Walton County Planning and Development Services

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Date: February 27, 2023
Subject: Point Washington Neighborhood Plan Update Ballot of Interest

Dear Point Washington Neighbor,

You are receiving this letter because you own a property that is within the Point Washington Neighborhood Plan Area or is proposed to be included within the Point Washington Neighborhood Plan Area. The Neighborhood Planning Program is described in Chapter 8 of the Walton County Land Development Code and this is available online at: https://www.co.walton.fl.us/67/Land-Development-Code.

Neighborhood Plans are overlay districts to the Official Zoning Map and as such can apply additional regulations to designated Neighborhood Plan Areas. Potential changes for the Point Washington Neighborhood Plan area may include zoning district changes, changes preventing the further subdivision of land, and changes related to allowed use of property. Changes have been proposed to the Point Washington Neighborhood Plan Area and Overlay regulations.

The purpose of the letter is to invite you the ballot of interest meeting and to complete the ballot of interest survey online. **The "ballot of interest" question determines whether the neighborhood plan update project continues. Over 20% of the total responses received must indicate a "YES" vote for the project to continue towards adoption. Therefore, it is critical that you respond.**

Proposed changes will be discussed at the meeting described below and you are invited to attend and provide feedback.

Ballot of Interest Meeting

March 30, 2023
6:00 PM
Point Washington Methodist Church Gymnasium
1290 N County Hwy 395
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Future meeting information, vote results, survey results, and all draft proposals will be published on the County's Neighborhood Plan website: https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1364/Point-Washington-Neighborhood-Plan.

Questions or comments can also be directed to Kristen Shell, Deputy Planning Director, at shekristen@co.walton.fl.us or 850-267-1955.

Ballot of Interest Survey

Access online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DFDCX2K

Access using your smart phone with the QR code below:

This is an online survey. You will need to enter the survey code found in the top left-hand corner of this letter and on the front of your mailing envelope. If you own multiple properties within the neighborhood plan area, you may get multiple notices and codes. Please only respond once to the survey. Enter all codes when prompted by survey.

BALLOT OF INTEREST VOTES RECEIVED AFTER FRIDAY April 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM CST WILL NOT BE COUNTED. Please respond prior to this deadline for your vote to be counted.

Next Steps:

- If the Ballot of Interest is successful, a second mail ballot will be prepared with information on the draft plan revisions and voting instructions. Please note that Neighborhood Plan revisions require approval from at least 66% of the property owners responding.

- If the 66% vote is successful, the Plan would be recommended for approval/not recommended for approval by the Walton County Planning Commission at a public hearing. This meeting is tentatively planned for May 11, 2023 and will be held in the Freeport Board meeting room beginning at 4:00 PM.

- An ordinance for adoption would be presented to the Walton County Board of County Commissioners at two separate public hearings. These meetings are tentatively set for May 25, 2023 and June 22, 2023 and will be held in the South Walton Courthouse Annex board meeting room beginning at 9:00 AM.

- If approved at the second public hearing, the Plan would become effective on that date and would become part of the Walton County Land Development Code.