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CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN WINS EXCELLENCE AWARD

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (11/5/14) – The City's comprehensive strategic plan, adopted in July, has been recognized with The Planning Commission's "Award of Excellence."

The 32nd *Annual Planning & Design Awards* were announced Oct. 30 during a banquet at the A La Carte Event Pavilion in Tampa. The Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission received nearly 20 entries for this year's awards program, officials said.

The program invites submissions from planners, architects, builders, developers, residents, community groups, local governments and others that provide examples of sound planning and good design in Hillsborough County. Ten awards were issued this year, officials said.

Temple Terrace's strategic plan, "Your City. Our Future. A Community Driven Plan," took honors in the Planning and Public Participation category. Judges said the plan "delivered all the goods in terms of meaningful public participation," noting they were impressed with how funding was prioritized so that the community's wishes could be implemented.

The Temple Terrace City Council adopted the 165-page plan on July 15, 2014. This community driven initiative included 23 different external stakeholder groups. These collaborative sessions provided valuable insights into the City's strengths, concerns and expectations for service priorities throughout the City. The data collected was the foundation for the creation of a mission statement, core values, a vision statement, and 10 specific goals.

The accomplishment of these goals over the next several years will establish priorities, organize efforts, and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Temple Terrace, said City Manager Gerald Seeber. The creation and implementation of this plan will ensure that the City of Temple Terrace will be an amazing place to live, work, play, and learn, he said.

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