

Welcome!

City Center
Public Information Meeting
November 17, 2020





Welcome and Introductions

Jennifer Davis, CRA Project Manager





History of City Center

Wes McCurry, CRA Director



Current Planning Initiative

Kimley-Horn team



Question & Answer Session

City Team Members



Wes McCurry, CRA Director Jennifer Davis, CRA Project Manager

Bolivar Gomez, Planning and Zoning, Planner II Isai Chavez, Planning and Zoning, Planner I

Teresa Lamar-Sarno, Assistant to the City Manager, Land Development Services







City Center drone video





Welcome by Teresa Lamar-Sarno

Strategic Plan FY 2020/21



Goal 4: Diverse Economy & Employment Opportunities

One of the City's key initiatives is to Reimagine City Center

City Center Small Area Plan

Public Information Meeting
November 17th 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

US 1 Beautification

Goal 1: Safe, Clean & Beautiful

Village Green Drive Corridor Revitalization

Goal 1: Safe, Clean & Beautiful

Housekeeping



- Presentation format
- Polling questions
- Ask questions or make comments through ZOOM Q&A feature.
 They will be addressed at end of meeting.
- Project updates at <u>www.cityofpsl.com/citycenter</u>
- Copies of the presentation and recording of tonight's meeting will be available on website by the end of the week.
- Email questions/comments after today to JDavis@CityofPSL.com

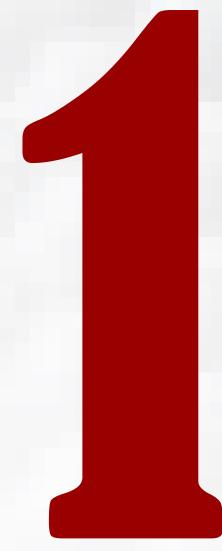
Please use these two Polling Tests to familiarize yourself with utilizing the ZOOM polling feature. We will be sharing results after each poll and will provide a summary of results on the website after the meeting.



Are you a full time or part time resident of Florida?

- 1. Full Time Resident
- 2. Part Time Resident
- 3. Not a resident...just visiting

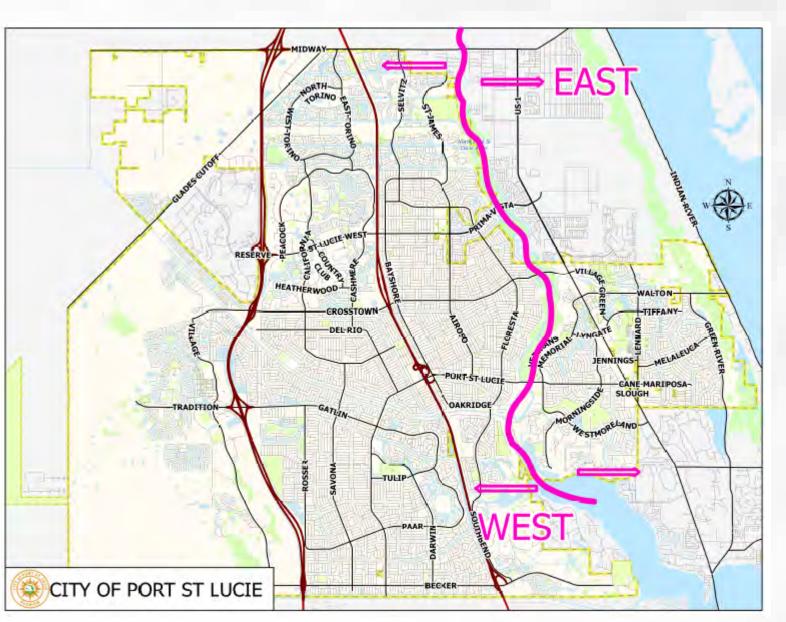




If you live within the city limits of Port St. Lucie, do you live east or west of the St. Lucie River?

- 1. East of the river
- 2. West of the river
- 3. Neither...I do not live within the city limits of Port St. Lucie











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Timeline (**)

2001

The CRA adopts Community Redevelopment Plan for U.S. 1 Corridor and identifies the former Village Green Shopping Center for redevelopment as a central gathering place for entertainment and economic development opportunities.

2005

De Guardiola Properties purchases the Village Green Shopping Center and proposes the redevelopment of City Center as a public private partnership, pursuant to a redevelopment agreement between the City, CRA, PSL City Center, LLC, and de Guardiola Properties. The project was proposed to be built in four phases including a civic component, public parking structures, and private mixed-use development.







Redevelopment Trust Fund Revenue Bond Series 2006

\$46.4 M

- Property Acquisition
- Construction of parking garages
- Construction of civic center and plaza
- Reconstruction of certain roadways within the redevelopment area

Financial Information

How were the improvements originally funded?

