

Community Summit

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Mayor and Village Council



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SECTION 1

COMMUNITY SUMMIT 2022: OVERVIEW



Community Summit 2022

Village of Royal Palm Beach

June 9, 2022

PURPOSES

The Mayor and Village Council are seeking input from the community on your ideas for Royal Palm Beach's future as they update the Village's Strategic Plan – a 15-year Vision – the preferred future; a 5-year Plan with outcome-based goals – map to the future; and a 1-year Action Plan – a "to do list" with deliverable products and results.

FIVE BASIC RULES

- (1) Everyone's ideas and comments are important.**
- (2) Treat everyone with respect even if you disagree with their comment.**
- (3) Record everyone's ideas on the large sheets of paper.**
- (4) Star (*) the "most important" for your table as determined by a majority vote.**
- (5) Relax, enjoy yourself and make new friends.**
- (6) Mayor and Council are here to LISTEN – avoid commenting or sharing ideas**
- (7) City staff will serve as recorders – recording all ideas mentioned during discussion**

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**
Mayor and Village Council
Village Manager
- 2. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR ROYAL PALM BEACH: OVERVIEW**
Working Model
Connecting the “Dots”
Our Vision 2037

3. ROUND 1: ROYAL PALM BEACH TODAY

Question 1: What have been Village successes during the past two years and during COVID pandemic?

Question 2: Why do you make the choice to live in Royal Palm Beach - add value to your life?

4. ROUND 2: ROYAL PALM BEACH'S FUTURE

Question 3: Today, what are Royal Palm Beach community assets that are important to preserve and to enhance?

Question 4: What do you see as the biggest challenges facing Royal Palm Beach over the next 5 years?

5. ROUND 3: ROYAL PALM BEACH NEXT TWO YEARS

Question 5: What actions could the Village take to enhance your quality of life in Royal Palm Beach?

Question 6: During the next two years, what would you suggest as issues, projects or service enhancement for Village government?

6. MESSAGE TO THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL

On the 3x5 card on your table, write an open message to the Mayor and Village Council.

“To the Mayor and Village Council: ...”

7. FINAL COMMENT

**Mayor and Council Members
Village Manager**

and THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE FUTURE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH!

Village of Royal Palm Beach Community Summit 2022 Discussion Participants

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2. Jaei Wells Cuellar
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4. Denise Fleischman
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21. June Perrin
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23. Sandy Rubin
24. John Ruffa
25. Jess Santamaria
26. Denis Seibert
27. Jennifer Sullivan
28. Bill Thallemer
29. Nathaniel Wood

**We would like to thank all of you for your participation in the
Community Summit!**

Village of Royal Palm Beach Community Summit 2019 Discussion Teams

TEAM 1:

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2. Denise Fleischman
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4. Beverly Newman

