John Miller Bio for the City Website January 2021

I retired to Punta Gorda in 2003 after a successful career in the Health Care Service industry with The University of Chicago Hospitals and Smith Kline Beechem Pharmaceuticals. I have an MBA & an MS in Chemistry. I have been very active in Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association organizations over the last 15 years including:

- President and Treasurer of several clubs, including Commodore of a boating club
- PGI Civic Association Board for 9 yrs. in various capacities including Building Administrator, Director of Planning, President and Government Liaison Officer.

I worked with Team Punta Gorda to produce the "Journey to the Future", which was the precursor to starting the City-Wide Master Plan.

I'm a graduate of the Punta Gorda Citizens Academy. I serve on the Stewardship and Finance committees at my church, First United Methodist Church of Punta Gorda. A favorite project is the Last Straw Committee. It's a group of concerned citizens including TEAM, Rotary, PGICA, Smart Growth, Peace River Wildlife Center and others. We are out to save the world (or at least Punta Gorda) from overuse of non-biodegradable products. I have also served on my Condo Assoc. Board since 2011 and am Treasurer and Landscape Director.

In my spare time, I play tennis competitively, bicycle and work out at the gym and am a member of the Police Department's volunteer bicycle patrol.

Going forward as we implement our City Wide Master plan, we must maintain our small-town feel while we grow in a smart way, increasing commercial business, water & boating activities, bicycling pathways and our beautiful parks.