City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan Update

Citizen Summit Summary

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Location: Port St. Lucie Community Center (2195 SE Airoso Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34984)

INTRODUCTION

The City of Port St. Lucie has hosted an annual Citizen Summit for the last seven years. This year's event was held on Saturday, February 1st, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Community Center. Unlike traditional government meetings, the Summit features free, interactive activities for all ages, allowing residents to learn more about current city events and programs. Various City departments organized activities where residents could provide feedback and contribute to the city's future.



The Inspire Placemaking Collective team joined City staff to engage residents and collect their input on the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. **Attachment A** contains a list of the activity facilitators.



ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Several engagement activities were made available to workshop participants to help the consulting team assess the current conditions within the City. The activities included questions about land use, transportation, infrastructure, housing, and the economy. Two additional boards were provided to solicit input, one asking what attendees love about the City and another one where people could provide miscellaneous comments (Community Idea Wall). Additionally, two boards asked participants which initiatives should be prioritized and what types of housing they think should be developed.

The activities were set up at the Community Center and facilitated by members of both City and Inspire Staff. Below is an overview of each activity.



Where do you call home

In this activity, participants identified the locations of where they live or operate a business within the city of Port St. Lucie. Each participant was given a sticker to mark their location on the map. A scan of the map highlighting these locations is presented in **Attachment B**.

Community Assessment

In this activity, participants provided feedback on what they appreciate about Port St. Lucie's current land use, transportation, infrastructure, housing, and economy, as well as what they would like to change in the future. A scan of the community's responses is presented in **Attachment C.** The checkmarks represent other people with the same comment.

What I love about Port St. Lucie

In this activity, participants expressed what they love about living, working, and playing in the City by writing their reasons on a large banner. The responses highlighted key community features that should be preserved, enhanced, and prioritized in the upcoming update to the Port St. Lucie 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The responses are shown in **Attachment D**.

Community Idea Wall

This activity invited attendees to share additional comments with the project team that were not addressed in the other workshop activities. The list of responses can be found in **Attachment E**.

Survey Questions

This activity, led by City Staff, consisted of two questions. The first asked participants to identify which initiatives the City should prioritize over the next 20 years to support future growth, with the option to select up to five choices. The second question inquired about the types of housing participants believe should be developed to accommodate Port St. Lucie's growing population, assuming they are located in appropriate areas of the City. Participants were given the option to select all that apply. The responses can be found in **Attachment F**.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The public input gathered during the Citizen Summit was largely positive and productive. While a variety of perspectives were shared, there was significant consensus on several key points. The main trends for each category are outlined below.

Land Use

Participants admire the city's parks and green spaces, including walking trails and parks. Respondents appreciate the variety of trees and plants, the clean environment, and the focus on preserving large lot sizes. The lack of high-rise buildings is also seen as a positive aspect.

Respondents called for more wildlife areas, commercial spaces, and pedestrian-friendly features such as sidewalks and bike lanes. Some respondents want to see a greater focus on preserving native wildlife and increasing open spaces, while others suggest reducing commercial development and emphasizing mixed-use areas. Additionally, there are requests for improvements in infrastructure, such as addressing flooding issues and enhancing access to regional parks with added amenities like restaurants, seating areas, and better connections.

Housing

Participants provided positive feedback around neighborhood stability, a strong sense of community, and a single-family housing focus. Many appreciate the clean, organized, and friendly environment of the city, along with affordable housing for young families. The community events and quiet, safe atmosphere add to the city's appeal. Other respondents, however, noted the housing affordability is a key concern, with many seeking lower cost housing and slower development to prevent overcrowding. There is also a desire for more sustainable housing options like tiny homes and duplexes, alongside better zoning and maintenance. Respondents also call for lower property taxes, less dense development, and a focus on preserving the environment.

Transportation

Several participants underscored their appreciation for and availability of the free bus service, as well as biking options at the park and short-term rental opportunities. Participants also

appreciated the clean and accessible transportation system. There was a strong focus on improving safety, particularly on I-95, with requests for wider lanes and better lighting in neighborhoods. Respondents also want more sidewalks, bike-friendly infrastructure, and increased public transportation options, including more frequent buses, extended hours, and routes to nearby cities. Additionally, some participants suggest adding more transportation options like Brightline, a train stop, and additional bridges to the barrier island to enhance connectivity.

Infrastructure

Participants noted several positive aspects, including dependable water quality, safe roads, and effective traffic circles. Respondents also appreciate the city's parks and efforts to bury power lines, alongside new development projects that prioritize infrastructure. The grid system for roads and the large lot sizes are also viewed favorably. There is a strong desire for road improvements, including widening roadways, adding more streetlights, and increasing sidewalks, especially near housing areas and schools. Some respondents called for better planning to address traffic congestion, particularly on major roads like PSL Blvd and Sidonia St. Additionally, there were requests for more bike lanes, improved water quality, and better connections to the west, as well as a focus on pedestrian infrastructure over car-centric planning.