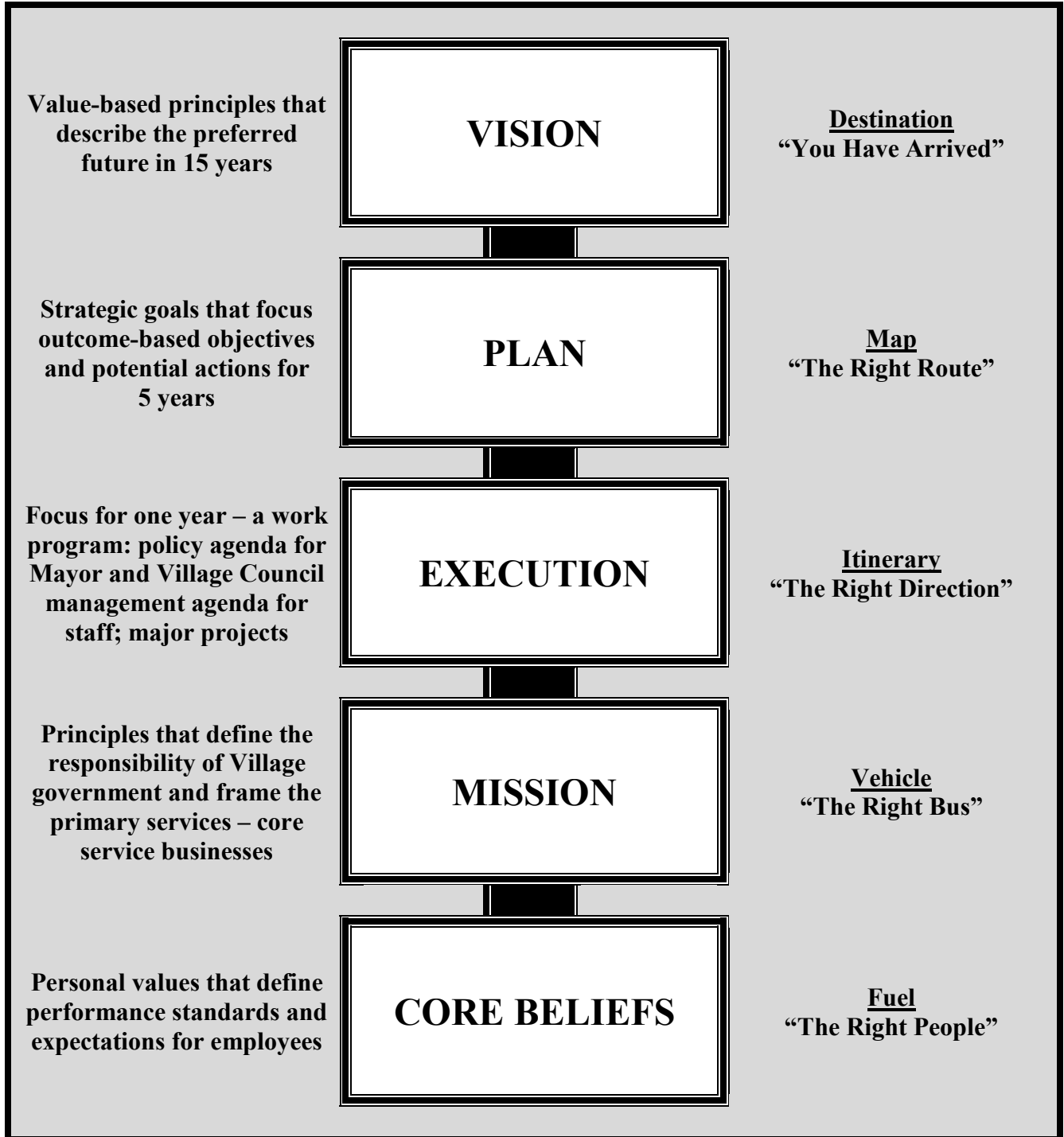
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3. Anne Litt
4. Carla Richardo

SECTION 2

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

STRATEGIC PLANNING MODEL



SECTION 3

ROUND 1: ROYAL PALM BEACH TODAY

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**Question 1:
What have been Village successes during the
past two years and during COVID
pandemic?**

Village Successes during COVID Pandemic 2020-2021: Common Themes

► Common Themes

- 1. COVID Pandemic Response: Common Sense Approach and Critical Thinking**
- 2. Food Distribution – Critical Community Needs**
- 3. Parks Open for Community Use during the COVID Pandemic –Active Use by Residents**
- 4. Shakespeare under the Palms**
- 5. Concerts, Events during the COVID Pandemic**
- 6. Village Essential Service Maintained during the COVID Pandemic**
- 7. Maintained a Safe Community**
- 8. Assistance to Small Businesses**
- 9. Financial Sound and Responsible Village Government – Low Taxes**
- 10. Kayak Launch Opened**

Village Successes during COVID Pandemic 2020-2021:Discussion Teams

»» Team 1	PRIORITY
1. Feeding S. F. in Commons	3 Top
2. Continuation of Village Essential Functions	2 Top
3. Parks Concerts and Functions. Continued Safely Food Truck and Green Market Continuation	3 Top
4. Vaccination Site/Testing Kits, Commons	
5. Post Office Moved Due to COVID	
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»» Team 2	PRIORITY	
1. COVID Response: Food Distribution, COVID Testing, Food Drive, Services Provided at Transition out of COVID Was Good, Village Had Plan, Excellent Management	6	
2. Shakespeare under Palms, Events at Commons, Events Planned with COVID Restrictions	5	
3. Village Used Common Sense Approach to COVID	5	
4. Breaking Ground on New VH	4	
5. Retaining Employees and Salaries	3	
6. People Helping People	3	
7. Farmers Market Coming Back	2	
8. Maintaining Parks	2	
9. Street Signs on Okeechobee	1	
10. COVID Shots		
11. Communication on COVID		
12. Distributing Test Kits		
13. Communication on al COVID Activities		

