



**AGENDA
FERNANDINA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
WORKSHOP
JANUARY 4, 2022
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. DISCUSSION**
 - 3.1 **VISION 2045 STATEMENT** - *This item is placed on the agenda by the City Commission.*
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM
City of Fernandina Beach



SUBJECT: Vision 2045 Statement

ITEM TYPE: Discussion

REQUESTED ACTION:

SYNOPSIS: This item is placed on the agenda by the City Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION(S):

Caroline Best, City Clerk

Monica Benischeck, Administrative Services Manager

Dale Martin, City Manager



Date: December 22, 2021

Submitted By: Caroline Best, City Clerk

COMMISSION ACTION:



FERNANDINA BEACH

Draft Vision 2045 Plan

VISION STATEMENT

"Fernandina Beach is a historic waterfront island community where its environment and economy are in balance to support longstanding community values as reflected through sustainable and resilient development, embracing technological advances in public infrastructure, promoting transportation options, providing enhanced civic facilities for all ages and abilities, and cherishing its diversity and equality to further a healthy and well preserved City for future generations."



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comment period open from 12/8/21 – 1/5/22

Project Website www.fbfl.us/vision2045

MISSION STATEMENT

Fernandina Beach is committed to maintaining a diverse economy which contributes to its small-town quality of life while serving as an environmental steward to protect and highlight its rich array of natural, cultural, and historic resources through demonstrated commitment to public conservation land acquisition, resilient development practices, and sound investment in infrastructure assets which improve energy efficiency and resiliency. The community strives to achieve excellence in facility accessibility and site practices by incorporating universal design solutions to support its residents and tourists. To provide increased transportation options the City commits to reducing gaps in its sidewalk and bicycle network, partnering to fund multi-use trails, supporting well designed alternative fuel station locations on city properties, and securing a reliable transit system. The City embraces building design standards which reduce impacts on the natural environment and increase community-wide resiliency through creative design in balance with private property rights. Open and inclusive engagement among all City stakeholders is supported through expanded notice requirements, increased outreach events, and staff culture committed to community service.

THE 5 KEY THEMES



Theme

Goal

Environmental Sustainability & Resiliency

- Protect and increase the City's tree canopy
- Increase acreage of land dedicated to recreation and conservation
- Remove all septic tanks in the City
- Further improve protection of wetlands and coastal areas
- Increase the City's resiliency to climate change and sea-level rise

Preservation of Character

- Ensure preservation and upkeep of historic assets
- Preserve the existing building stock
- Ensure new buildings are in line with community character
- Reinforce community's social connections and small town charm

Livability

- Better balance tourism with the needs of residents
- Improve living conditions for seniors
- Expand affordable housing opportunities
- Maintain socio-economic diversity

Future Ready Infrastructure, Utilities, and Public Facilities

- Establish a resilient Smart Grid that is fully hardened against future storms, supplied by renewable energy sources, supports electric vehicles (EVs), and supported by expanded and modernized broadband infrastructure
- Ensure all City owned and/or operated public facilities will incorporate sustainable future proofing (SFP) design principles

Mobility & Transportation

- Complete sidewalk and bike networks
- Improve accessibility for senior and disabled citizens
- Establish transit options around the island
- Establish transit connections to off-island populations and jobs



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Principles for Waterfront Development

- 1. Flood protection for downtown**
- 2. Create riverwalk connecting City owned properties**
- 3. Establish a pedestrian and vehicular corridor with sidewalks, lighting, parking and landscaping along Front Street**
- 4. Minimize net loss of current parking west of the railroad tracks**
- 5. Reestablish the two-way vehicular - pedestrian railroad crossing at Alachua Street**
- 6. No residential development west of the railroad tracks**
- 7. Plant trees and provide shade structures to maximize year round use**
- 8. Maximize public spaces and minimize commercial development**
- 9. Building west of the railroad tracks should minimally obstruct river views and preserve view corridors**
- 10. Manage siltation at the Marina**

11. Underground the overhead utilities on Front Street

12. Establish a pedestrian crossing at Broome Street to connect the Broome Street parking lot with Front Street

Additional CRA Principles

- **Establish a pedestrian- vehicular corridor with parking, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping on Second Street from Center Street to Dade Street**
- **Construct a water main along Broome Street to 6th Street; Replace the 4 inch water main on Calhoun Street from Front to 3rd Street; Connect the 6 inch main on Ash Street to 8 inch main on Front Street**