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Osprey residents invited to plan development of waterfront property

Osprey residents will soon have the opportunity to participate in a community charrette, a multi-day workshop used by town planners to engage interested stakeholders and others in the design and planning for the development or redevelopment of a site. The event usually takes place over several days on or near the site for convenience.

Facilitated by the Miami-based planning firm of Dover, Kohl & Partners, the Osprey charrette will explore urban design and potential land uses for the 14-acre waterfront property currently under the control of Dr. Anil Patel and the Osprey Village Development Company. The charrette will take place from Aug. 21-26 at 1264 S. Tamiami Trail (in the South Bay Shopping Center), Osprey.

The schedule for the week includes:

- Kick-off presentation. 6:30-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21
- Community hands-on design session, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 22
- Design studio open house, 1-5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24
- Work-in-progress presentation, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26

The opening session will set the stage for the week as participants receive instruction regarding smart growth versus conventional planning, followed by information about the charrette process. During the hands-on design session, Osprey residents will work with members of the design team and other planning professionals about their visions for the property. At the open house, the design team will open the studio for viewing and take comments on the designs for further enhancements before the wrap-up session, at which the design team will present the work in progress.

“We are excited to be working with the residents of Osprey to capture their vision for this site and how it fits in with the development of their area,” said Justin Falango, project director with Dover Kohl. “This charrette is the best means for them to work directly with planning and other professionals to share their ideas for the future of this key property.”

The Osprey charrette is a public event conducted by Dover Kohl focusing on several privately owned parcels using Sarasota County’s planned mixed-use infill (PMI) zoning district regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. The recently adopted PMI process calls for the creation of a development plan to be implemented with a form-based code that is

created in draft form during the charrette process. The Osprey charrette will mark the first use of the county's PMI rules.

For more information about charrettes visit Planning Services at www.scgov.net and click the link for form-based codes.

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