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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

**FROM:** Peter D. Lear, CPA, CGMA, City Manager

**TITLE:** North Port Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, Implementation Strategy Follow-Up

### **Recommended Action**

Provide staff direction on specific strategies outline in the Revitalization Plan Update.

### **Background Information**

The City of North Port is composed of more than 70 neighborhoods. It is the goal of North Port's Neighborhood Development Services and other city departments to develop strategies for better serving these communities.

On March 28, 2017, the City of North Port received a technical assistance grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to create a neighborhood revitalization plan. Identified for study were five neighborhoods in 'Old North Port', areas from the original plat of the City that are considered low to moderate income neighborhoods in need of revitalization. The five neighborhoods were Biscayne Gardens, Fabian, Hyde Park, Spearman, and Highland Ridge. The retained consultant conducted preliminary research and analysis of the neighborhoods and created The North Port Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (the Plan). The Plan identified issues within the neighborhoods and suggested strategies for neighborhood improvements with potential funding resources for discussion.

In June of 2017 a final report concerning the revitalization of the five (5) neighborhoods in Old North Port was completed. Within this report were strategies both for North Port's departments and for the neighborhoods themselves. After the report's completion, the various Departments and Divisions were given copies of the report and handouts with summaries of numerous key points. The heads of those departments were instructed to take this information under advisement, incorporate suggested actions into their budgeting process, and to give feedback on the information to Planning and Zoning.

In April of 2019, discussion continued regarding the ongoing neighborhood revitalization project during a City Commission Workshop.

*There was a unanimous consensus to direct Staff to research the logistics of implementing a clean-up day for neighborhoods, promoting the use of dumpsters.*

*There was a unanimous consensus to direct staff to determine the status of each strategy and then the Commission will determine what to move up or down in the Timetable. There was a unanimous consensus to move the Neighborhood Signs and the Nice Guys program to "current and on-going" projects.*

*There was a consensus by majority to keep the Rental Home Identification Program on the Strategy Timetable with a time frame of 5+ years.*

In January of 2020 a survey was completed by each city department per the direction of the Commission in April of 2019. Any departments with ongoing projects were asked to clarify the progress completed to better understand the action taken since the start of the initiative and to outline any work that still needs to be completed (survey results attached). In addition to the current and ongoing projects for the neighborhoods, there are several future projects planned by various city departments. The status of current and ongoing projects is outlined in the attached North Port Neighborhood

Revitalization Plan Update.

In April of 2020 North Port's Public Works Department provided a variety of neighborhood branding signs to the Planning Division, which are attached to this agenda item. Neighborhood sign branding examples range from street sign toppers to post and monument signs. Public Works will be seeking the Commission's direction on this initiative, especially as it relates to subdivisions that have multiple entry points.

**Strategic Plan**

Neighborhood Enhancement: Support the beautification and revitalization of our neighborhoods.

**Financial Impact**

Varies based on directed scope. There is a total of \$22,000 budgeted for the signs in two accounts 001-0605-515.31-05 and 001-0605-515.34-00.

**Procurement**

N/A

Attachments:

1. North Port Revitalization Plan Update Report 1/22/2020
2. Neighborhood Sign Examples

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