

STAFF REPORT

Community Partnerships Element

Ordinance No: 2020-19

Applicant: Village of Wellington

Request: Repeal the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and replace with the Community Partnerships Element, as a part of the overall update to the Wellington Comprehensive Plan.

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Boards, Committees, and Council:

	Date	Vote
Other	-----	-----
EPC	-----	-----
PZAB	11/17/2020	5-0
Council (1 st)	1/26/2021	TBD
Council (2 nd)	TBD	TBD

Wellington Vision

A Great Hometown: Great Neighborhoods, Great Schools, and Great Parks.

Wellington Mission

To provide high-quality services that create economic, environmental, and social sustainability for residents.

Wellington Goals

- Economic Development
- Neighborhood Renaissance
- Protecting Our Investment
- Respecting the Environment
- Responsive Government

Background

The State of Florida requires municipalities to review and update, where appropriate, their Comprehensive Plan at least every seven years to reflect changes in Growth Management Laws, changing conditions within the community, updates to policies that may no longer be accurate or effective, as well as based on where the community thinks the Plan is working or not working. Wellington has been updating its Plan in this manner regularly since its initial adoption in 1999, but has not performed a complete update of the Plan; that is, until now.

Each element within the Wellington Comprehensive Plan ("Plan") is being updated, creating a document that is simple yet direct and easy to use with clear separation between this document and Wellington's Land Development Regulations. The Plan forms the blueprint for Wellington's future with a focus on the next 10 to 20 years, comprised of 10 "elements" or chapters.

1. Land Use & Community Design
2. Mobility
3. Housing & Neighborhoods
4. Public Facilities
5. Conservation, Sustainability, & Resiliency
6. Parks & Recreation
7. Community Partnerships
8. Capital Improvements
9. Education
10. Equestrian

The Plan is designed to guide development and redevelopment, multimodal transportation, public facilities and infrastructure, community partnerships, parks and recreation, and capital improvements. The Plan includes several optional elements, such as the Equestrian and Education Elements, focused on community priorities generally unique to Wellington. Each element is comprised of goals, objectives, and policies to address statutory requirements as well as community priorities.

The update of the Plan will be presented to the Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board over the course of several months with one or more elements on each Board agenda. The Council will then consider each element in a similar fashion prior to being transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Once the Plan (all elements) have been approved at first reading by Council, transmitted to DEO, and ready for adoption, the full Plan will be presented to Council for adoption.

Element Update Summary

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element is being renamed the Community Partnerships Element. The element provides a framework for partnering with not only public and governmental agencies, but also businesses, non-profit and community organizations to leverage all available resources to meet the needs of Wellington. The element is comprised of two goals - Public Partnerships; and Community Partnerships.

The first goal focuses on effective coordination with local, regional, state, and federal agencies to implement the Comprehensive Plan. The second goal is oriented around non-profit agencies, businesses, and community organizations to expand or enhance programs or services.

The element addresses several on-going requirements, including:

- Joint planning areas/agreements
- Local plan coordination and monitoring, along with dispute resolution
- Development and infrastructure coordination, including water supply

The element introduces new goals, objectives, and policies for community partnerships, including:

- Housing assistance
- Education, culture, and recreation
- Social and youth services
- Neighborhood outreach and support

Statutory Compliance

Chapter 163.3177, Florida Statutes, requires an “intergovernmental coordination element” with principles and guidelines to coordinate with the school board, water supply authorities, and other units of government. Wellington’s current Comprehensive Plan refers to this element as the “Intergovernmental Coordination Element” and is proposed to be renamed the “Community Partnerships Element”. Exhibit C of the staff report demonstrates the statutory compliance of the proposed element.

Planning and Zoning Division Recommendation

The Planning and Zoning Division recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2020-19 to repeal the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and replace with the Community Partnerships Element.

Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board (PZAB)

The PZAB recommended approval with a vote of 5-0 at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

List of Exhibits

- Exhibit A: Current Intergovernmental Coordination Element
- Exhibit B: Proposed Community Partnerships Element
- Exhibit C: Statutory Compliance Checklist