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## **Sarasota County announces second meeting on Fruitville Road development planning**

A second meeting to discuss a planning effort on Fruitville Road will be an opportunity for neighboring residents and interested citizens to offer input and comments in an open forum.

The meeting will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Church of Hope, 1560 Wendell Kent Road, Sarasota. Public input from the session will help determine the content and formats for the following three sessions.

The series of meetings will consider alternative development patterns for about 325 acres, primarily designated as a Major Employment Center, that includes six parcels owned by five private landowners and Sarasota County. The meetings will gather information from the community and area residents about developing a cohesive plan for the properties instead of planning each parcel individually.

The meetings contribute to possible changes in results to a charrette held in April and a proposed comprehensive plan amendment being reviewed by the state. The initial meeting covered the history of the Fruitville planning initiative and planning methods, including charrettes and form-based codes. Planning processes – including comprehensive planning, developments of regional impact, rezones and future opportunities for residents to participate – also were covered.

All meetings are at the Church of Hope and the dates for the remaining workshops are:

- Aug. 31, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Sept. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Sept. 28, 6:30-8 p.m.

For additional information, contact the Sarasota County call center at 941-861-5000 or visit the Sarasota County website at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) and click on the Fruitville charrette web page on the Planning and Development Services home page.

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