

PALM ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN **Appendix B.2** Survey Results

VISION STATEMENT/ SURVEY RESULTS

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1	I want the island to have a neighborhood plan.	111	85	76.58%	22	19.82%	1	0.90%	1	0.90%	2	1.80%
2	Protecting the natural environment is important to me.	111	100	90.09%	11	9.91%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
3	The Island should stay single family residential, with no new commercial development.	111	93	83.78%	13	11.71%	2	1.80%	3	2.70%	0	0%
4	I do not want a bridge connecting the Island to the mainland.	111	94	84.68%	10	9.01%	1	0.90%	4	3.60%	2	1.80%
5	I want to keep the charm of unpaved roads, dark skies, quiet nights, and an easygoing lifestyle.	111	104	93.69%	7	6.31%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
6	I support island-led activities to maintain our beaches and waterways.	111	93	83.78%	14	12.61%	3	2.70%	0	0%	1	0.90%
7	Living on the Island gives me a sense of privacy and quiet.	111	103	92.79%	6	5.41%	1	0.90%	1	0.90%	0	0%
8	The Island community events are important opportunities to connect with my neighbors.	111	83	74.77%	22	19.82%	4	3.60%	2	1.80%	0	0%
9	Services such as Fire & EMS, CCSO, and ferry emergency response are essential to life on the Island.	111	106	95.50%	4	3.60%	1	0.90%	0	0%	0	0%

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CHAPTER 1: LAND USE/ SURVEY RESULTS

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10	I want new construction on Palm Island to be limited to single family homes.	105	91	86.67%	12	11.43%	0	0.00%	1	0.95%	1	0.95%
11	I am concerned that current land use rules could change in the future and put the island at risk.	105	80	76.19%	18	17.14%	3	2.86%	3	2.86%	1	0.95%
12	I support adopting House Bill 4077 to provide stronger, long term protection for the island.	105	85	80.95%	10	9.52%	5	4.76%	3	2.86%	2	1.90%
13	Many property owners misunderstand or are not familiar with the non-conformities rules or the 50% Rule.	1	0	0.00%	1	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
14	It is important for islanders to understand the county's non-conformities rules or the 50% Rule.	75	58	77.33%	14	18.67%	3	4.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
15	One year is not enough time to secure building permits after a declared disaster.	75	56	74.67%	11	14.67%	3	4.00%	3	4.00%	2	2.67%
16	I support extending the post-disaster permitting period from one year to three years.	75	61	81.33%	6	8.00%	1	1.33%	6	8.00%	1	1.33%

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17	I did not have a clear understanding of the non-conformities rules or the 50% Rule and/or I find it confusing.	74	13	17.57%	21	28.38%	7	9.46%	16	21.62%	17	22.97%
18	I support keeping these additional regulations as they are today.	63	48	76.19%	12	19.05%	1	1.59%	1	1.59%	1	1.59%
19	I value the Island's unique character and architectural freedoms.	63	55	87.30%	8	12.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
20	I support protecting the environment while still respecting individual property rights.	63	58	92.06%	4	6.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	1.59%
21	I believe current building regulations and zoning codes should remain.	63	47	74.60%	14	22.22%	2	3.17%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
22	I am open to discussing ideas like more space between homes or natural areas in the future, but do not want changes right now.	63	33	52.38%	20	31.75%	7	11.11%	3	4.76%	0	0.00%
23	Residents should receive clear and timely notice when meetings or decisions could affect development or zoning.	63	61	96.83%	2	3.17%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

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24	Individual property owners play an important role in preserving natural green space on the island.	71	56	78.87%	14	19.72%	0	0.00%	1	1.41%	0	0.00%
25	I am concerned that losing natural yards threatens our limited water supply and native wildlife.	71	44	61.97%	18	25.35%	4	5.63%	4	5.63%	1	1.41%
26	I believe that the clear-cutting of lots by future homeowners should be discouraged.	46	27	58.70%	10	21.74%	1	2.17%	6	13.04%	2	4.35%
27	I support land preservation efforts by conservation groups such as BICI and the County.	71	61	85.92%	6	8.45%	3	4.23%	1	1.41%	0	0.00%
28	Homeowners should be offered incentives to preserve green space and use native landscaping.	71	42	59.15%	18	25.35%	7	9.86%	4	5.63%	0	0.00%
29	I understand that some future commercial activity may happen on properties that are already zoned for it.	91	31	34.07%	32	35.16%	7	7.69%	12	13.19%	9	9.89%
30	I do not want any additional land rezoned for commercial use.	91	72	79.12%	9	9.89%	0	0.00%	7	7.69%	3	3.30%
31	I respect property owners' rights to rent or lend their homes.	73	56	76.71%	15	20.55%	1	1.37%	0	0.00%	1	1.37%

