STUART OCEAN RPUD.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT

Objective A5. - Residential development.

Ensure land use compatibility by grouping complementary land use activities, including mixed-use land use developments in appropriate areas of the City. Work with the developers to integrate vehicular and pedestrian circulation systems, bike paths, parking, building location, and architectural design into a cohesive development.

Policy A5.1. The Future Land Use Element of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan shall provide land for future residential use to promote a more compact development pattern. This shall include sufficient land suitable for the public utility facilities needed to support the projected level and pattern of development.

The proposed project is compact in form by being clustered in order to project and provide upland and preservation areas, while providing a low-density development of approximately 7.25 dwelling units per acre.

Policy A5.2. Development on all vacant, un-platted areas designated as residential should be compatible with any surrounding existing homes.

In order to consider the compatibility of a proposal we need to assess whether the existing residential development adjacent to the proposed development are able to exist together without problems or conflict. The proposed development proposes an entirely residential development. The proposed buffers and preserve areas within the site, provide sufficient distance and visual shielding to project the surrounding existing residential development. The 2-storey height of the proposed development is adequately shielded from view. In respect of traffic impacts and safety the applicants' traffic study address volume and safety impacts in that respect. Overall, this proposal is considered to be compatible with the adjacent uses.

Policy A5.3. Wherever possible, medium density residential and recreation/open space areas should serve as buffers between higher and lower intensity residential uses to achieve an orderly land use transition.

The proposed project is of lower density (7.25 du/ac) than adjacent residential uses of the Kingswood condominiums (15 du/ac). The existing and proposed open space and preserve areas provide substantial area to provide transition zones between the existing higher density and the lower density proposal.

Policy A5.5. The City shall market itself as a community for families.

The development forms part of an inventory that widens housing options for existing and new residents of the City.

Policy A5.6. The City shall maintain a height limitation of the greater of 45 feet or four stories of occupiable space for all buildings. The City shall require landscaping of all new development and redevelopment to promote an aesthetic streetscape. The City shall require landscape buffers between single family residential and non-residential uses.

The proposal complies with the height limitation and incorporates substantial landscaping fronting the streetscape. The proposed development incorporates landscape buffers to the adjacent multi-family residential uses.

GOAL STATEMENT B

Minimize costs to current residents of growth, new development, and redevelopment, and encourage future land uses that maintain or enhance economical and efficient delivery of government utilities and services.

Objective B1. - Compact urban form. Discourage urban sprawl by facilitating urban redevelopment and infill development of properties and planning for urban infill and redevelopment of lands located within Stuart in order to achieve a compact urban form.

The proposal is considered to be a good example of a compact urban form of residential infill as this particular site is primarily surrounded by established 2-storey residential condominium development and the property has remained vacant for a number of years.

Objective B3. - Desirable pattern of land uses.

Promote and enhance a pattern of land uses that are compatible; that are convenient to City residents, businesses, and visitors; that avoid inappropriate or wasteful use of land; and that encourage efficient use of land, resources and facilities. Future land uses shall be designated to support the existing or planned community character, thereby prohibiting the development or expansion of uses which are inconsistent with the community's character. Reduce blighted areas through redevelopment. Land development and use regulations shall include provisions to ensure consistency with this Comprehensive Plan.

The proposal is considered to be a good use of vacant and underutilized land within the community characteristics of the City.

Policy B3.2. All development shall be compatible with and complementary to surrounding land uses and shall not unduly affect existing approved activities

The proposed development, by reason of proposed use, density and buffers is considered to be compatible with and complementary to surrounding activities.

Policy B1.4. Annexation and redevelopment strategies for infill development and redevelopment should be formulated to produce a future viable economy for the City.

The proposed development site is an infill development which adds to the local economy through the increased demand for commercial, entertainment and retail services/products by new residential occupiers. The housing units will increase the spectrum and variety of residential accommodation in the City, therefore adding to a balanced housing supply.