

Information Sharing, Public Participation and Project Selection



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Thinking about Projects

- **What are the needs in your community?**
 - Water/Sewer
 - Road/Sidewalk Improvements
 - Park Improvements
 - Demolition
 - Community Services
 - Aesthetics (Placemaking)



Public Participation: Who is involved?

- **Making a better process...**
- **Who should be involved in the decision making process?**
 - Commissioners
 - county officials
 - architects
 - landscape architects engineers, city planners, and- of course- the public (including kids)!

Information Sharing

- **What kind of ways can you get information to the public?**
 - Newspaper announcement
 - Internet postings (website, social media)
 - Radio announcement
 - Media interviews
 - Newsletter/Flyers
 - Exhibit and displays in public places

Fun Acronyms to Know

- NIMBY = Not In My Back Yard
- NOTE = Not Over There Either
- NIABY = Not In Anyone's Back Yard
- NOPE = Not On Planet Earth
- CAVE = Citizens Against Virtually Everything
- BANANA = Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anything

Public Participation: Why?

- **Why should we have public participation?**
 - Improved decisions
 - Minimize cost and delays
 - Consensus building
 - Increased implementation
 - Maintain credibility and legitimacy
 - Anticipate public concerns and attitudes

Public Participation

- **How can you solicit information from the public?**
 - Council meetings
 - Crowdsourcing
 - Surveys
 - Open House
 - Design Charrette
 - Hotline with a message about the meeting
 - City Walk

Thinking about Projects

- **What parts of the process must you keep in mind?**
 - Meeting times
 - Geographic boundaries
 - Accessibility
 - Community knowledge level
 - Hostility or apathy
 - Outside interests

National Objectives

- Benefit to LMI
 - Area-wide
 - Limited Clientele
 - Direct Benefit
- Elimination of Slum & Blight
 - Area (buildings and/or infrastructure)
 - Spot (buildings only)

Questions?

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