



AS WE SEE IT

Citizen Participation in the City's Review of the Comprehensive Plan

We citizens of these United States of America have become increasingly indifferent about those documents that govern us and ensure the freedom we so cherish. The U.S Constitution signed 232 years ago this coming September is often ignored in the flurry of conducting the nation's business. Seldom do either legislators or private citizens acknowledge a transgression thereby running the real risk of losing those very guarantees. It is a document apathy that also seeps into state and local governments.

It is a mistake that the Coalition does not want our community to make in respect to one of our critical local documents, the Comprehensive Plan. As the name suggests the sections or elements in this one compendium covers a wide range of all the aspects of municipal life in New Smyrna Beach. Periodically the State of Florida requires a review of a city's plan. Our city's Comprehensive Plan review began a few months ago to, you guessed it, no fanfare at all.

Since the language in our city's Comprehensive Plan determines how our codes, land development regulations, and city maps are compiled, a Comprehensive Plan review is really a big deal; something for which to beat the drums and blow the horns.

Although the Coalition does not intend to become lyrical in respect to Comprehensive Plan review, we are becoming actively involved. Since we have upgraded our website and no longer have capacity restraints, we will be keeping you updated as to the specifics of how the Elements in the plan are being changed or perhaps just retained.

Watch, too, for requests for your input both for changes you think are needed and for support for changes we recommend if you agree with a position for which we are advocating. Access our city's Comprehensive Plan on the City's website, read it, and send us your thoughts.

[New Smyrna Beach Comprehensive Plan \(Posted 2014\)](#)

[Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan](#)

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