Economy

Participants highlighted the city's diverse economy, with appreciation for businesses like Sam's Club and the availability of services such as restaurants and gas stations like Wawa. Respondents also value the area's central location, which is seen as ripe for growth, and the relatively low gas prices. Additionally, the beach vibe and slower pace of life contribute to the appeal, with general satisfaction with the economy's stability and the services it provides in exchange for taxes. There is a clear interest for more high-paying and tech-based jobs, as well as incentives for skill development and education. Respondents also want to see more diverse dining and entertainment options, such as higher-end restaurants, and nightlife and stores like Trader Joe's. Additionally, there are suggestions for creating more spaces for entrepreneurs, co-working spaces for home-based businesses, and more attractions like museums, water parks, and stores, to enhance the city's cultural and retail offerings.

APPENDICES

- A. Attendance List
- B. "Where do you call home?" Results
- C. Community Assessment Results
- D. "What I love about Port St. Lucie" Results
- E. "Community Idea Wall" Results
- F. Survey Results

Appendix A. Attendance List

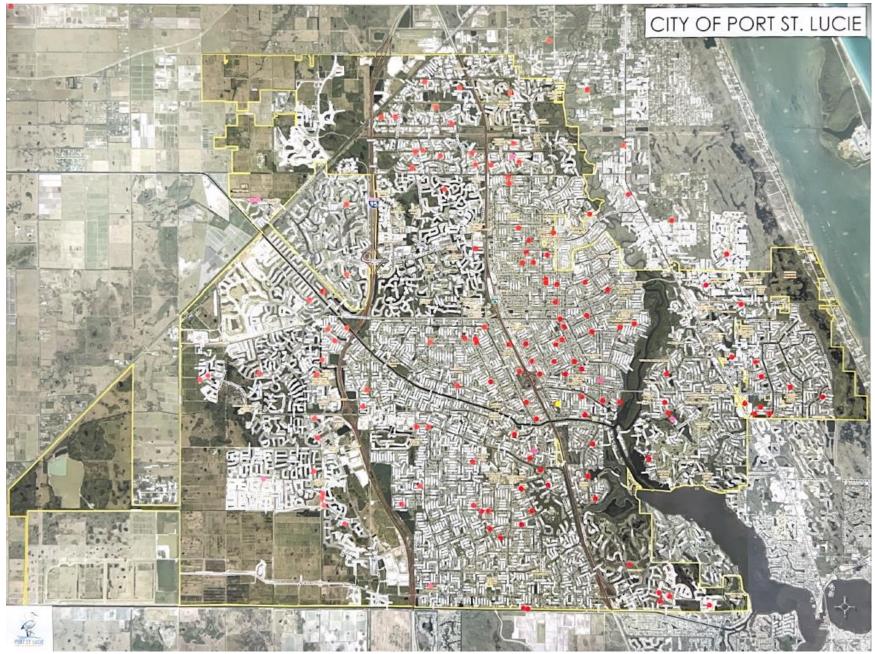
Port St. Lucie Staff and Officials

- 1. Bridget Kean, Planning & Zoning Deputy Director
- 2. Sofia Trail, Planner
- 3. Francis Forman, Planner
- 4. Cody Sisk, Planner
- 5. Deborah Kotrady, Clerk

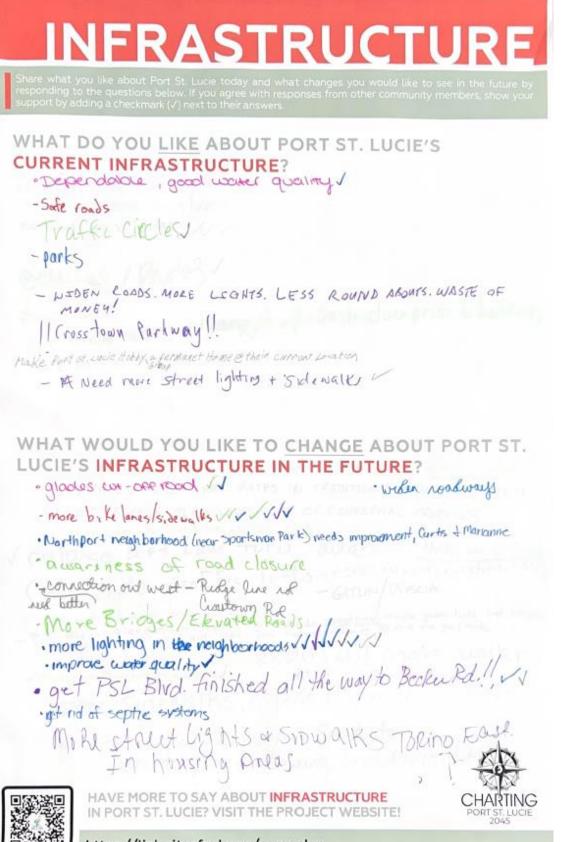
Inspire Project Team Members

- 6. Patricia Tyjeski, Project Manager
- 7. Gabriela Castro, Deputy Project Manager
- 8. Emilee Aguerrebere, Planner

Appendix B. "Where do you call home?" Results



Appendix C. Community Assessment Results



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Share what you like about Port St. Lucie today and what changes you would like to see in the future by responding to the questions below. If you agree with responses from other community members, show your support by adding a checkmark (/) next to their answers: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PORT ST. LUCIE'S CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE? No loss of wata during humement if the future of th

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HAVE MORE TO SAY ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE IN PORT ST. LUCIE? VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE!

