



**OBSERVER CORPS REPORT**  
DeLand City Commission Meeting  
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The property that was the Putman hotel is now being converted into low-income housing of 84 apartments, 13 of which will be used in conjunction with the neighborhood center for their outreach program. The price of the apartments will be \$400-\$1200/month. The new name is Blue Sky Communities.

E. Deland Retail Center. A 56-acre mixed use development at the intersection of East New York and Kepler will have a leading grocer, Publix, national restaurants and other convenience-oriented stores.