

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: August 06, 2013

TO: Town Commission

FROM: Dave Bullock, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Request from Sarasota County for Funding Assistance for
Development of a Strategic Action Plan to Address Homelessness

Attached is correspondence received from Deputy County Administrator Lee Ann Lowery requesting Commission consideration to participate in funding an initiative to address homeless issues within Sarasota County.

This item is placed on the August 14, 2013 Special Meeting for Commission consideration and direction.

Susan Phillips

From: Lee Ann Lowery [mailto:LLowery@scgov.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Dave Bullock; Jon Lewis; Edward Lavallee
Cc: Marlon Brown; Randall Reid
Subject: Dr. Robert Marbut

Gentlemen,

As you know, the Gulf Coast Foundation and the Community Foundation brought Dr. Marbut to Sarasota County last week for a look at the homeless issue in our community. Dr. Marbut also shared his expertise with us and made some initial recommendations, particularly as it relates to the need for shelters for families in north and south Sarasota County and a shelter for the chronically homeless in the City of Sarasota.

The City of Sarasota and Sarasota County are interested in bringing Dr. Marbut to our community to develop a Strategic Action Plan to address homelessness. Since this is a community-wide issue and a community plan, we are asking if your city is willing to participate in bringing Dr. Marbut here, hopefully very soon. His fee to provide four months of consulting services is \$5732 per month for three months, with the final month pro bono. In addition to his consulting fee, we would be responsible for travel expenses, including air fare, hotel, per diem, airport parking and car rental, as applicable. We estimate that the total cost for his services, including travel expenses, would be approximately \$40,000, or \$8000 per entity, if all participate.

Please let me know as soon as possible if your city would be willing to join this effort and ensure it is a community-wide effort. The timing is right and we are excited about getting started!