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FINAL REPORT

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC

PALM HARBOR

MASTER PLAN

Adopted by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners on December 18, 2001 Ordinance # 01-85

> Amended on April 24, 2012 Ordinance # 12-16 and February 10, 2015 Ordinance # 15-07



APPENDIXA

OLD PALM HARBOR VISION STATEMENT





VISION STATEMENT FOR OLD PALM HARBOR

Old Palm Harbor is located about halfway between Dunedin and Tarpon Springs. It extends eastward from Sutherland Bayou to encompass the general area originally known as Sutherland. Planned in the last 19th Century before the advent of the automobile, Old Palm Harbor retains important elements of its original town design and its history as a college town and rural center with strong ties to the citrus industry.

Although located in a highly urbanized county. Old Palm Harbor is known for its small town atmosphere and a strong sense of community. It is agreed that the community heritage and those characteristics that make Old Palm Harbor a special place are worthy of protection and the following COMMUNITY VISION is established for the future of Old Palm Harbor.

<u>COMMUNITY CHARACTER</u>: The small town atmosphere of Old Palm Hurbor shall be preserved and enhanced as an important distinguishing characteristic of the community.

Objective:

Changes in Old Palm Harbor shall be compatible with and support this small town atmosphere, which is characterized by such community features as the following:

- a safe walkable community with ample sidewalks
- streets safe for bicyclists
- a mix of commercial and residential uses
- a diverse housing stock of various styles, sizes and values
- low density development
- abundance of trees and tree-lied streets
- limited traffic at slow speeds through the neighborhood

The hills of Old Palm Harbor shall be emphasized as a unique feature in a portion of the state where flat landscape is more characteristic.

COMMUNITY HERITAGE: Old Palm Harbor contains important remnants of its history as one of the oldest communities in Pinellas County. These historic features include several residential and commercial structures, the original street layout and wide boulevards, access to Sutherland Bayou, a unique vista of the Gulf of Mexico from Florida Avenue, as well as numerous artifacts that have been saved over the years. These historic features will be preserved, enhanced and restored whenever possible because of their value in understanding the community's origins, and their contribution to the quality of life.



Objectives:

The use of historic features characteristic of Old Palm Harbor, such as porches, shall be encouraged to enhance the community's historic identity.

The Downtown Palm Harbor Historic District contains the community's historic commercial center and will be clearly identifiable, vibrant focal point for Old Palm Harbor, with people-oriented activities throughout the day and evening.

The close relationship between the community and the waterfront will be reestablished and emphasized. This will include improved visual and physical access.

SENSE OF COMMUNITY: Old Palm Harbor's sense of community has been fostered over the years by opportunities for neighbors to get to know one another and by the location of educational, religious, and social institutions in the community. To strength this sense of community. Old Palm Harbor will continue to provide places and opportunities for the neighborhood to come together and build relationships, and that help establish the community's identity.

Objectives:

Efforts will be supported to improve access to recreational facilities such as the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail, Pop Stansell Park, and the recreational fields west of Alternate US Highway 19.

The community's annual festivals will be supported. Festivals should highlight the unique character of the area.

Efforts to expand the variety of activities and programming for youth and children in the community will be encouraged.

Beneficial partnerships will be established with the elementary school, the University High School, the Senior Center and other community facilities to further integrate them into the life of the community.

Emphasize existing, or established new, community landmarks that identify the location of Old Palm Harbor and portray its unique community characteristics and heritage.



LOCAL BUSINESSES: The businesses in Old Palm Harbor offer a mixture of retail, service and professional offices. Vacant and underutilized land creates the opportunity for additional growth and expansion of the commercial sector in Old Palm Harbor which should serve both the local community as well as attracting visitors.

Objectives:

Development should be compatible with maintaining the overall bucolic and small town character of the area, in both appearance and function, while enhancing the local economy.

Commercial activity along the Alternate US Highway 19 corridor should be encouraged to reflect the positive attributes of the area.

