



# Update: Gilchrist Park Activity Center

TEAM PUNTA GORDA AND CITY OF  
PUNTA GORDA

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# Overview

## Why are we here?

- ▶ City Council accepted TEAM's offer of assistance
  - ▶ to obtain community input
  - ▶ for a potential project to make improvements where existing buildings are located.
- ▶ Data collection results are being tabulated
  - ▶ Report of findings will be presented in 2017

## Aerial View



# Objective

- ▶ To collect community input :
  - ▶ via survey, interview, and potential workshop
  - ▶ regarding future activity wants and needs
- ▶ In the event a single fit for purpose facility replaces the current Punta Gorda Boat Club and Bayfront Centers.



# Background

- ▶ Punta Gorda Boat Club building on city land w/ land lease
  - ▶ Expires April 2021
- ▶ Bayfront Center managed by YMCA
  - ▶ Short term lease with extension option
- ▶ Buildings approaching 50 years of age
  - ▶ Total interior space approximately 12,000 sq. ft.
- ▶ Building used by
  - ▶ 8 regular site user organizations
  - ▶ Total membership approximately 1270
  - ▶ Revenues
    - ▶ City approximately \$10,000
    - ▶ Cross payments approximately \$12,000
- ▶ During "season" calendars BUSY w/ simultaneous activities
  - ▶ "pro forma" calendar created



# Data Collection

- ▶ Interviewed leadership of impacted organizations
- ▶ Collected individual citizen input via survey
  - ▶ Created by GPAC members
- ▶ Accumulated responses
- ▶ Analyzing data





# Assumptions



- ▶ Assumed buildings would be replaced by another building(s)
- ▶ Goal is to identify activities as an input to facility design phase
- ▶ Did not survey thoughts around costs
- ▶ Did not survey thoughts around facility design

# Survey Results

## Generalities

- ▶ Over 1,000 surveys completed
- ▶ Over 800 individual comments
  - ▶ Written responses being reviewed by committee members
- ▶ Survey open to the community at large

## Specifics

- ▶ Survey released on January 26<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Closed on March 15<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ 15 simple questions
- ▶ Survey Themes
  - ▶ Individuals current use of existing facilities
  - ▶ Desirable future activities to be offered on site
  - ▶ Desired future facility capability

# Next Steps

- ▶ Complete survey data analysis
- ▶ Combine with interview results
- ▶ Prepare project report for City Manager
  - ▶ Submit preliminary report Fall 2017

