



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



# Community Economic Development Advisory Board 2021 Report



Nick Worden, CEDAB Chair



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# Fiscal Year 2021 CEDAB Annual Report

## Members & Representation in 2021 Fiscal Year

(underline represents member's term expired in 2021, or the Board Member resigned in 2021.)

Name	Membership Category
<u>Barbara Langdon</u>	Development, Engineering, Planning
<u>Carl Goodrich</u>	Real Estate
David Pankiw	Financial Services
Ginger Miranda	North Port Resident
<u>Jodie Vaughn</u>	Higher Education/School Board
<u>Kim French</u>	Diversified Light Industrial/Manufacturing
Mary Dougherty	Development, Engineering, Planning
Nick Worden	Financial Services
Rich Suggs	North Port Resident
Robert Garafalo	Real Estate
Thomas Van Bergen	Real Estate

## • Obstacles

- CEDAB continued to have challenges with reaching quorum
  - 6 meetings were cancelled in Fiscal Year 2021.
  - Updated the meeting time for the Board to retain some members.



- **Economic Development Market Feasibility Study**
  - Infrastructure focus
  - Influence city-wide
  - Return on investment shown
  - Pro-active in engaging businesses
  - Improved business climate
  - Funding set aside for infrastructure and grant funding



Infrastructure construction, previous project on US 41



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- **Completed the Business Tax Equity Study recommending no changes to North Port's fee structure.**
  - North Port City Commission decided to not make any changes based on this recommendation.
- **Recommendation to Commission to support Suncoast Technical College's funding needs in Tallahassee.**
  - Letter was signed and sent by North Port City Commission to our delegation at the State level.
- **Completed Annual Sunshine Law Training with Assistant Attorney Golen.**





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- **Started focus on broadband access and initiatives**
  - Support the dig-once policy and ensuring citizens and businesses have access to reliable and affordable broadband.
- **Conversations with Suncoast Technical College throughout the year on program needs of the community and future build-out plans for their North Port campus**



Questions?

Thank you!