



The City of Punta Gorda and TEAM Punta Gorda have released preliminary details for an event they are holding, "*Punta Gorda: Journey to the Future*." The purpose of this event is to provide information to participants equipping them to more effectively contribute to the city's creation of an updated City-wide Master Plan. The event will be held January 7, 2019, at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center.

Punta Gorda City Manager expressed enthusiasm for the event. "We are grateful to TEAM volunteers for developing *Journey to the Future*," Mr. Kunik said. "Offering our citizens opportunities to learn more about the elements of urban planning will help them participate in the charrette process employed by the consulting firm that will be developing the updated City-wide Master Plan."

The event Keynote speaker will be John Redmond, President, Allegiant Travel Company. Mr. Redmond will discuss the factors that led him to make major investments in Charlotte County.

The event will feature multiple tracks with speakers covering a range of topics regarding best practices in urban planning and development. A panel will discuss the history and culture of Punta Gorda.

"This is a unique opportunity," said Nancy Johnson, TEAM CEO, "to bring citizens together to learn about best practices in urban planning and to hear from communities that have successfully developed and implemented innovative master plans."

Journey to the Future will be offered at no charge. Participants are asked to register in advance so that adequate meeting space can be provided. Find a registration link at www.teampuntagorda.org.