



City of Sanibel

Planning Commission

Planning Department Agenda Memorandum

Steering Committee Meeting Date: November 19, 2025

To: Sanibel Plan Update Steering Committee

From: Paula McMichael, AICP, Planning Director

Date: November 12, 2025

Subject: Public Workshop – Goals for Input

Staff is looking for direction from the steering committee for the citywide public workshop to be held February 18, 2026, at the Community House. Staff had originally identified three topics to specifically address in the Sanibel Plan update:

1. Affordable Housing
 - Increase the number of on-island and near-island affordable housing units available to Sanibel's workforce and general populations by collaborating with Lee County, the non-profit sector, the private sector, and the City's housing foundation, in accordance with the Sanibel Plan.
2. Community Resiliency
 - Build Sanibel's resilience to future threats from natural and man-made events by mitigating hazards, hardening infrastructure, encouraging the use of reliable, renewable energy sources, continually updating vulnerability, response, and recovery plans, and improving community education concerning building design, building codes, flood protection and the benefits of native vegetation.
3. Hurricane Ian, Debby, Helene, Milton Recovery
 - Manage the island-wide recovery from the effects of Hurricane Ian (2022) and Hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton (2024) by considering appropriate revisions to the Land Development Code and policies, promoting greater community resilience, minimizing bureaucratic procedures and costs, actively pursuing external funding sources for lost revenue replacement and recovery and mitigation projects, and providing general support of resident and business recovery efforts.

These topics were discussed at the workshop in November of 2024. Should they be included again? Are there other topics that should be addressed?

What does a successful workshop look like?

Are there particular components you would like included? (e.g. opportunities for real-time feedback on questions – presentations on particular topics – SWOT analysis)