

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Sarasota Consortium's lead agency, the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), developed this five-year Consolidated Plan using a process approved by both the City of Sarasota and County of Sarasota Commissions. OHCD created a Staff Steering Committee (SCC) as a vehicle to hear public input. The Staff Steering Committee (SCC) consisted of the following participating members:

- *Danny Schult, City of North Port;*
- *Valarie M. Raney, City of Venice Engineering Department;*
- *Elizabeth Damschroder, Sarasota County Government;*
- *Steve Kirk, Sarasota County Government;*
- *Jane Grogg, Sarasota County Government;*
- *David L. Smith, City of Sarasota; and*
- *Courtney Menendez, City of Sarasota*

The SCC and Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development staff held the following focus group meetings related to the Consolidated Plan:

- February 3, 2011, City of Venice City Hall, Economic and Community Development Needs;
- February 8, 2011, The Federal Building, Special Needs Housing and Services;
- February 10, 2011, City of North Port City Hall, Homeless Housing and Outreach; and
- February 15, 2011, The Federal Building, Sarasota, Affordable Housing Needs.

The focus groups were open to the public and advertised using the email listservs of the City of Sarasota, City of North Port, City of Venice and Sarasota County. In addition, notice of the meetings were included in Sarasota County's electronic newsletter and in flyers posted at municipal buildings. The Sarasota Herald also ran a story concerning the meetings. All focus groups were well attended by the public.

In addition to the focus groups, OHCD also held two community visioning sessions. These sessions were not focused on a broad topic, but meant to discuss all housing and community development needs throughout the County. They took place at the following dates and locations:

- March 1, 2011, Robert L. Taylor Community Complex, Sarasota; and
- March 10, 201, City of North Port City Hall.

These sessions were also well attended and advertised using the email listservs of the City of Sarasota, City of North Port, City of Venice and Sarasota County. In addition, notice of the meetings were included in Sarasota County's electronic newsletter and in flyers posted at municipal buildings. The Sarasota Herald also ran a story concerning the meetings.

In addition, the Consolidated Plan funding strategies were brought before both the City and County Commissions of Sarasota for preliminary approval on June 6, 2011 and June 7, 2011 respectively.

Two separate Public Meetings to discuss the Consolidated Plan and accept public comment were held:

(To be completed)

According to the dictates of the Citizen Participation Plan, these meetings were advertised in the following locations: (to be completed)

- *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*;
- *Tempo News*;

The Consortium also published the draft Consolidated Plan on the City of Sarasota's website and provided hard copies of the proposed Consolidated Plan in all Sarasota County libraries, the Sarasota County Board Records Offices (Sarasota and Venice locations), the Sarasota City Auditor and Clerk's Office, the Newtown Redevelopment Office and at the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD).

To encourage citizen participation, an e-mail giving the location of the Consolidated Plan on the website was sent to the following organizations:

- Neighborhood Organizations Representing Low and Moderate Income Neighborhoods;
- Front Porch;
- The African American Chamber of Commerce;
- The Newtown Community Redevelopment Corporation;
- The Newtown Community Development Corporation;
- The Laurel Civic Association;
- The Sarasota NAACP;
- The Latin American Chamber of Commerce;
- The Suncoast Center for Independent Living;
- The Sarasota, Venice, North Port and Englewood Chambers of Commerce;
- The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness;
- Affordable Housing Providers and Developers participating in Consortium Programs;
- The Sarasota and Venice Housing Authorities;

- The cities of North Port and Venice;
- The Regional Planning Council; and
- The Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Due in large part to this outreach effort, the following agencies, individuals, and groups provided input into the Consolidated Plan through correspondence, individual meetings with staff, participation in public meetings, and other communications.

Name	Organization
Valerie Raney	City of Venice
David Smith	City of Sarasota
Courtney Mendez	City of Sarasota
Adnan Javed	Sarasota County
Jane Grogg	Sarasota County
John McCarthy	Sarasota County
Al Lane	City of North Port
Daniel Schult	City of North Port
Susan B	Resident
Kelly Delehanty	United Cerebral Palsy of Sarasota
Steve Kirk	Sarasota County
Steven Doug	Resident
Kameran Partridge	Easterseals of SW Florida
Olivia Thomas	Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center
Charlie Richards	CASL
Scott Eller	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Jennette Mills	Living in Community
Tracy Lux	Living in Community
Linda Williams	Living in Community
Tanya Lukowiak	Community Housing Trust
Michael Carlson	Sarasota Housing Authority
Bill Russell	Sarasota Housing Authority
Judith Wilcox	Habitat for Humanity
Phil Gorelick	Jewish Children and Families
Bryan Pope	Salvation Army
Don Vandra Krol	Neighborhood Gathering
Cheryl Doyle	Coalition for the Homeless
Diane Priatzriz	Coalition for the Homeless
Susan Owens	Homeless Coalition
Tom Jones	City of North Port
Linda Yates	City of North Port
Mark Yates	USP Inc
Ronald Roy	New Hope Church
Deborah Scott	New Hope Church
Meaghan Tingley	New Hope Church
Sandi Scribna	North Port Feeds the Hungry
Liz Wirszy	North Port Feeds the Hungry
Linda Jericka	Patriot Self Storage

Ellen McLaughlin	Sarasota Y
Lyane Hunsky	Resident
Diane Ramsnger	Community Health Improvement Partnership
Monica Becket	Resident
Elizabeth Warsky	Resident
Sandri Seribnch	Coastal Community Church
Charleen Kelleber	Resident
Sandra Terry	Laurel Civic Association
Paula Rhodes	Venice Housing Authority
Gerald Green	Community Coalition of Men
Veronica Morgan	City Space Cohousing
Ali Kleeber	Season of Sharing
Bill Kleeber	Resident
Thelma Upshaw	Amyrillis Park Neighborhood Association
Mike Kennedy	Suncoast CC
Jetson Grimes	Greater Newtown Community Redevelopment Corporation
Michael Carlson	Sarasota Housing Authority
Betty Graham	Resident
Mary Mack	Amyrillis Park Neighborhood Association
Margaret Mitchell	Amyrillis Park Neighborhood Association
Sandy Evertt	Resident
Alton Evertt	Resident
Beverly Phelps	Healthy Start
John Colon	Sarasota Housing Authority
Cynthia Hughes	Front Porch

Information for the five-year plan was also obtained from the following sources:

- 2000 Census;
 - 2010 Census;
 - 2005-2008 American Community Survey;
 - 2005-2009 American Community Survey
 - 2005 Sarasota Consolidated Plan;
 - “Affordable Housing Needs Assessment”, Florida Department of Community Affairs, Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing;
 - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data, 2007;
 - City of North Port Comprehensive Plan;
 - City of Sarasota Comprehensive Plan;
 - City of Venice Comprehensive Plan;
 - “Florida Estimates of Population”, University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research;
 - Housing for All; Sarasota County’s 2004 Report on Affordable Housing;
 - Newtown Comprehensive Plan;
 - “Priced Out in 2008: The Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities” – Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force;
 - “Out of Reach” 2008, National Low Income Housing Coalition;
 - Sarasota County Community Action Plan;
 - Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan;
 - Sarasota County GIS Division;
 - Sarasota PHA Plan;
 - The Prevalence of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in U.S. Housing;
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
 - Venice PHA Plan.
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