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PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ORANGE AVENUE DISTRICT

WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire-rescue, police and parks & recreation agencies (March 13, 2019) — The City of Winter Park Planning & Community Development Department is holding two public meetings to discuss the potential redevelopment and revitalization of the Orange Avenue District that runs from Fairbanks Avenue to just west of U.S. Highway 17-92. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the following meetings:

Meeting #1 - Public Input

Thursday, March 28, 2019 | 5:30 to 7 p.m. Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Ave.

Meeting #2 - Stakeholder Input*

Thursday, April 4, 2019 | 5:30 to 7 p.m. Winter Park Welcome Center located at 151 W. Lyman Ave.

*Targeted to business & property owners, however, the public is welcome to attend.

Orange Avenue is one of the city's main corridors that serves as a gateway to our community. The *2016 Vision Winter Park* process and the Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2017, both addressed the need to evaluate all city corridors, including Orange Avenue. Based on past discussions, the City Commission asked city staff to look at creating opportunities that could make Orange Avenue more pedestrian-friendly and the possibility of blending different uses in this corridor.

Currently, Orange Avenue is primarily commercial and office space, and the city is seeking public input to explore if Orange Avenue can be enhanced with a blend of retail, residential, commercial and/or office use, commonly termed mixed-use. Areas in the city that have successfully implemented mixed-use are Park Avenue, Winter Park Village and Hannibal Square.

Public input is extremely important and the Planning & Community Development Department is encouraging public participation with one or more of the following opportunities:

- 1. attending the public meeting(s) listed above
- 2. emailing feedback to OrangeAve@cityofwinterpark.org
- 3. scheduling individual meetings with the city's Planning & Community Development Director Bronce Stephenson
 - Meeting requests can be made by contacting <u>OrangeAve@cityofwinterpark.org</u> or 407-599-3324

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