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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Jarboe, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Community Issues identified in the public workshop

Below is the list of issues identified at the May 20, 2008 public workshop and June 16, 2008 city council meeting that will be included in the Evaluation Appraisal Report (EAR). According to the Department of Community Affairs, community issues are topics that are identified and agreed upon that are most important to the community. The issues are evaluated to determine if amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are needed to give policy direction.

- Parking in town center
- Flow of pedestrian and bike traffic and motorized traffic east of Third and across Third Street (AIA), Penman Road, around schools and throughout the city
- Maintain existing densities and residential character of Neptune Beach
- Redevelopment of commercial along Atlantic Blvd and Third Street (AIA).
- Encouragement of mixed-use development along Atlantic Blvd and Third Street (AIA)
- Enhance and promote pedestrian safety along Atlantic Blvd, Third Street (AIA), Penman Road and throughout the city
- Water conservation and water reuse
- Strengthen policies and goals regarding the Intercoastal Waterway & conservation lands in the Comp Plan

The following items were mentioned during the public workshop however they are not part of the EAR process and should be addressed, if appropriate, through other means (land development regulations, non-profit organizations, public safety measures, etc.):

- Review the Interlocal Agreements for ways to save money and/or combine services
- Provide additional parks/greenspace and recreation opportunities
- Use of native plant materials (xeriscape)
- Noise problems east of Third Street

- Use of volunteers around the city to help off-set the cost park maintenance, regular building maintenance, trash pick-up, building, etc.
- General Crime prevention, community safety, traffic enforcement of stop signs along First Street and conflicts between cars and pedestrians/bikers along First Street
- Use of overlay zoning districts along commercial corridors
- Contact cities with similar size in Florida and compare budgets to investigate cost savings

The Planning Development Review Board (PRDB) acting in their capacity as the Local Planning Agency considered and discussed the EAR process and heard input from citizens. The PDRB recommended that the City Council accept the following as the City's community's issues. Additional issues can be added based upon further public input, if appropriate.

Once the community issues have been finalized with Council they will be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs to be added in the scope of work with the EAR.