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City Commission Selects Downtown Design Alternative

Eustis, FL - A series of three community workshops were hosted over the summer to discuss the proposed Magnolia Avenue and Eustis Two-Way Streetscape/Infrastructure Project. A fourth workshop was hosted by Eustis Main Street, Inc. and the Downtown Eustis Merchants & Professional Association. All workshops were well attended and significant community input was received.

According to the City's Downtown Master Plan "the current one-way road configuration limits the activity and retail potential of Main Street". The proposed alternative calls for a proposed section of parallel parking on both sides and 14' pedestrian sidewalks. The existing sidewalk width ranges from 5.5' and 8'. The proposed alternative will allow for two-way traffic and improved circulation.

A proposed alternate to the plan calls for angled parking on the east side of Eustis Street and the north side of Magnolia Avenue, assuming a sidewalk easement can be acquired from Lake Eustis Properties. The Eustis City Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the proposed plan.

City Manager Paul Berg said, "This is an integral part of the redevelopment of Downtown Eustis and a very exciting time for the City".

The next step in the process is to finalize a contract for final design with Glatting Jackson & GAI Consultants. The city has approximately 50% of the estimated project cost in this year's budget and is in the process of applying for grants to fill the funding gap.



Magnolia Street (looking west) – existing diagonal parking



Magnolia Street (looking west) – proposed parallel parking model

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