»» Team 3		PRIORITY
1. Did a Good Job during the Pandemic Showed Critical Thinking		6
2. Providing Food Every Wednesday		4
3. Village Safe Place to Live		3
4. Assistance to Village Businesses during Pandemic		3
5. Maintenance and Services Provided Continuously		2
6. Council Meetings on ZOOM to Prevent Spread of COVID		0
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»» Team 4		PRIORITY
1. Back to School		3
2. ERB		3
3. Lower Taxes – Stay the Same		3
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»» Team 5		PRIORITY
1. Fiscal Responsible, Financially Sound		5
2. Food Distribution Line at ark		5
3. No Interruption of Services during COVID		4
4. Robiner Park Kayak Launch		4
5. Park Opening during COVID		4
6. Welcome Entrance on Southern and RPB Boulevard		3
7. Expansion of Lanes on Southern and RPB Boulevard		1
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**Question 2:
Why do you make the choice to live in Royal
Palm Beach - add value to your life?**

Reasons for Living in Royal Palm Beach: Common Themes

► Common Themes

- 1. Family Friendly Community – All Generations**
- 2. Safe Community – Feeling Safe throughout our Community**
- 3. Location**
- 4. Affordability – Housing and Community**
- 5. Great Parks**
- 6. Outstanding Recreational Activities and Community Events/Festivals**
- 7. Top-Quality Schools**
- 8. Good Governance and Leadership**
- 9. Diverse Community – Residents Feeling Welcome**
- 10. “Small Town”: Feeling**
- 11. Attractive Community**
- 12. Low Taxes**

Reasons for Living in Royal Palm Beach: Discussion Teams

»» Team 1	PRIORITY
1. Safe Place to Live	6 Top
2. Schools	2, 2 #2
3. Location	3,3,2 #3
4. Affordability/Value of Community	2, 1,3
5. Growth Potential with Business and Family	1, 2
6. Hometown Feel	
7. Utilities	
8. Proximity to Fairgrounds	
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»» Team 2	PRIORITY	
1. Small Town Feeling	6	
2. Good Governance	6	
3. Parks and Recreation	6	
4. Affordability	5	
5. Medical Facilities	5	
6. Close to Events	4	
7. "A" Rated Schools	4	
8. Hospitality	4	
9. Low Crime	3	
10. Centrally Located	3	

»» Team 2		PRIORITY
11. Weather		2
12. Close to Major Hubs – Cities – Transportation		2
13. Friends		1
14. No Snobs		1
15. Because It Is A Village		1
16. Close to Family		1
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»» Team 3		PRIORITY
1. Good for Raising Children – Family Place – Safe		6
2. Aesthetics, Affordability, Location		4
3. All American Community Culture – Many Activities		2
4. Safety – Good Schools – Affordability		2
5. Good Business for Entire Community		2
6. Good Value for Property – Location		1
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»» Team 4		PRIORITY
1. Affordable Housing	1 Choice	
2. Family Oriented	2 Choice	
3. Great Location – Near Everything		
4. Better Traffic		
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»» Team 5		PRIORITY
1. Low Crime – Homicide Rate Is Low	6 1 Choice	
2. Diversity	4 2 Choice	
3. Low Tax Rate	6 3 Choice	
4. More Home for the Money	3	
5. Family-Focused Environment (Schools and Parks)	2	
6. Diverse Age Groups	0	
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SECTION 4

ROUND 2: ROYAL PALM BEACH'S FUTURE

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**QUESTION 3:
Today, what are Royal Palm Beach
community assets that are important to
preserve and to enhance?**

Community Assets: To Preserve and To Enhance

► Common Themes

- 1. Commons Park**
- 2. Community Events and Festivals**
- 3. Cultural Center**
- 4. Community Beauty and Attractiveness**
- 5. Small Town Atmosphere**
- 6. Canal System**
- 7. Public Buildings**
- 8. Financial Stability**
- 9. Dog Park**
- 10. Low Taxes**

