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Fruitville initiative kicks off with charrette

Property owners and others interested in the Fruitville Initiative will have the opportunity to participate in a community charrette, a multi-day workshop used by planners to engage interested stakeholders 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 Pasadena-based firm of Moule & Polyzoides, Architects and Urbanists, the Fruitville charrette will explore urban design and potential build-out plans for the 325-acre property north and south of Fruitville Road west of Interstate 75. The charrette will take place from April 12-16 in the large training room at Sarasota County's BOB Building, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota.

The schedule for the week includes:

- Design studio open house, 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, April 13
- Interactive presentation on evolving plan for Fruitville area, 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, April 14
- Interactive presentation on evolving plan for Fruitville area, 4-6 p.m., Thursday, April 15
- Wrap-up presentation, 4:30-6 p.m., Friday, April 16

Educational lecture-type sessions will also be offered Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Topics will include form-based codes, transportation design, economic and fiscal policy, landscape and environmental design, and urbanism and architecture.

The Fruitville charrette is a public event consistent with the charrette process in Sarasota County's planned mixed-use infill (PMI) zoning district regulations in the zoning regulations. 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.

For more information about this charrette, visit Planning Services at www.scgov.net and "Search" for Fruitville Charrette.

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