

# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

Conference Agenda Meeting - Monday, December 13, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

City Hall - Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **New Business**

a. Homelessness and Housing in Saint Lucie County

b. Chamber of Commerce Development Review Task Force Recommendations

c. Sunrise Humane Society Update

d. Boards and Committee Assignment Overview

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Mayor, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The City Commission will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

6. **City Commission Boards and Committees Updates**

7. **Adjournment**

Immediately following adjournment, please move toward the doors and exit the chambers.

This allows for the safe and courteous exit of all persons, and those on the dais.

Conversations after the meeting should be held outside of chambers, in the foyer or elsewhere, but not in the commission chambers where lights will be out as soon as the chambers are empty.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (772) 467-3065 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**City Commission Conference Agenda**

**4. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 12/13/2021

**Re:** Addressing Homelessness and Housing in St. Lucie County

**Submitted For:** Audria Moore-Wells, Special Projects Coordinator, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Homelessness and Housing in Saint Lucie County

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**Attachments**

Presentation

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**Form Review**

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City Manager	Audria Moore-Wells	12/02/2021 01:58 PM
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# **Addressing Homelessness in St. Lucie County/City of Fort Pierce**

**December 13, 2021  
City of Fort Pierce Meeting  
Presentation**

## Agenda

1. Home Together
2. Housing Hub Pilot Program and Eviction Diversion
3. Veteran's Community Village



# County Wide Approach to Homelessness and Housing

On June 2, 2020, the Board adopted the core elements of the FY 2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan framework.

Goal 4.4 of the Strategic Plan: Develop and implement a comprehensive housing program to meet the community needs.