Community Assets To Preserve and To Enhance: Discussion Teams

»» Team 1	PRIORITY
1. Parks – Commons	1 Top
2. Community Events	2 Top
3. Dogs Parks	3 Top
4. Public Buildings	4 Top
5. Median Upkeep/Row Maintenance	
6. Village Council Accessibility/Questions	
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»» Team 2	PRIORITY	
1. Commons Park	6	
2. Cultural Center – for Seniors	6	
3. Small Town Atmosphere	6	
4. Debt Free	6	
5. Low Taxes	6	
6. Financially Stable	6	
7. Food Distribution	5	
8. Kids Programs	5	
9. Food Distribution	5	
10. Senior Programs	5	

»» Team 2		PRIORITY
11. Parks in General		4
12. Public Infrastructure		4
13. Schools		4
14. Senior Meals		2
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»» Team 3	PRIORITY	
1. Parks, Aesthetics – Tree City Activity Centers	6	
2. Waterways	4	
3. Maintain Financial Stability	4	
4. Use of Facilities – Activities at Locations	2	
5. Open Spaces – Cultural Center – Sports Fields	1	
6. Transportation Infrastructure	1	
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»» Team 4		PRIORITY
1. Parks		1
2. Library		2
3. Events		3
4. Post Office		4
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»» Team 5		PRIORITY
1. Parks and Facilities		6 – 1
2. Preserve the Canal System		4 – 2
3. Community Events and More Advertising of Events, Continue to Embrace New Technologies to Inform the Public		4 – 3
4. Preserve the Preserve		2
5. Accessibility of Council and Responsefulness		2
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QUESTION 4:

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing Royal Palm Beach over the next 5 years?

Major Challenges Facing Royal Palm Beach

► Common Themes

- 1. Having affordable housing available**
- 2. Keeping our neighborhood safe**
- 3. Enhancing code enforcement and compliance**
- 4. Maintaining quality street – well-maintained**
- 5. Retaining workforce**
- 6. Improving traffic management and control**
- 7. Balancing Village budget**
- 8. Maintaining diverse local businesses**
- 9. Maintaining and upgrading Village infrastructure**
- 10. Maintaining Village services and service levels**
- 11. Responding to the impacts/issues related to growth outside Royal Palm Beach**
- 12. Managing SR 7 corridor mixed use developments**

Major Challenges Facing Royal Palm Beach: Discussion Teams

»» Team 1	PRIORITY
1. Affordable Housing	1 Top
2. Keep Neighborhood Safe	2 Top
3. Code Enforcement – More Needed	3 Top
4. Keep Roads in Great Condition	4 Top
5. Non-Resident Traffic Pass Thorough	
6. Encourage Redevelopment of Aged Facilities and Housing	
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»» Team 2	PRIORITY	
1. Transportation!	6	
2. Affordable Housing	6	
3. Retention of Workforce	6	
4. Not Having Infrastructure to Grow	6	
5. Having a Plan for the Future	5	
6. Traffic Congestion	4	
7. Economic Development	4	
8. Not Training Youth to Work in Trades	4	
9. Senior Housing	2	
10. Road Widening	1	
11. Population Growth Plan	1	

»» Team 3		PRIORITY
1. Maintaining Village Services As They Are		6
2. Quality of Life and Safety		5
3. Crime – Drugs		3
4. Keeping a Balance Budget		3
5. Maintaining Family Affordability		1
6. Growth Invasive Species (Control)		0
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»» Team 4		PRIORITY
1. Worry about More Traffic		1
2. More Diverse Businesses – Needed for Small Business Recovery		2
3. School Bus Stops on Main Roads		
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»» Team 5		PRIORITY
1. Traffic		1
2. School Quality		2
3. Over Development		3
4. Rising Crime		
5. SR 7 Corridor Viability and Mixed Use		
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SECTION 5

ROUND 3: ROYAL PALM BEACH NEXT TWO YEARS

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**QUESTION 5:
What actions could the Village take to
enhance your quality of life in
Royal Palm Beach?**

Action Ideas to Enhance Quality of Life: Common Themes

► Common Themes

- 1. More family –friendly events and activities**
- 2. More arts and culture opportunities**
- 3. Village Wi-Fi**
- 4. Wheel chair access to Common Park**
- 5. Mail “Connection Magazine” to residents**
- 6. Having workforce housing opportunities**
- 7. Improve transportation services for seniors**
- 8. PBC Library open on Sunday**
- 9. Reduce invasive species**
- 10. More camps for youth**
- 11. Addressing Bella Sera crime**
- 12. Free Interactive Activities/Service**

