



Ozona Community Initiative:

Partnerships and Coordination

- ✚ *Maintain communication, partnerships and mutual support between residents and commercial interests*
- ✚ *Work cooperatively with the Pinellas County Planning Department on the implementation of Ozona Community Initiative Strategies*
- ✚ *Maintain partnerships with the community schools and other community-based groups*
- ✚ *Continue to nurture a network of inter-generational relationships between Ozona businesses and residents, past and present*
- ✚ *Continue to provide a means of keeping the community informed through The Ozona News, bulletin boards and community meetings*
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Ozona Community Initiative: Protecting Historic Resources

- ✚ Pursue an historic overlay for the purpose of facilitating the preservation of properties as identified in the 1991 and 1993 Pinellas County Inventory of Historic Structures*
- ✚ Seek tax exemptions or value-locking property tax assessments for the identified historic properties*
- ✚ Initiate improvements to the historic bridges on Shore Drive and Orange Street to return them to their original historic design appearance*
- ✚ Insure that any roadway improvements made in the community are in keeping with their original historic design and character*
- ✚ Maintain the Ozona post office as an area of local focus*





Ozona Community Initiative:

Preserving Community Character

- + Pursue a community-wide overlay for the entire neighborhood that will be defined as the general area historically recognized as Ozona*
- + Support acquisitions on the waterfront that not only provide and preserve community access but also recognize our heritage as a fishing community*
- + Initiate gateway improvements on the Pinellas Trail for the Ozona community*
- + Actively pursue enhanced landscaping and the placement of way-finding signs along the Pinellas Trail in Ozona*
- + Develop community focus areas where kiosks and other display venues can communicate the heritage of Ozona*
- + Insure that any roadway improvements made in the community are in keeping with their original historic design and character*
- + Support the installation of character features in the commercial area – this could include a clock tower,, community bulletin board, brick pavement and other features*
- + Maintain the Ozona post office as an area of local focus*
- + Utilize and maintain the Ozona Village Hall as a community meeting place*
- + Promote a sense of connectedness through the continuation of social gatherings and community*

projects (i.e. OVIS meetings, Giving Tree, Ozona Clean-up, Ozona Preserve Volunteers and Ozona Days Street-side Festival)

 *Continue to ensure adherence to the golf cart community provisions*

 *Promote and support a sense of community in Ozona and support that approach for other communities as well*








Ozona Community Initiative: Land Use Planning and Regulations

- ✚ Pursue the refinement of development regulations application to the community to insure that further over-development of the land does not occur*
- ✚ Continue the community position on re-zonings and land-use plan amendments which is that such changes should not be made unless they provide an over-riding community-wide benefit*



Ozona Community Initiative: Environmental Protection

-  *Seek acquisitions to expand the Ozona Preserve to be a fully functional environmental system*
-  *Actively support the stewardship of the surrounding shoreline and coastal environment through community initiatives*
-  *Initiate a mature tree preservation program*
-  *Implement active removal of non-native pest plant species along the Pinellas Trail and from other community areas*
-  *Facilitate the replacement planting of mature canopy trees along the community streets and common areas*



Ozona Community Initiatives: Recreational Amenities

- + Explore ways to permit limited public access to the Ozona Preserve in order to allow appreciation of this amenity by the community*
- + Assist in the improvement of waterfront areas to allow public boating access*



Ozona Community Initiative: Sense of Place

- ✚ *Utilize and maintain the Ozona Village Hall as a community meeting place*
- ✚ *Promote a sense of connectedness through the continuation of social gatherings and community projects (i.e. OVIS meetings, Giving Tree, Ozona Clean-up, Ozona Preserve Volunteers and Ozona Days Street-side Festival)*
- ✚ *Maintain the diversity of homes including affordable rental housing*
- ✚ *Promote and support a sense of community in Ozona and support that approach for other communities as well*
- ✚ *Continue to nurture a network of intergenerational relationships between Ozona businesses and residents, past and present*



Ozona Community Initiative: Other strategies:

- ✚ *Explore solutions to the issue of escalating property taxes in relation to affordable housing, support measures which lock in tax value according to present use rather than potential use and also which extend “save our home” cap to rental properties*

THESE STRATEGIES WERE ADDED BY THOSE ATTENDING THE PUBLIC MEETING ON OCT. 3RD

- ✚ *Update FLUM (1970 specs are outdated)*
- ✚ *Limit building heights to comply with existing neighborhoods*
- ✚ *Prevent tree destruction*
- ✚ *Minimize size of lots for development*
- ✚ *Dredge canal*
- ✚ *Ratio of square footage of buildings to square footage of land*