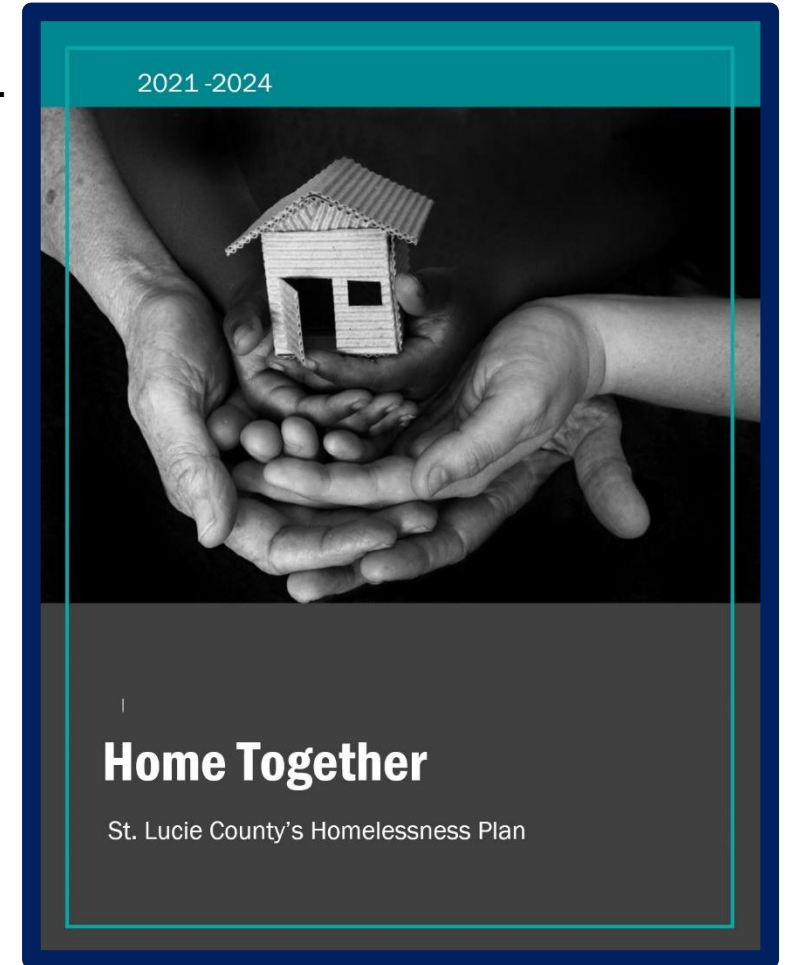




# Home Together

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- Development of a draft plan of a systemic response to address homelessness.
- This plan focuses on identifying and describing some essential first step strategies that will help St. Lucie County and Municipalities in collaboration with all its public and private partners to build effective, lasting systems for addressing homelessness in St. Lucie County, for now and for the future.
- The plan also seeks to serve as a road map for St, Lucie County, municipalities, and private partnerships.
- Draft plan requires a community wide feedback on the efforts to meet local needs so that meaningful work with public, private partnerships can reach a common goal of putting an end to homelessness now and in the future for all of St. Lucie County.
- Of major note is the adoption of a **Homelessness Taskforce by the BOCC on November 2, 2021.**





# Housing Hub Pilot Program and Eviction Diversion



# Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC)

TCHSC is the lead agency for the *Continuum of Care* for St. Lucie, Indian River and Martin Counties.



Our responsibilities include:

- Point In Time Count
- HMIS - Coordinated Entry and Referral
- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Affordable Rental Housing
- Multi Agency Service Data Records





# New St. Lucie County Homeless Housing



- Created partnership with real estate developer
- Leased 5 cottages in Ft Pierce
- 6 efficiencies under construction
- Subleased to hard to place clients





# St. Lucie County Housing Hub Multi-Agency Resource Center Pilot Program and Men's Residential Program



- **Central Location for assistance application**

- TCHSC – Emergency Rental Assistance
- TCHSC – Healthcare Navigator for Veterans
- HANDS Clinic – Healthcare Navigator
- Eviction Diversion – Landlord/Tenant Mediation and Processing
- SOAR – Application and follow-up for Entitlements, Income & Benefits

- **A residential transformational program**

- Single unaccompanied men
- Professional Evaluation and Referral
- Supportive services to rehouse residents



# 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court - Eviction Diversion



	CARES Acts 2020 Sept-Dec 2020	ERA Act 2021 Mar-Sep 2021	Total
Total Cases Assigned by Court	206 Cases	172 Cases	378 Cases
Total Funds Expended	\$645,411.19	\$551,594.39	\$1,197,005.58
Total Cases Successfully Negotiated	129 Cases	77 Cases	206 Cases





# Housing Hub Pilot Program Service Summary

	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	Sept 2021
Eviction Diversion Cases	0	17	13	15	29	31	33	35
St Lucie – ESG – Rental Assistance	28	40	26	30	21	24	34	41
<b><u>SOAR Services</u></b> <b><i>Benefits Applications</i></b>								
Social Security App.	<b><i>SOAR Services Started May 1, 2021</i></b>			11	14	17	15	14
Documentation: DMV, SS Card, Birth Certificate				13	16	14	20	22
EBT App.				7	8	9	6	12
Medical Service Referral				4	6	7	12	14

Summary data represents new clients added monthly to case management

# Housing Hub Pilot Program Residential Program

Men's Residential Program  
39 Men Served  
18 Successful Exits

Mark M. was released from the hospital to the street. As a resident of the Housing Hub he has received services to stabilize income and healthcare.



6 Residents Approved  
for Emergency Housing Voucher  
from Fort Pierce Housing Authority



# St. Lucie Housing Hub Pilot Program Budget

Project funded through a collaboration with SLC County, TCHSC and Non-Profit Partners

## SLC County Contribution

\$250,000

Staffing and Operational Costs for Residence and Housing Hub

## Salvation Army Contribution

In Kind

Staffing and material costs for resident meals

## TCHSC Contribution

\$195,000

Staffing and Contracted Social Services

## HANDS Clinic Contribution

In Kind

Staffing costs for Healthcare Navigator

## Visiting Nurse Assoc. Contribution

In Kind

Staffing and operational cost mobile clinic



# St. Lucie Housing Hub Pilot Program Project Concerns

## Need for continued funding for Staffing and Operational Costs for Residence

FY 22 (May-September 2022) funds needed - est. \$110,000

Funds have been identified and approved by the BOCC.