Action Ideas to Enhance Quality of Life: Discussion Teams

»» Team 1	PRIORITY
1. More Family-Friendly Events/Something for Everyone	1 Top
2. Village Wi-Fi	2 Top
3. PBC Library Open on Sunday	3 Top
4. Road FDOT Diet – Complete Streets – Bike Lanes	3
5. Residential Lighting Ordinance	2
6. Finish SR 7 Extension	2
7. Prevent SR 7 Extension	1
8. Stop Jog Road	0
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»» Team 2	PRIORITY	
1. Wheelchair Accessible Ramp at Commons Park	6	
2. Mail “Connection Magazine” to Residents	6	
3. Improve Transportation/Seniors	6	
4. How to Elevate from Good to Great as a Village	6	
5. Increase Public/Private Partnership (i.e., Apple University)	6	
6. Additional Art and Cultural Experiences, Venues, on Exhibition	6	
7. Signage at Commons to Announce Events - Improved	5	
8. More Options for Mass Transit	5	
9. Better Communication on Mass Transit That Is Available	5	
10. Something Like City Place in Area	2	

»» Team 3		PRIORITY
1. Control Density		4
2. Reduce Invasive Species		4
3. Promotion of Construction of Workforce Housing		4
4. Maintain Millage Rate		2
5. Traffic Light at Strathmore Gate		2
6. Support Public Safety and Improve Commons Park		2
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»» Team 4	PRIORITY
1. More Camps – Recreation by the Village and Affordable	1
2. Free Interactive Activities Such as: a. Power Walk b. Health Check c. Prizes	2
3. More Events (Movie Nights Mentioned)	
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»» Team 5		PRIORITY
1. Reduce Cell Phone Use While Driving		
2. Bella Sera Crime from Children’s Home North of Boundary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop Nuance ▪ Invest in Facility ▪ Improve Security in Facility ▪ Alert System at Wastewater Plant 		
3. More Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Better Fireworks ▪ Child-Based Community Involvement – Garden ▪ Expand Summer Programs for Kids ▪ Public Wi-Fi at Parks ▪ Starbucks 		
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QUESTION 6:

During the next two years, what would you suggest as issues, projects or service enhancement for Village government?

Issues, Projects and Service Enhancements: Common Themes

► Common Themes

- 1. More Affordable Housing Opportunities**
- 2. Park-n-Ride Palm Train**
- 3. LED Street Lights**
- 4. Better Public Communications**
- 5. Van for Senior**
- 6. Maintained, Upgrade Older Parks and Facilities**
- 7. Police Presence near Halfway House**
- 8. High School Entrance Police Back-up**
- 9. Crestwood Park Developed**
- 10. Safe Tuttle Royale Development**
- 11. Bike Lanes**
- 12. Canal Map**

Issues, Projects and Service Enhancements: Discussion Teams

»» Team 1	PRIORITY
1. Affordable Housing	1 – Top
2. Park-N-Ride Palm Train – Too	2 – Top
3. LED Streetlights	3 – Top
4. Bob White Opened Up	
5. Madrid Re-Pavement	
6. Transit-Oriented Development	
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»» Team 2		PRIORITY
1. Better Public Communications		6
2. Purchase Vans for Seniors		6
3. Paint Bike Lanes on Roads		6
4. Lift/Uber Contract for Seniors		4
5. Affordable Housing/Studios for Artists		4
6. Post Mortem on COVID-Like Events		4
7. Trim Bushes Lower at Intersections		3
8. Course for Youths on How to Provide Service		2
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»» Team 3		PRIORITY
1. Support Public Safety Departments to Protect Village	5	
2. Crime Prevention Problems	4	
3. Maintain Older Park and Facilities	4	
4. Cleanup Schools – Reputation, Performance	3	
5. Enhance and Maintain Village Transportation	1	
6. Maintain Village Services in an Efficient Manner	1	
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»» Team 4	PRIORITY
1. HS Entrance Needs More Police Backup Presence in the Morning Due to Portosol Entrance	1
2. More Police Near Halfway House	2
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»» Team 5	PRIORITY	
1. Crestwood North Park Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noise Impacts ▪ Dog Park ▪ Swings at Playground ▪ Walking Trail ▪ Bathroom ▪ Wi-Fi 		
2. Tuttle Royale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build Safe ▪ Crime (Seasonal) 		
3. Canal Map		
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SECTION 6

