

Newtown Redevelopment Plan Goals

Administration

1. Establish the administrative and financial mechanisms necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Newtown Comprehensive Redevelopment Plan.
2. Emphasize administrative policy to eliminate slum and blight conditions which constitute an economic and social liability in the redevelopment area.
3. Prevent the future occurrence of slum and blight.
4. Encourage the acquisition, demolition and reuse of those properties which, by virtue of their location, condition, or value no longer function at their highest potential economic use and are currently depressing the value and viability of the surrounding uses.

Economic Development

1. Maintain the unique and positive character of the community while promoting economic vitality.
2. Market the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way corridor as a local destination location for arts and entertainment as well as a neighborhood/community center.

Housing

1. Encourage private home ownership and develop and market housing opportunities within the redevelopment area.
2. Re-establish old neighborhoods through redevelopment and revitalization of the housing stock. Establish a safe, functional and aesthetically pleasing community environment.
3. Redevelop housing authority properties to integrate them with the surrounding neighborhoods.

Land Use

1. Establish a land use pattern that reflects the redevelopment area as a community of diversified interests and activities while promoting compatibility and harmonious land-use relationship.
2. Encourage innovation in land planning and site development techniques.

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Transportation

1. Create a safe, effective traffic circulation system, one which provides sufficient access by all modes of transportation between activity centers within the redevelopment area and the balance of the community.

Community Health, Safety & Welfare

1. Continue to provide for the public, health, safety and general welfare of the community, by working with the Sarasota Police Department and other community organizations to implement neighborhood-based police and safety programs and incorporate accredited, safe-neighborhood design techniques for all public places and for proposed public/private co-venture redevelopment projects.

Infrastructure

1. Provide necessary utilities at acceptable levels of service to accommodate existing needs and new demands as proposed development and redevelopment occur.

Urban Design/Parks

1. Establish parks, recreation, open space and beautification efforts to create an identifiable character for the redevelopment area, one which will reflect a pleasant, appealing atmosphere for working, shopping, touring and residing in the district.
2. Preserve and maintain historically and architecturally significant structures.