FY 23 budget request-  
\$250,000/annual



# Veterans Community Village



## Background

- The Veteran Community Village will house multiple specialists who will help the veteran residents receive the help and services to become fully independent again.
- Supportive housing (12–24-month period). Goal is to move to permanent housing.
- County & Volunteer Professionals who will work out of the Veteran Community Village are as follows: Veteran Service Officer; Mental Health Counselor, Housing Coordinator; Career Source Counselor and a Manager to manage all facility requirements.
- The Village will become the third pick up and drop off location for the Veteran Services Division Transportation Program to take Veterans for medical appointments to VAMC, West Palm Beach daily.
- It is the intent of this program to have public/private partnerships to run, manage, and maintain the property and all other aspects associated with this site. Such partners could be Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council as an example.

Future  
Property Site





# Concept Plan for Veteran Community Village

# Three Phased Approach

- Three phased approach
  - Phased I – 6 units (est. cost - \$968,550)
  - Phase II – 13 units (est. cost - \$1,360,000)
  - Phase III – 20 units (est. cost - \$2,310,000)
- Current funding
  - \$250,000.00 Received from County Budget FY 21
  - \$250,000.00 Recommended in County Budget FY 22
  - \$ 80,000.00 Housing Finance Authority
  - \$ 25,951.00 Private Donations to date
  - \$605,951.00 Potential total if approved
- Evaluating approaches to cover funding gap to include fundraising to begin Phase I
- Anticipate this program to have public/private partnerships to run, manage, and maintain the property and all other aspects associated with this site





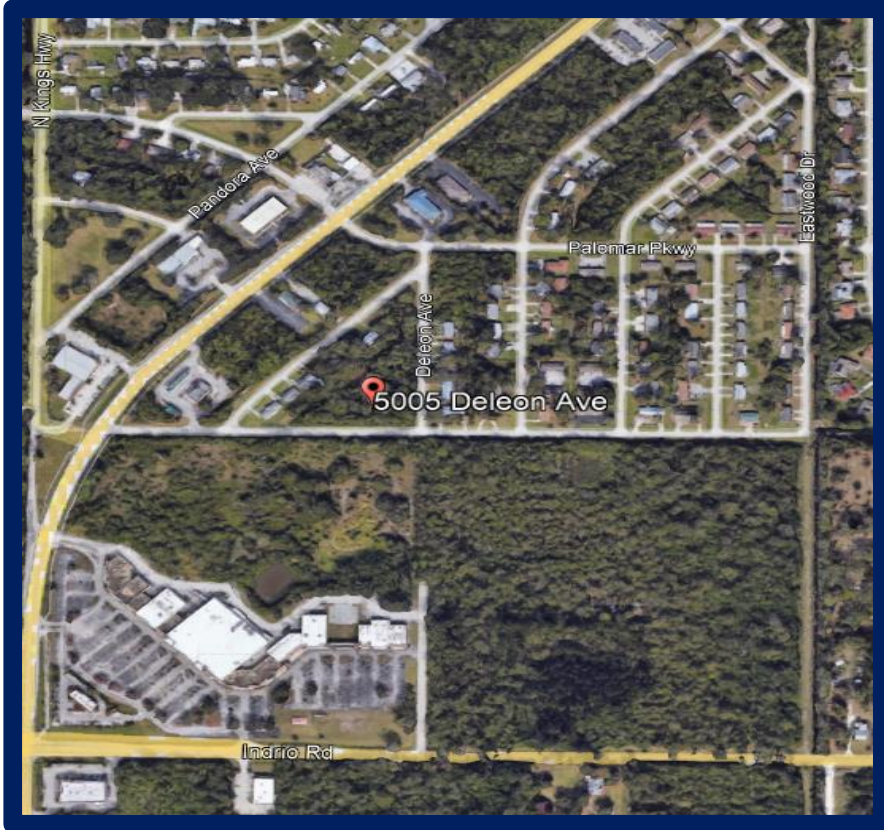
# Affordable Housing

# Public Private Partnerships

- St. Lucie County partnered with developer, Blue Sky Communities to construct an affordable multifamily community on County owned property.
- Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2021 and will result in approximately 176 rental units. This project is funded in part by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.
- Resident incomes will not exceed 80% of the area median income. The project will include 1, 2, and 3-bedroom units, as well as a clubhouse and ample outdoor recreation areas.
- Located on McNeil Road, Fort Pierce – Adjacent to Walmart property



