MOUNT DORA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP
July 19, 2011 -- 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Board Room, 510 N. Baker Street

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:
ROLL CALL:

DISCUSSION

1. Downtown Streetscape Walking Tour

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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DATE:      July 19, 2011
TO:        Mayor & City Council
FROM:      Gus Gianikas, Planning & Development
VIA:       Michael Quinn, City Manager
RE:        Downtown Streetscape Walking Tour

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to provide direction to the design team on the design elements of the streetscape conceptual plans. The major design issues are listed below.

**Overall Design Theme** – Based on direction provided by City Council at the last meeting, the design theme has changed from less landscaping/turf areas that need maintenance and more pavers and walkable surfaces to keeping landscaping/turf areas. The effect of this approach will be explained during the walk.

**Trees** - Consensus is needed on whether or not we leave the existing large oaks that are either unhealthy or unsafe, or do we take them down and replace with another tree? Also, we need direction on whether or not we want to install more canopy type trees and if so, where we want to put them due to existing constraints either above or below grade.

**Bulb-outs/Landscape Islands** - Are the additional green spaces acceptable? What are the thoughts on adding bulb-outs / landscape islands?

**Crosswalks** – Paver crosswalks are proposed.

**Third and Alexander Intersection** – A redesign of the intersection is proposed to allow for more pedestrian space.

**References/Support:** Attached are streetscape conceptual plans overlayed on high resolution aerials. The design team has prepared these plans based on the direction provided by City Council at the last meeting. Please bring these with you to have on the walk.

There are nine sheets included. The sheets have both existing and proposed conditions. The existing green space is outlined in yellow and the proposed is outlined in black.
**Background/Information:** The purpose of the walk is for the design team to be able to more clearly explain how the existing conditions impact the design alternatives. Being in the field allows everyone area to analyze the actual conditions and better visualize proposed improvements. The project area has some physical constraints that significantly impact the design options, such as:

- lack of right of way width;
- the policy to keep existing trees as much as possible;
- building locations and overhead encroachments such as canopies and awnings;
- ADA requirements; and,
- stormwater drainage needs.

**Donnelly Street between Fifth and Fourth Avenues**

We have been notified that the portion of the streetscape project on Donnelly Street between Fifth and Fourth Avenues is the top ranked project on the MPO Enhancement Grant list. The grant is for $273,000, which would fund the entire project. Therefore, we will be discussing more detailed construction drawing issues on this block. Construction can be done in summer of 2012.

The work elements of this block of the Donnelly Street project include the following.

1. Remove and replace sidewalk and curb – the sidewalk surface is severely worn and cracked and does not always match up with door threshold and curb heights. The curb is uneven and almost nonexistent in some locations.

2. Remove Planter Boxes – This will allow more space for better pedestrian movement.

3. Install in-ground electrical service boxes for events – Each time there is an event temporary electrical service has to be installed, which is an extra cost to events.

4. Lighting – better spacing of antique street lamps.

5. Trees – Keep existing palm trees and improve spacing, use a different tree, or no trees.

6. Handicap Ramp – install ADA compliant ramps at corners. Bulb-outs may be required to meet slope requirements.

7. Milling and resurfacing pavement – This is required in order to create proper curb heights for drainage.

**Fourth Avenue**

Due to the pedestrian walkway proposed for Fourth Avenue in the current draft of Visioning Plan, we want to postpone discussion on the streetscape design for Fourth Avenue until the Visioning Plan is finalized and adopted.

**Attachments:** Plan view drawings (9).