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32	I believe short-term rentals should not disrupt the island's quiet lifestyle or strain local resources.	73	62	84.93%	9	12.33%	1	1.37%	1	1.37%	0	0.00%
33	I want rental management companies and property owners to provide clear, island-wide information for guests about local rules, environmental protections, and emergency contacts.	73	66	90.41%	4	5.48%	1	1.37%	1	1.37%	1	1.37%
34	I support requiring vacation rentals to have a local, on-island contact to address problems if they arise.	73	47	64.38%	11	15.07%	6	8.22%	3	4.11%	6	8.22%

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CHAPTER 2: PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT/ SURVEY RESULTS

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35	We should improve public awareness of rules and laws that protect the environment and the wildlife.	66	58	87.88%	5	7.58%	1	1.52%	1	1.52%	1	1.52%
26	Existing wildlife protection laws and penalties should be enforced.	66	57	86.36%	6	9.09%	0	0%	2	3.03%	1	1.52%
27	Gopher tortoises should be protected through relocation, tracking, and safe fencing.	66	54	81.82%	7	10.61%	2	3.03%	2	3.03%	1	1.52%
28	No Wake and Manatee Caution signs should be placed in all lagoons and canals.	66	53	80.30%	6	9.09%	2	3.03%	3	4.55%	2	3.03%
29	I support participation in programs to reduce the invasive iguana population.	66	57	86.36%	7	10.61%	2	3.03%	0	0%	0	0%
40	I support efforts to reduce light pollution and become a Dark Sky community.	66	45	68.18%	15	22.73%	0	0%	5	7.58%	1	1.52%
41	The use of native, Florida-friendly landscaping conserves water and protects wildlife habitat on the island.	51	42	82.36%	6	11.76%	3	5.88%	0	0%	0	0%
42	There should be stronger enforcement of protections for mangroves, trees, dunes, and sea grasses.	51	30	58.82%	16	31.37%	2	3.92%	1	1.95%	2	3.92%

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43	Reducing excessive hardscape, such as crushed shell, pavers, and concrete can contribute to preserving natural habitat.	51	27	54%	12	22%	7	14%	3	6%	2	4%
44	It is beneficial to remove invasive plant species and to restore native vegetation throughout the island.	51	39	76%	9	18%	0	0%	3	6%	0	0%
45	Residents should be encouraged to design properties in ways that allow wildlife, including gopher tortoises to move safely across the island.	51	34	68%	14	26%	2	4%	0	0%	1	2%
46	I'd consider modifying my landscaping to better support Florida-friendly landscaping best practices.	51	25	50%	15	30%	6	12%	2	4%	2	4%
47	We should have independent water testing in and around the islands to monitor water quality.	46	31	67.39%	12	26.09%	1	2.17%	0	0%	2	4.35%
48	The island should regularly review and share water testing results with the community.	46	38	82.61%	7	15.22%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2.17%
49	Providing education on simple practices that protect and improve water quality is important.	46	41	89.13%	3	6.52%	1	2.17%	0	0%	1	2.17%

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CHAPTER 3: NAVIGATION & COASTAL/ SURVEY RESULTS

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50	Property owners on interior waterways should work together to fund dredging if it is needed to keep channels navigable.	46	25	54.35%	7	15.22%	3	6.52%	8	17.39%	3	6.52%
51	Owners of waterfront lots should be allowed to build non commercial private docks, even if there is no home on the property.	46	26	56.52%	11	23.91%	7	15.22%	2	4.35%	0	0%
52	Law enforcement presence on the water should be increased to improve boating safety and protect the environment.	46	24	52.17%	12	26.09%	3	6.52%	5	10.87%	2	4.35%
53	Dunes should be restored quickly after major storms to prevent erosion and protect island properties.	42	39	92.86%	2	4.76%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2.38%
54	Dune walkovers should be used to guide foot traffic and protect sensitive dune systems.	42	24	57.14%	7	16.67%	1	2.38%	8	19.05%	2	4.76%
55	Sand drift fences should be considered to help protect and rebuild dunes.	42	23	54.76%	9	21.43%	4	9.52%	4	9.52%	2	4.76%
56	Research and monitoring of red tide should continue so its harmful impacts can be better understood and reduced.	42	35	83.33%	7	16.67%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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CHAPTER 4_INFRASTRUCTURE/ SURVEY RESULTS