City Center Special
Assessment Refunding Bonds
Series 2008A

\$31.3 M

- Master stormwater system
- Roadways
- Sewer service
- Water service
- Sidewalks
- Street trees

The City and CRA complete construction of the Civic Center, Village Square public plaza and interactive fountain, parking garage and four (4) surface parking lots.

2010

De Guardiola Properties fails to fulfill its obligations under the redevelopment agreement and tax certificates were issued on the parcels. National City Bank initiates foreclosure proceedings on the parcels. A final judgment did not occur and was never rescheduled.

2012

The City and CRA initiate legal action against PSL City Center, de Guardiola Properties, and PNC Bank (successor to National City Bank).







With consent from PNC Bank, PSL City Center sells the parcels to US Investment, LLC (Lily Zhong) for \$500,000, subject to the back taxes and assessments.

2014

The City and CRA obtain a Final Default Judgment against PSL City Center for approximately \$56M.

The City and CRA hold meetings with Ms.
Zhong on developing City Center as an
International Trade Center funded through
EB-5 Immigrant Investment Program, but an
application was never submitted to the City.



St. Lucie County BOCC approves 16 of the 22 parcels for tax deed sale in July. In November, the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) brings charges against Ms. Zhong for use of the EB-5 program to defraud investors. The SEC froze Ms. Zhong's assets, including these parcels. This blocked St. Lucie County from moving forward with tax deed sales for 16 parcels.

SEC appoints a Receiver with power to take legal control and protect assets through a court-approved plan.

2017

The Receiver engages Avison Young to market and sell the 22 parcels to one developer.

2018-2020

A Contract for sale was approved by the Court on two separate occasions, neither resulting in a closing due to challenges of financial viability.





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Tonight's Agenda

- 1. About Us
- 2. City Center Planning Initiative Overview
- 3. Visual Preference Survey
- 4. On-line Survey Tutorial
- 5. Q & A





The Kimley-Horn Planning Group

- Alessandria Palmer, Project Manager
- Kelley Klepper, AICP
- Mike Vaudo, AICP Candidate





Our Task: Provide an Updated Vision for City Center

- Assess current conditions.
- Provide a detailed level of direction to address unique requirements.
- Identify needs for future development.
- Analyzing levels of investment.



Resulting in...

- Long-range policy guide:
 - Identifying opportunities for revitalization and development.
 - Recommend the type of development and investment that residents, local stakeholders and visitors want to see.





Project Tasks





Public Input Meeting



Public Input Survey



Policy Guide



Public Outreach Meetings



Condition & Needs Assessment



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 6:30 - 8 pm

The City of Port St. Lucie Planning & Zoning Department and Community Redevelopment Agency are hosting a virtual public meeting to seek input for the development of a Small Area Plan for City Center. A Small Area Plan will help guide the City in making key decisions in moving forward with this project.

We invite you to pre-register for the meeting and to take a brief survey on City Center by visiting www.cityofpsl.com/citycenter

You can also use the QR code in the bottom left corner to connect with this project. Please contact us at 772-871-5219 if you require assistance to view the meeting.





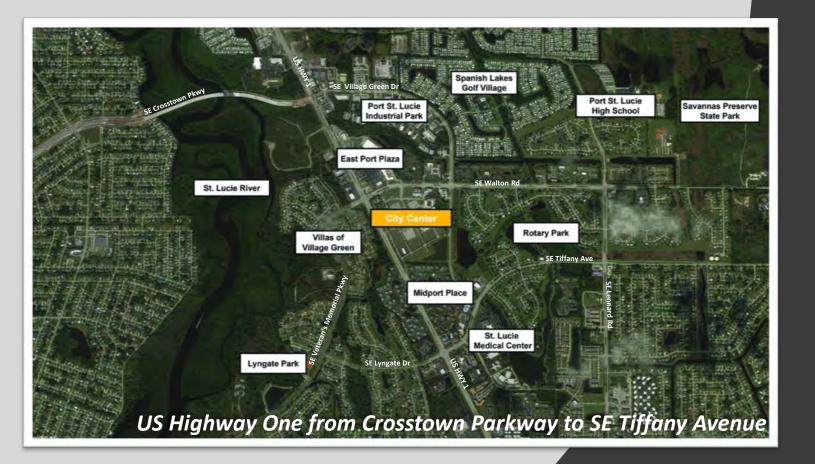


Polling Exercise

- What is a preference survey?
 - A visualization technique that allows Citizens and decision-makers to determine preferences for various types of community design, land/ streetscaping, and/or built-environment options.
- Steps in process:
 - Administer the survey through polling questions
 - Analyze the results
 - Apply findings to planning process



On this map, what would you like to see added to this area along US Highway One?



