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## Public hearings continue on comprehensive plan changes

Public hearings before the Sarasota County Planning Commission on proposed amendments to the county's comprehensive plan continue this week.

The planning commission will conduct the second of three public hearings on the amendments at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, in the Commission Chamber, Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.

The third and final public hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in the Commission Chamber, Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.

During the Aug. 6 meeting, planning commissioners will take public comments and consider the following proposed amendments that will affect several chapters of the comprehensive plan:

- Adding a policy and map recognizing the Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway and the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway.
- Adding new policies and amending existing policy to address nonconforming residential densities. The purpose of this amendment is to deal with situations where the density permitted within existing zoning districts exceeds the density allowed by future land use designations on the future land use map.
- Amending policies to limit residential densities as allowed by affordable housing policies in the comprehensive plan in the Light Office land use designation.

Other proposed changes to the comprehensive plan that the Planning Commission will consider at the third public hearing on Aug. 20 include:

- Identifying significant local roads and providing related data and analysis.
- Adding new policies for transit services and revising existing objectives and policies.
- Amending policies, tables and maps for adopted roadway levels of service standards.

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