## Purchase of 5005 Deleon Road, Fort Pierce



- Purchase is pending closing.
- A 2.2-acre residential property in Lakewood Park. Zoned for Residential Multifamily. The county is anticipating the construction of 10 units.
- A request for proposals for the development is expected to be issued in late winter.

# Housing Needs Assessment



Strategic Plan Objective: 4.4 Develop and implement a comprehensive housing program to meet the community needs.

A county-wide Housing Needs Assessment will be the precursor to developing and implementing a comprehensive housing program.

FY 23 Budget Request - \$100,000

**City Commission Conference Agenda**

**4. b.**

**Meeting Date:** 12/13/2021

**Re:** Chamber of Commerce

**Submitted For:** Nick Mimms, City Manager, City  
Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Chamber of Commerce Development Review Task Force Recommendations

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**Form Review**

**Inbox**

City Manager

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Nick Mimms

Nick Mimms

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**City Commission Conference Agenda**

**4. c.**

**Meeting Date:** 12/13/2021

**Re:** Humane Society Presentation

**Submitted For:** Peggy Arraiz, Code Compliance Manager, Code Enforcement

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**SUBJECT:**

Sunrise Humane Society Update

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**City Commission Conference Agenda**

**4. d.**

**Meeting Date:** 12/13/2021

**Re:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Boards and Committee Assignment Overview

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**Attachments**

Boards and Committees

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**Form Review**

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Assigned	Organization	Number of Meetings Held	Number of Absences		Time	Date	Location	
1	Mayor	Florida League of Cities - Voting Delegates	n/a		FLC	as needed	as needed	Orlando
2	Mayor	Florida League of Cities - Land Use & Economic Development	n/a		FLC	as needed	as needed	Orlando
3	Mayor	Florida Municipal Insurance Trust - Board of Trustees	4	1	FMIT	as needed	Quarterly	Orlando
4	Mayor	Fort Pierce Utilities Authority	20	1	FPUA	4:00 PM	1st & 3rd Tues Monthly	City Hall - Ft Pierce
5	Mayor	Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments	10	2	TCCLG	10:00AM	1st Wed Monthly	SLC BOCC - Ft Pierce
6	Mayor	Indian River Lagoon Treasure Coast Scenic Highway (TCCME & IRLSH)	2	1	TCCME	10:00 AM	2nd Friday - Quarterly	Coco Vista Ctr Ste 111 PSL
7	Mayor	Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities (board, executive & advocacy)	15	1	TCRLC	10:00 AM	3rd Wed Monthly	SLC Chamber
8	Mayor	St. Lucie County Fire District Board	11	0	FB	3:00 PM	3rd Wed Monthly	SLC Fire Station - PSL
22	Mayor	St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce - Fort Pierce Area Council	n/a	n/a	FPAC	8:15 AM	4th Wed Monthly	City Hall - Ft Pierce
12	Mayor	Council on Aging of St. Lucie	3	0	COA	3:30 PM	Last Wed E/O Month	PSL Office
9	Mayor	Round Table of St. Lucie County - ALTERNATE (C. Johnson)	n/a		ALT	8:30 AM	1st Fri Monthly	Children's Services PSL
10	Mayor	Transportation Planning Organization - ALTERNATE (C. Johnson)	n/a		TPO-A	2:00 PM	1st Wed Even Months	Coco Vista Ctr PSL
