then bring back a summary of those ideas for this Board to consider and discuss. The motion carried 5-0.

Community Support Services in collaboration with the Office of Communications, Commission Office, Growth Management, Environmental Protection Department, and the Office of Sustainability, Equity, Economic, and Strategic Development (SEEDS) hosted two community engagements meetings in East Gainesville to receive feedback from the community on possible development projects at the Legacy Site. Each department provided a level of service in community planning, marketing and communications, land use education, equity and inclusion, and environmental review for the site.

CSS held two community meetings with residents who live in the East Gainesville area. There were over 800 neighbors invited to the meetings; 95 were in attendance across the two meetings. In the

end, the community voted in favor of single home development at the former Ability Housing site.