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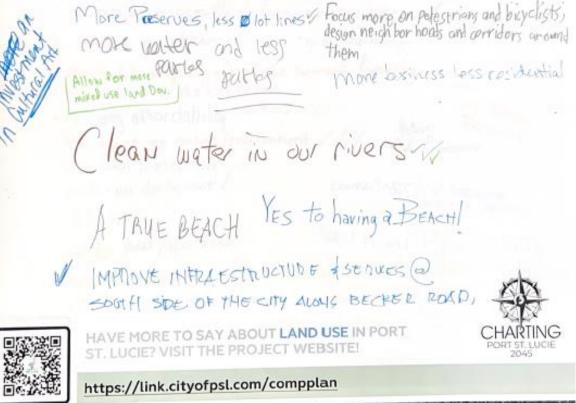
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WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PORT ST. LUCIE'S CURRENT LAND USE PATTERN?

· Large Lot-lines/less Congested //

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT PORT ST. LUCIE'S LAND USE PATTERN IN THE FUTURE?



HOUSING

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT PORT ST. LUCIE'S HOUSING MARKET IN THE FUTURE?

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- · gas prices
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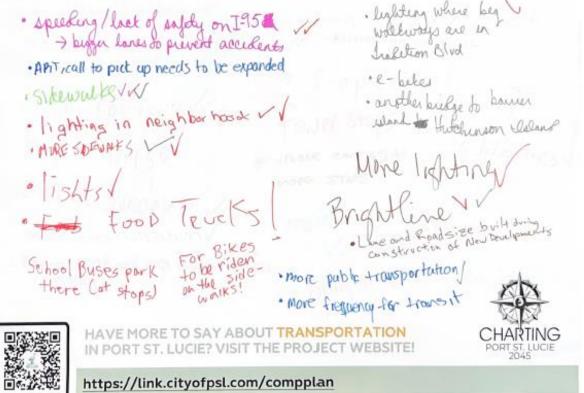
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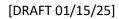
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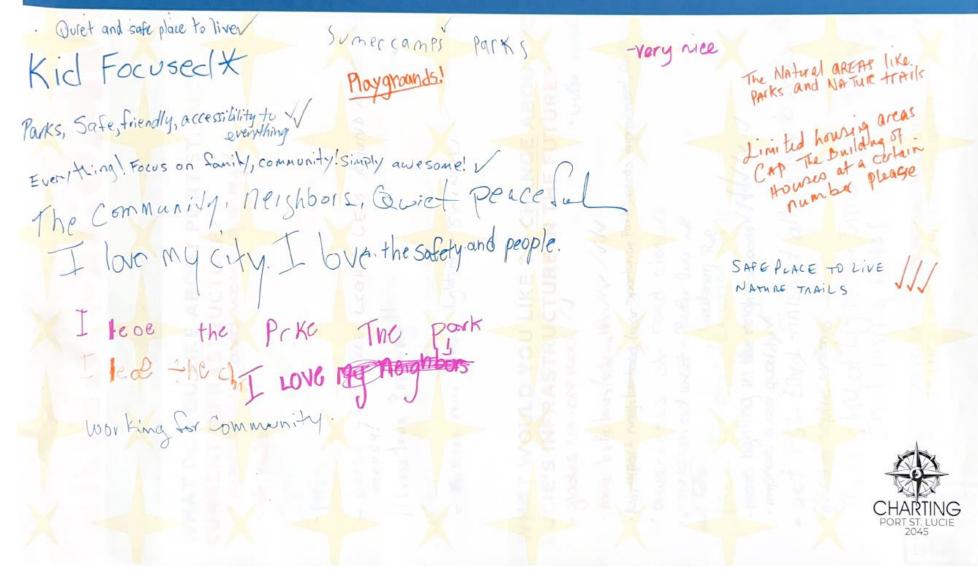
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Appendix D. "What I Love about Port St. Lucie" Results

What do you LOVE about Port St. Lucie?



What do you LOVE about Port St. Lucie?



Appendix E. "Community Idea Wall" Results

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COMMUNITY IDEA WALL

Want to share an idea with the project team that does not match with the other activities around the room? Place your thoughts below

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Appendix F. Survey Results