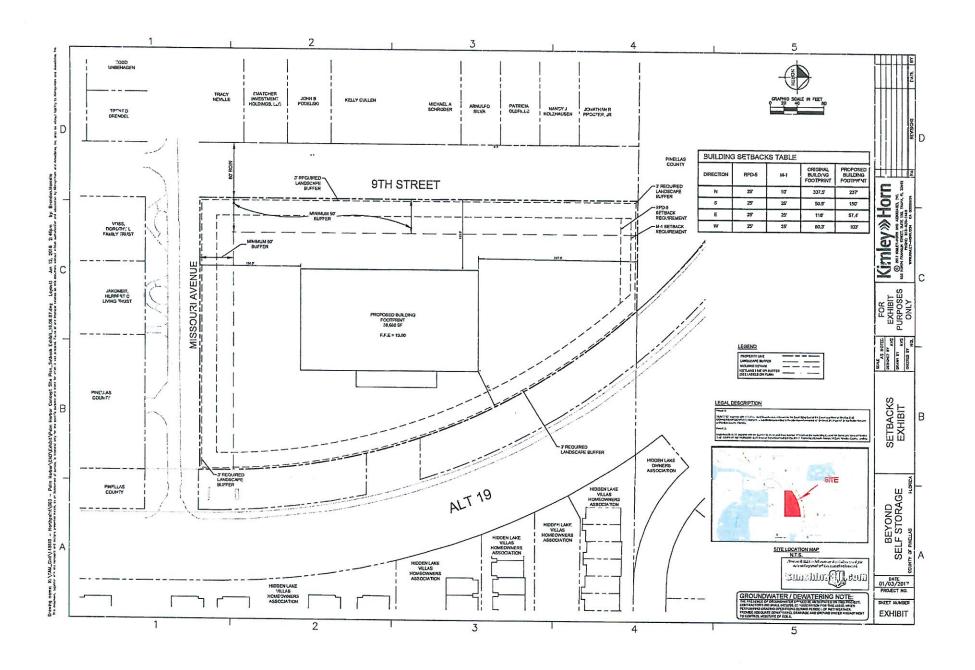
A mix of commercial activities will be achieved to assure the vitality of the area.

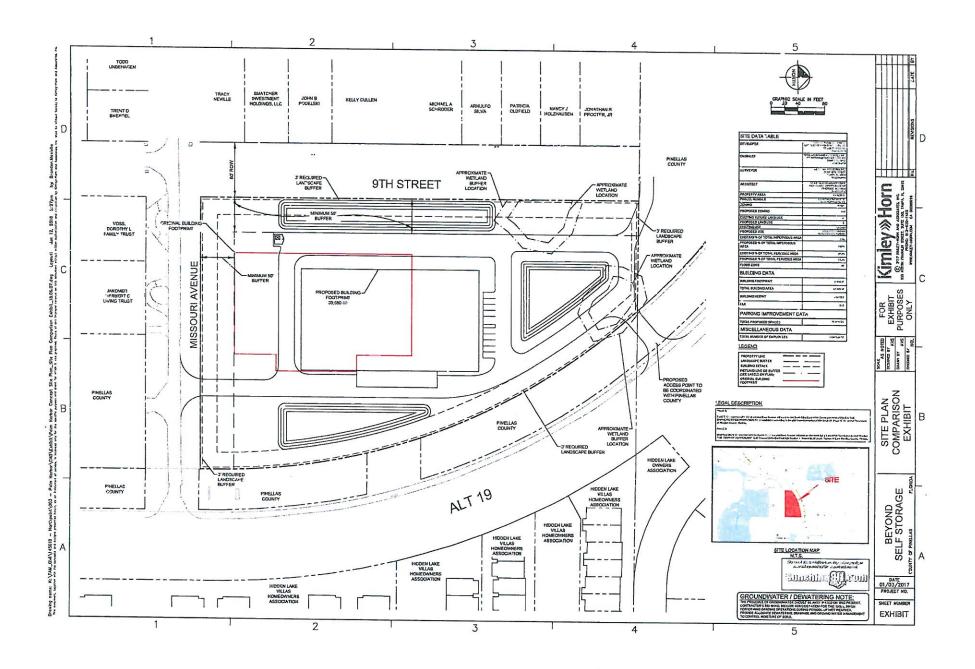
Old Palm Harbor and the Historic District will become a focal point for business activity that is readily and clearly recognized by the local community and visitors.

Businesses in Old Palm Harbor and the Historic District will be readily accessible to people using all modes of transportation.











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Aerial Map

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From: RPD-5, Residential Planned Development, 5 units per acre
To: M-1-CO, Light Manufacturing and Industry - Conditional Overlay
From: Residential Low

Land Use From: Residential Lo

Conditional Overlay limiting the use to a self-storage facility and offices, and providing a 50-foot buffer from the west property line.

