Commission Discussion Item:

Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing Plan

Commissioner Rosenwald

For the consideration of my respected colleagues on the Oakland Park City Commission.

Desired outcome: A resolution affirming Commission's commitment to promoting an Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing Plan in Oakland Park.

At present, there has been an important, though in my estimation, piecemeal approach to discussing affordable housing and workforce housing in Oakland Park.

- A *Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment*, including reviewing Oakland Park, was prepared for Broward County, by Florida International University, in 2018.
- A *White Paper* on *An Overview of Affordable Housing* by Mr. Daniel Rosemond was prepared for Oakland Park in September 2020.
- The Commission adopted Affordable Housing (only) as part of its <u>legislative</u> agenda in November 2020.
- Proposed public amenities including affordable housing/workforce housing units in exchange for bonus height/density in OP3D downtown code are currently under staff review.

Therefore, this resolution would serve as a formal, explicit, and public demonstration of the Commission's commitment to promote an affordable housing and workforce housing plan in Oakland Park. It allows residents in our city, and individuals throughout Broward and the entire state, to be informed of our commitment. It provides for all future initiatives promoting affordable housing and workforce housing to emanate from this resolution.

Adopting this resolution, itself, has no financial impact. It does set the stage to request staff to develop a plan to promote affordable housing <u>and</u> workforce housing in Oakland Park.

Thank you to my fellow Commissioners for your consideration.