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57	I support planning ahead for potential ferry interruptions.	65	45	69.23%	15	23.08%	1	1.54%	4	6.15%	0	0.00%
58	Additional mainland parking options should be explored before current capacity becomes a problem.	65	33	50.77%	18	27.69%	8	12.31%	5	7.69%	1	1.54%
59	Improving traffic flow near the ferry will help reduce congestion and wait times.	65	29	44.62%	18	27.69%	9	13.85%	6	9.23%	3	4.62%
60	A program to help property owners access the island after storms would be beneficial.	65	52	80.00%	10	15.38%	2	3.08%	1	1.54%	0	0.00%
61	Maintaining the current mix of unpaved roads and golf cart-focused transportation is important to preserving the island's character.	53	45	84.91%	8	15.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
62	A phased plan to create clear zones within road rights-of-way, starting with protecting beach parking for renourishment, is a good approach.	53	21	39.62%	18	33.96%	8	15.09%	4	7.55%	2	3.77%
63	Traffic calming measures would help reduce speeding and improve safety on island roads.	53	28	52.83%	13	24.53%	3	5.66%	7	13.21%	2	3.77%

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64	Clearer guidance and better awareness of existing rules for golf carts and other vehicles would improve safety and protect the island.	53	29	54.72%	12	22.64%	8	15.09%	2	3.77%	2	3.77%
65	I support taking steps to conserve water on the Island, including using low-water landscaping and limiting irrigation.	50	29	58.00%	16	32.00%	1	2.00%	2	4.00%	2	4.00%
66	The Island should plan ahead to ensure a reliable and affordable long-term water supply.	50	37	74.00%	11	22.00%	1	2.00%	0	0.00%	1	2.00%
67	I do not want a central sewer system.	50	39	78.00%	6	12.00%	1	2.00%	4	8.00%	0	0.00%
68	I support modern septic systems and better monitoring to protect water quality and the environment.	50	35	70.00%	12	24.00%	0	0.00%	2	4.00%	1	2.00%
69	Utility lines on the Island should be installed and maintained properly to prevent damage and service issues.	45	43	95.56%	2	4.44%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
70	The Island should remain free of streetlights to protect wildlife and preserve the natural night sky.	45	42	93.33%	1	2.22%	0	0.00%	2	4.44%	0	0.00%
71	Utility lines should be moved underground to better protect the Island during storms.	45	37	82.22%	6	13.33%	1	2.22%	0	0.00%	1	2.22%

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CHAPTER 5: SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY/ SURVEY RESULTS

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72	All homes should have clear, easy-to-read addresses so emergency responders can find them quickly.	52	43	82.69%	7	13.46%	1	1.92%	1	1.92%	0	0%
73	The island should plan ahead to make sure emergency vehicles and helicopters can access all areas, including the beach.	52	42	80.77%	9	17.31%	1	1.92%	0	0%	0	0%
74	The County should test fire hydrants and ensure there is enough water available to fight fires.	52	49	94.23%	3	5.77%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
75	We should review how fire and EMS services are funded to make sure costs are fair for island residents.	52	43	82.69%	7	13.46%	1	1.92%	1	1.92%	0	0%
76	Residents should be prepared to evacuate early due to limited transportation options and sign up for emergency alerts.	44	42	95.45%	1	2.27%	1	2.27%	0	0%	0	0%
77	The island should continue to improve communication before, during, and after storms.	44	40	90.91%	2	4.55%	2	4.55%	0	0%	0	0%
78	I understand that emergency services may not be available during severe storms.	44	39	88.64%	2	4.55%	1	2.27%	1	2.27%	1	2.27%

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79	Residents should keep trash cans sealed and avoid leaving them out if pickup is missed	58	38	65.52%	16	27.59%	2	3.45%	2	3.45%	0	0%
80	The island should do more to prevent dumping and burning on vacant lots.	58	40	68.97%	14	24.14%	4	6.90%	0	0%	0	0%
81	Residents should contact the county to report mosquito issues so service can be provided when needed.	58	39	67.24%	14	24.14%	4	6.90%	0	0%	1	1.72%
82	The island should reduce unnecessary signage, especially commercial signs.	58	42	72.41%	11	18.97%	3	5.17%	1	1.72%	1	1.72%
83	We should not add mail service to the island.	58	25	43.10%	6	10.34%	9	15.52%	12	20.69%	6	10.34%

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CHAPTER 6: ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS/ SURVEY RESULTS

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84	Law enforcement should have a more consistent presence on the island during peak times.	56	32	57.14%	17	30.36%	1	1.79%	3	5.36%	3	5.36%
85	We should address issues like speeding, unsafe golf cart use, and unleashed dogs more consistently.	56	29	51.79%	14	25%	5	8.93%	6	10.71%	2	3.57%
86	The island should provide clearer information about rules and regulations for residents and visitors.	56	33	58.93%	15	26.79%	5	8.93%	2	3.57%	1	1.79%
87	We should find ways to educate people about rules without adding more signage.	56	36	64.29%	12	21.43%	3	5.36%	2	3.57%	3	5.36%
88	A “good neighbor” approach should be encouraged to resolve issues before involving authorities.	56	35	62.50%	15	26.79%	3	5.36%	1	1.79%	2	3.57%