City of Americus Urban Redevelopment Plan – Former and Temporary Hospital Site Reuse Design

Participants:

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- Josh Roth, Building Official
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- Mandy Young, Community and Economic Development Director
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The Sumter Archway Partnership has been working with the City of Americus Department Head staff to draft an Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP) for the City, focusing on five project areas. The fifth project area focuses on the former and temporary hospital sites.

The staff has focused on this area for some time, giving thought to what might be best for future development. Understanding the dynamics of current ownership and contracts for property maintenance, a decision was made to move forward with developing sketches and design plans of possible future uses.

Diane Silva met with the team and gathered input for future needs, types of dwellings desired, pedestrian flows, design standards to match the surrounding areas, and setbacks and easements needed to guide the development.

Diane created a master plan for the parcels, including the above mentioned details and more, providing the City with a starting point for redevelopment. Additionally, the team included information in the URP regarding future zoning changes needed to ensure and direct the growth.