

PUNTA GORDA IN BLOOM

City Looks to Add Low Maintenance Landscaping to Downtown

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We are fortunate to live in a community where good people are doing great things. At its June 3 meeting, Punta Gorda City Council endorsed the efforts of TEAM Punta Gorda to move forward on the America in Bloom pilot project.



America in Bloom is a national program dedicated to helping communities flourish. It is their belief that “communities are more welcoming and vibrant with colorful plants and trees in clean environments.”

TEAM Punta Gorda has organized a collaborative committee to work on implementation of a design for the downtown area.

The committee currently includes members of the PGI Green Thumbs, Punta Gorda Garden Club and

Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce. Other partners may join as the project moves forward.

The project goal is to enhance the landscaping of Punta Gorda’s downtown streets with low-maintenance decorative planters and other floral features.

The group has developed a preliminary plan for a Taylor Street pilot program. The total pilot project has a budget of \$20,016.

Local business owner, community supporter and philanthropist Alan Schulman has graciously committed to fund the pilot project. Thank you Mr. Schulman for this generous beautification gift.

Learn more about America in Bloom at www.americainbloom.org.

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