16	unassigned	Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities - ALTERNATE (Mayor)	n/a		TCRLC-A		3rd Wed Monthly	SLC Chamber Office
17	Commissioner J Johnson	Main Street Fort Pierce	12	3		5:30 PM	1st Wed Monthly	Main Street FP Office - Ft Pierce
18	Commissioner J Johnson	Downtown Business Alliance	n/a	n/a	DBA	9:00 AM	Last Wed each Month	2nd Street Bistro/Hideway
19	Commissioner J Johnson	Transportation Planning Organization	7	2	TPO	2:00 PM	1st Wed Even Months	TPO Office - PSL
20	Commissioner J Johnson	City of Fort Pierce - Retirement Board	7	1		2:00 PM	3rd Thurs Monthly	2nd Fl Conf. City Hall
21	Commissioner J Johnson	St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce - Board of Directors	n/a	n/a		8:00 AM	4th Thurs Monthly	SLC Chamber
23	Commissioner J Johnson	Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments - ALTERNATE (Hudson)	n/a		TCCLG-A	10:00 AM	1st Wed Monthly	SLC BOCC - Ft Pierce
24	Commissioner J Johnson	St. Lucie County Land Acquisition & Selection - ALTERNATE (C Johnson)	n/a		ALT	5:30 PM	4th Thurs Monthly	County Admin, 3rd Floor
25	Commissioner J Johnson	Sunrise Theatre Advisory Board - ALTERNATE (Perona)	n/a		ALT	12:30 PM	2nd Tues Even Months	Sunrise Theatre - Ft Pierce
26	Commissioner Perona	Fort Pierce - Parking Committee				9:00 AM	2nd Wed Monthly	Wm. Dannahower 2nd FL Conf
27	Commissioner Perona	Fort Pierce - Retirement Board	9	0		2:00 PM	3rd Thurs Monthly	City Hall - Ft Pierce
28	Commissioner Perona	FMEA-FMPA Liason Committee	4	1			4th Thurs - Quarterly	FMPA - Orlando
29	Commissioner Perona	Spay/Neuter Alliance of the Treasure Coast	0	0		12:00 PM	as needed	
30	Commissioner Perona	Sunrise Theatre Advisory Board	5	1		12:30 PM	2nd Tues Even Months	Sunrise Theatre - Ft Pierce
14	Commissioner Perona	St. Lucie County Tourist Development Council	3	0	TDC	12:30 PM	2nd Wed E/O Month	SLC BOCC - Ft Pierce
31	Commissioner Perona	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council - ALTERNATE (Johnson)	n/a		TCRPC-A	9:30 AM	3rd Fri Jan-Oct, 2nd Fri Dec	IRSC - Wolf Center - Stuart
32	Commissioner C Johnson	Treasure Coast Education, Research & Development Authority	1	0	TCERDA	2:00 PM	as needed	TC Research Park - Ft Pierce
33	Commissioner C Johnson	St. Lucie County Land Acquisition & Selection Committee	0	0	LASC	5:30 PM	as needed	County Admin
34	Commissioner C Johnson	Fort Pierce Port Advisory Committee	0	0	FPPAC	3:00 PM	as needed/TBD	SLC BOCC - Ft Pierce 3rd FL
35	Commissioner C Johnson	Roundtable of St. Lucie County	9	2		8:30 AM	1st Fri Monthly	Children's Services PSL
36	Commissioner C Johnson	Transportation Planning Organization	7	3	TPO	2:00 PM	1st Wed Even Months	TPO Office - PSL
37	Commissioner C Johnson	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	8	2	TCRPC	9:30 AM	3rd Fri Jan-Oct, 2nd Fri Dec	IRSC - Wolf Center - Stuart
11	Commissioner C Johnson	St. Lucie County Fire District Board	9	0	FB	3:00 PM	3rd Wed Monthly	SLC Fire Station - PSL
15	Commissioner C Johnson	Lincoln Park Main Street	11	1	LPMS	6:00 PM	2nd Thurs Monthly	Lincoln Park - Main Street FP
38	Commissioner C Johnson	Lincoln Park Main Street - ALTERNATE (Alexander)	n/a		ALT	6:00 PM	2nd Thurs Monthly	Lincoln Park - Main Street FP
	unassigned	St. Lucie County Affordable Housing Committee	n/a					