Question 1

Select up to three answers:

- 1. Dining
- 2. Entertainment
- 3. Governmental Services
- 4. Hotels
- 5. Housing
- 6. Office Space
- 7. Recreation
- 8. Shopping













What will bring you to the City Center and surrounding areas more often, or for the first time?

Select up to three answers:

- 1. A new place to live
- 2. Community events such as festivals and concerts
- 3. Doctor's appointment
- 4. Governmental Services
- 5. Shopping, Dining, & Entertainment
- 6. Sports entertainment







What type of stores and restaurants do you prefer to experience?

- 1. Big box and national chain experience
- 2. Boutique, locally owned experience
- 3. A good combination of both



What type of development do you see best fit for the City Center and surrounding areas in the future?

- Lifestyle Center
- 2. Neighborhood Commercial
- 3. Urban Style Mixed Use
- 4. Outparcels and small strip buildings





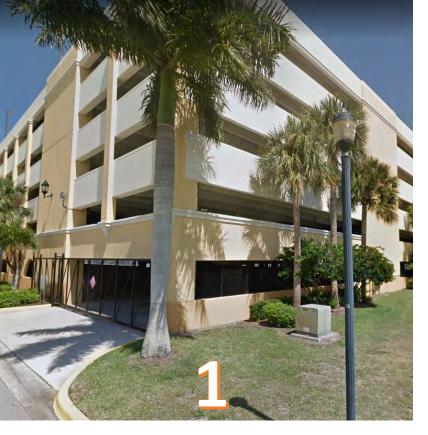




When driving down US Hwy One what would you like to see along the City Center frontage?

- 1. Business signage and parking
- 2. Green space or landscape buffers
- 3. Entryway signs identifying center
- 4. Buildings close to the street









When arriving would you prefer to park your car:

- 1. In the parking garage
- 2. In a parking lot or on the street
- 3. I plan to take an alternate mode of transportation
- 4. Whatever is closer or more convenient

Would you say that MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Event Center (f.k.a. Civic Center) has too many events or not enough events scheduled (during normal times)?

- 1. Too many
- 2. Not enough
- 3. Just the right amount
- 4. I wasn't aware they had events







Should the MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Event Center (f.k.a. Civic Center) schedule events that are geared more for:

- 1. Families
- 2. Retirees
- 3. Young Adults
- 4. A combination of all three



Let's get started!

Port St. Lucie City Center Small Area Plan

Welcome! The City of Port St. Lucie is developing a Small Area Plan for City Center. Please take a few minutes to help us better understand what is important to you. We appreciate your valuable input!

