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## **Department of Planning & Housing**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

Planning & Zoning Commission

**FROM:** Steve Osguthorpe, Planning & Housing Director

**DATE:** March 14, 2008

**SUBJECT:** March 18, 2008 Joint Work Session – City Council / Planning & Zoning Commission:

Discussion of New Planning Initiatives

The Planning & Zoning Commission's discussion of its 2008-2009 planning initiatives was first initiated in November 2007, at which time staff forwarded to the Commission (a) a list of the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended priorities for 07-08, (b) a list of the City Council's established priorities for 07-08, and (c) a report on the status of these projects. After considering this information, and after further discussion of issues and questions that arose during the year, the Planning & Zoning Commission established a new list of suggested planning initiates for 08-09.

The Planning & Zoning Commission's list was developed by suggestions of individual members, which were then prioritized by the entire Commission through a weighted scoring process. From that process, the Planning & Zoning Commission developed the attached list of New Planning Initiatives for FY 2008-2009. The list includes five broad initiatives that received relatively high scores out of the original eight proposed initiatives. Some of these are more specifically defined by lists of questions or issues that will help focus review of those items. The remaining three initiatives received little or no support from the full Commission and are therefore not included on the attached list.

The purpose of the March 18, 2008 Work Session is to facilitate joint discussion of the Commission's proposed initiatives, and to determine how these may compare with, influence, or dovetail into priorities that the Council may have identified. Accordingly, a list of the Council's recently developed priorities is attached, along with a listing and status report of last year's established priorities.

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