

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20020355

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Add two new neighborhoods, Palmona Park and Suncoast Estates, to the existing five Neighborhood Districts (Charleston Park, Dunbar, Harlem Heights, Page Park and Pine Manor). Authorize Commissioners to set up Local Neighborhood District Committees (LNDC) and appoint representatives that are either residents of, own a business within, work within or own property within the district.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: To allow the creation of two new neighborhoods.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Allows for the formation of a Local Neighborhood District Committee in each the two new neighborhoods and allows representation from the LNDC to the Community Action Agency/NDC.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 05
COMMISSION DISTRICT #: 4

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3. MEETING DATE: April 16, 2002

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER N/A
- B. DEPARTMENT Human Services
- C. DIVISION

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BACKGROUND: In March 1995 the Board of County Commissioners approved the formation of 5 neighborhood districts, formerly CRA areas which had demonstrated a need for community redevelopment, affordable housing, increased economic development opportunities and enhanced direct social services delivery. These areas are the primary focus of the County's allocation of HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME federal funds. As the original neighborhoods achieve self-sufficiency, it is envisioned that the investments can be transferred to other low-income districts. Palmona Park and Suncoast Estates are identified low-income neighborhoods that will benefit from capacity building, infrastructure, housing, economics and social service assistance that has proven successful in the existing neighborhood districts.

Over the next year, staff will work in partnership with the residents of the two new neighborhoods to design a neighborhood revitalization strategy. This strategy is the neighborhood's plan and represents the vision for themselves and their priorities. The neighborhood plan will serve as a "road map" and planning tool for each neighborhood.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval.

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>BjH</i>	N/A	N/A		<i>Andrea Fraser</i>	OA <i>R 4/4</i>	OM <i>4/4/02</i>	Risk	GC <i>4-4-02</i>	<i>R</i>

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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