



City of Punta Gorda is a Finalist! All-American City Award

Punta Gorda has been selected as a finalist in the All-American City competition being held by the National Civic League. The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Denver, Colorado, on June 7-10. Team Punta Gorda has been asked to be part of the delegation. Many of the things that the city is nominated for can be attributed to the efforts of TEAM Punta Gorda volunteers over the last 20 years.

Film crews have been seen all over town preparing a video and skit that depicts some of these programs and initiatives. I have been asked to go to Denver to take part in the competition. The presentation will be only 10 minutes long. The theme is Back to the Future. The film depicts character actors Marty and Doc exploring Punta Gorda on TEAM's yellow loaner bikes.

Two areas of focus in the presentation are on how TEAM was formed and how TEAM helped prepare citizens to participate in the master planning process. Much of what we know today as Punta Gorda came from the 2005 and 2019 Master Plans. TEAM held a conference in 2019 called Journey to the Future to help citizens get ready to become engaged in the newest plan. The conference illustrated what other small cities have accomplished. More than 700 residents attended.

Twenty members of the City of Punta Gorda staff will participate in the upcoming conference along with TEAM Punta Gorda, the PGICA, the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, and the Charlotte County Office of Economic Development. The award is given to cities that effectively remove barriers for civic participation and increased engagement. The All-American City competition is also a conference on civic solutions. It promises to be a learning experience for all attendees.



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