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Defined projects, within each specific category, were given as a part of its overall value determination the value attributable to the program category in which it is assigned. Specific projects that have been identified as part of the process will be evaluated in the context of the six Strategic Community Objectives established by the Board of County Commissioners. These six objectives will each be valued on a scale from 5 to 1 with (5) being Extraordinary merit, (4) Outstanding, (3) High, (2) Intermediate and (1) Low, being the lowest value that may be assigned by the individual evaluator. In the instance where a project is deemed to be appropriately evaluated in multiple Strategic Community Objectives, then a rank from 5 to 1 will be applied for each objective scored. The overall or cumulative ranking for each project will consist of the program category survey value for the specific project added to the cumulative Strategic Community Objectives value assigned to each project.

Strategic Community Objectives: The Strategic Community Objectives are outlined as follows:

Human Services: “To facilitate partnerships which set priorities, establish coordinating structures, and secure funding sources to plan and implement integrated human services which meet the needs of the community.”

Significant Elements to Consider:

- Establishment of a community alliance to coordinate the provision of human services.
- More efficient utilization of Social Services staff resources.
- Transformation of Grant-in-Aid program to serve as an instrument of Board of County Commissioner policy and priorities.

Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement: “ To preserve and enhance the quality, value, character, health and safety of our neighborhoods.”

Significant Elements to Consider:

- Provide infrastructure and amenities- Schools, Libraries, Parks/Trails, Sidewalks/Paths, Water and Sewer, Street Lighting, Drainage, Public Transportation.
- Preserve Character- Architecture, Design, Land Use, Code Enforcement, Natural Features, Solid waste collection and litter control.
- Enhance community health- Social services, Economic development, Community leadership, Environmental health and Healthy behavior.

- Make Safe- Sidewalks, Traffic calming, Crime prevention, Fire protection, EMS and Evacuation.

Growth Management: “To improve our quality of life as we grow, while balancing economic development, the preservation/conservation of natural resources and sound County fiscal policy.”

Significant Elements to Consider:

- Constrain Sprawl- Land consumed by population growth, Residential zoning that meets comprehensive plan.
- Diverse, affordable and safe neighborhoods- Owner occupied single and multiple family dwellings, Renter occupied single and multiple family dwellings, Calls for law enforcement service.
- Increase the quantity and quality of open space- Amount of open space in public ownership, amount of land in conservation.

Economic Development: “To create a business climate that promotes a diversified, growing economy consistent with established growth management plans and enhances the quality of life.”

Significant Elements to Consider:

- Increase the commercial/industrial tax base and Decrease the reliance on the residential tax base- Available and properly zoned property, County initiated zoning, Increase revenues from tourism.
- Create additional jobs at or above the national average wage- Seek to add executive, administrative and managerial jobs to workforce.
- Expand and attract desirable businesses and industries.

Mobility: “To provide for the mobility needs of the people of our county and the region while respecting and enhancing the character of our diverse communities and protecting our natural resources.”

Significant Elements to Consider:

- Enhance mobility- Adequate transportation system, Roads meeting level of service “C” or above, Improve travel time on arterials and collector streets, Road condition above “Y” rating, Services attained by transit, bicycle or walking, Effective transit operation.
- Enhancement of communities and protection of natural resources- Streetscape and road beautification, Planned street and neighborhood trees planted, Avoid quality wetland acres degraded and eliminated, Value projects that are designed for neighborhood programs.

Water Resources Management: “To ensure the quality and quantity of water resources when and where they are needed, and to provide a safe and reliable water supply and flood protection system.”

Significant Elements to Consider:

- Enhance water quality of our bays, rivers, creeks and natural systems- Water quality of our bays, rivers and creeks, Contaminated site remediation, Septic systems removed county-wide.
- Adequate water supply to meet projected land use demand- Water supply adequate, Natural systems not impacted adversely, Satisfaction and compliance with water quality standards, Protect Floridian Aquifer and Peace River quality.
- Minimal flood damage- Adequate flood control measures, minimize structural damage and risk to human life.

Summary of Ranking Elements: The following elements are utilized in the ranking process:

- Categories of Programs and their definitions (Survey instrument)
- Definition of hierarchy of citizen need and method by which they are numerically compared to one another. (Citizen Determined by survey response)
- Within categories assignment of priorities to each project from a Strategic Community Objective value. (See above)

			Criteria of the Survey: Emergency = 5, Controlling = 4, High = 3, Moderate = 2, Low = 1							
Project Name	Location	Explanation of Need	Human Services	Neighborhood Preservation & Enhancement	Growth Management	Economic Development	Mobility	Water Resources Management	Surveys	Total Score
Water access for Sailing Association and others.	Englewood	Permanent facility to store and launch sail boats so children may learn to sail- Provide easier access.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8
Funding passive recreational projects	Celery Field development	Walking, biking, jogging trails, canoeing, kayaking	1	5	1	3	3	1	2	16
Nokomis Community Center/Skate Park	Nokomis	Benefit for young people	1	4	1	1	3	1	2	13
Venice Area Beautification	Caspersen Beach Park	Widen Harbor Drive Improve water quality- Improve restrooms - Electrical improvements	1	5	1	3	2	1	2	15
Playground Equipment.	Arlington Park.	Update playground equipment, fencing for safety, install engineered mulch for handicapped access.	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	12