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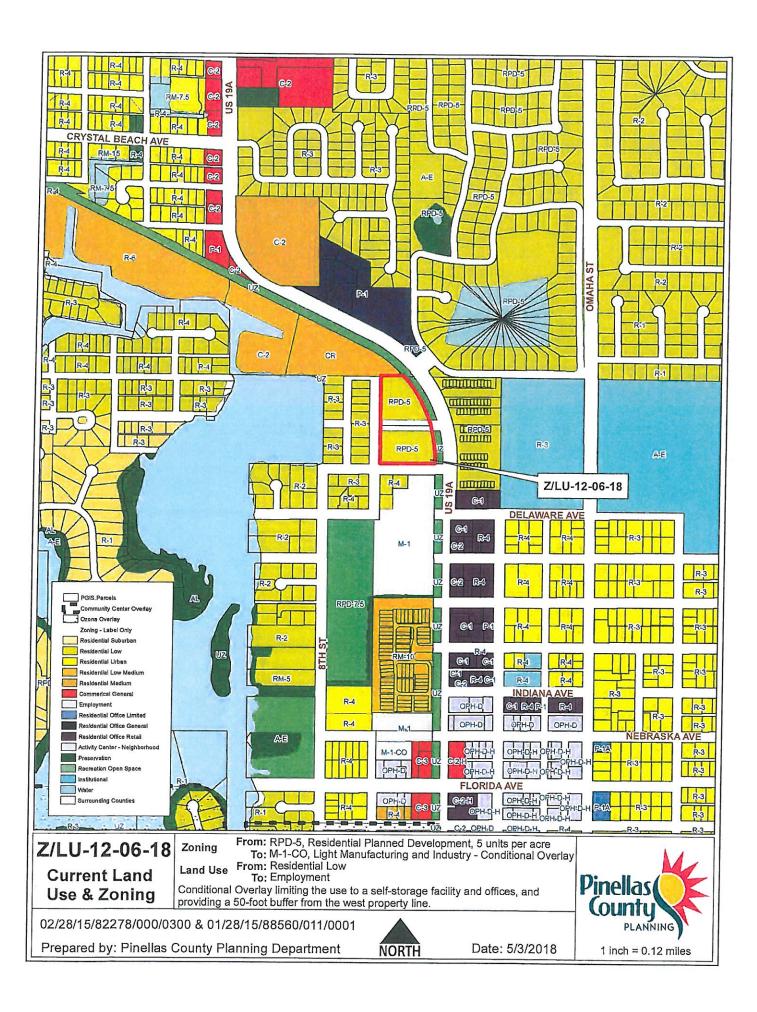
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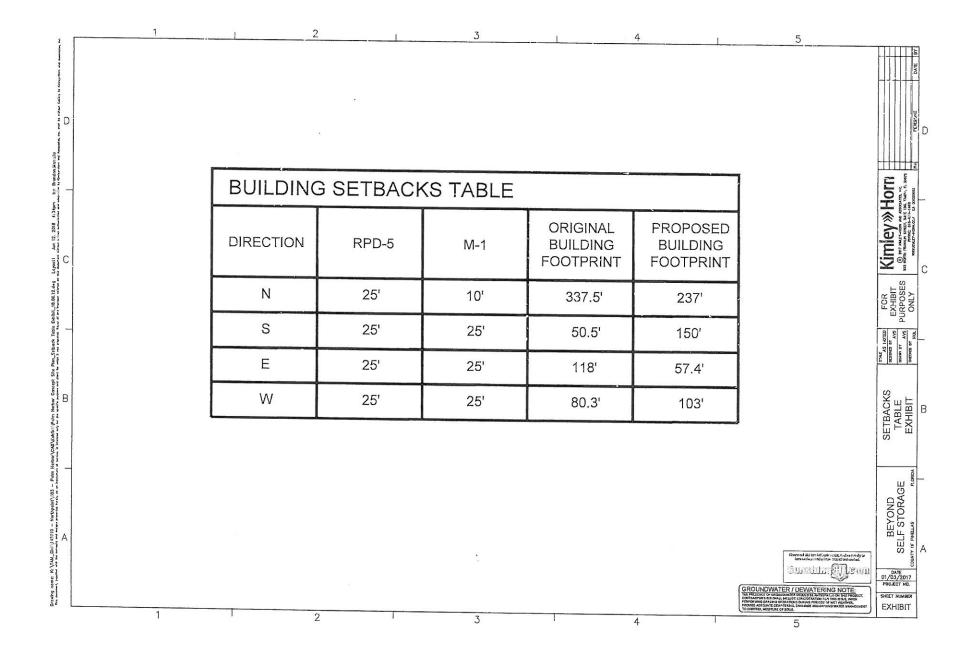


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