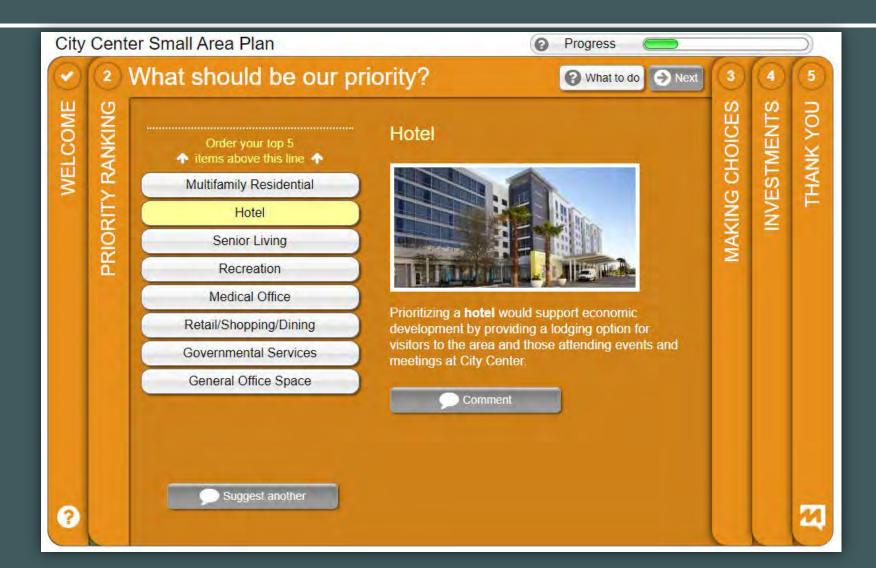
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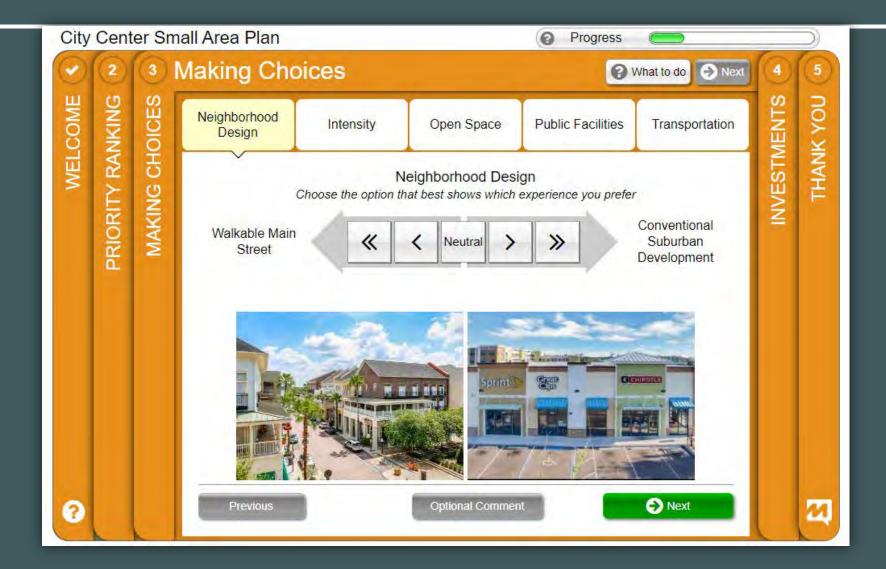
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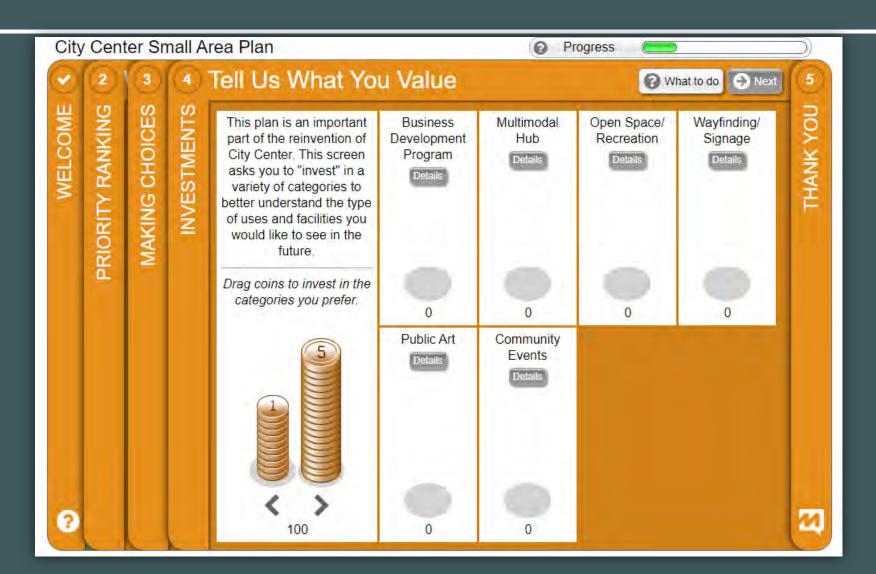
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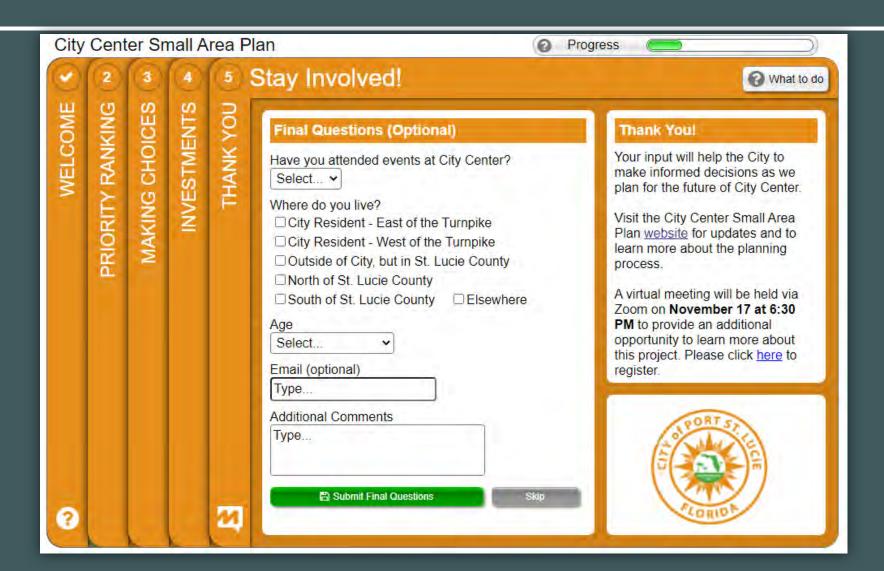
MetroQuest Survey

garage, and a waterfront trail with paved bicycle/pedestrian paths









City Website:

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Survey:

https://portstluciecitycenter.metroquest.com/

Thank You Questions?



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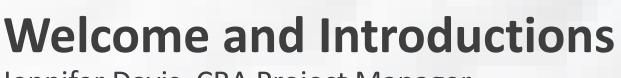


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