OPEN MESSAGE TO MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL

Message to Mayor and Village Council

To Mayor and Village Council

Please do think about building another basketball court on Crestwood. That Center is going to look like a sport center, not a park. We do not want that on Crestwood – Bella Sera – Please keep it simple. We do not want to attract more people to the area – no more traffic, or foot traffic. Having a halfway house 1st does not help, adding this, it will be not such a good idea – dog park, playground sounds better – also, the houses around will need a tall wall to help with noise.

1. We love RPB
2. Please let your staff know

Mr. Mayor

Bella Sera green area donated to the Village is a big concern – a park is being proposed public – my issue, security not private so it does not become the next Drop Point in the area, - if done thru cameras, high fence

To the Mayor, Village Council

Keep up the great work! Your biggest challenge in the future will be to balance the Village's small town feel with county issues like affordable housing, population increases, and rising costs for gas, supplies and construction.

Leverage your brand as a family-friendly city with great parks and green spaces.

Thanks!

Keep up the Good Work.

This is a Wonderful Place to Live.

Thank you for hosting an event to list to residents!

More Community!

Investment in Children

Continue doing the good job

Keep up the good work – Enjoy doing this strategic planning – lots of fun – start with great group

To the Mayor and Village Council:

- Too much is never good!
- Moderation in all things is good!

Design of new park adjacent to Bella Sera developments has too many hodge-podge activities.

My belief is that the proposed design is as if it is a solution for everybody's ever voiced needs and wants. One park cannot be the solution for all – especially a “small” park.

My suggestion:

- Fishing pier is good
- More tranquil, more passive
- Dog park
- Mom/kids distress park – providing activities for kids, benches for moms to socialize and build relationships
- Grass, trees
- Area for barbecues, parties – only 2 sport fields – closure at dusk

Move forward with art in public places

Mayor and Council

Better use of time with Ray for council members to avoid so many questions during the meetings

First of all, you are doing a great job. All comments we made were constructive and not meant to be critical. We do need to plan for the future because many new people are moving in. Traffic and affordable housing and transportation for the seniors in our community to get to the activities at the re center is a must.

Thank you for what you do.

Mary Kaminski

Thanks for your time. RPB is a great city.
Please more kids activities.

To the Mayor and Village Council
Let's up our game from good to great by creating/innovating the next level of municipal services.

I am concerned with date, privacy with the use of vigilant systems, automatic license plate readers. This is Project EN2106. This also applies to the park cameras. The date capture by these systems are used without consent or a search warrant by agencies like ICE

1. Maintain our older facilities (parks, racquetball court and bathrooms as in keeping them clean and safe.
 2. Control evasive species (Muscovy ducks)
- Denis Seibert

To the Mayor and Village Council...

We should eliminate the need for commercial buildings to obtain ARB approval for color changes. Perhaps create a color palate to pick from or prohibit offensive colors.

To the Mayor and Village Council...

We should be encouraging redevelopment and reinvestment in the community. This is easily accomplished by making land entitlement and zoning process easier, allowing density increases, and offer incentives (i.e., code enforcement abatement)

- To: Mayor and Council
1. Keep the Village SAFE – Support the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department.
 2. Continue to improve "Commons Park" for families and children and seniors
- Jess A. Santamaria

I live in Strathmore Gate and would like a traffic light there so that I could walk across Royal Palm Beach Blvd to enter Veterans Park without having to walk a long distance to either corner where there are lights.

Also, to exit neighborhood by car during high-traffic hours.

Continue to enhance the Village in an efficient and proper way.
You are doing a great job; continue with it.

To the Mayor and Village
Please keep our Village under control for overgrowth and give our workers affordable housing.

To Mayor and City Council
Music and Street Painting Festival – Bring back

Better Pens.
Control.
Diversity.
Promote EV Charging Stations.
Help Schools Improve Credentials.
Keep Budget Stable

Mayor and Council
Thanks for a good job. Keep listening to residents.
Put yourself in our shoes when you vote.