



ENTERING SURFSIDE AT 96TH STREET AND HARDING AVENUE

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PURPOSE & GOALS

In early Fall 2006, Seth Harry & Associates, Inc., Architects and Town Planners, was chosen to lead a citizen's participatory visioning process for the Town of Surfside, Florida. This process, both the charrette itself and the follow-up work associated with the production of this document, was undertaken with specific goals and objectives in mind:

First and foremost, was the desire to achieve a realistically achievable, collectively defined vision for the on-going evolution of Surfside as a dynamic living place, around which the entire community could reach a consensus as to what its collective future should be.

And secondly, to articulate that vision in a concise yet comprehensive way, such that subsequent steps toward implementation could be made as expeditiously as reasonably possible, and consistent with the conceptual ideas and proposals outlined in this as possible.

To that end, every attempt was made to ensure that all of the concepts and recommendations presented in this document reflect not only the public-participatory process which initially forged these ideas, but also the professional judgement of the design team to help ensure the credibility and feasibility of the ideas proposed herein.

Nonetheless, it is important to note that many of the issue-specific ideas represented within this document will need to be subjected to a more rigorous technical design process, prior to implementation.

