

TAKING THE LEAD

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Cynthia Y. Newell, left, of Bradenton, president of Manatee County's Neighborhood Leadership Initiative, explains a model for sustainable community development to a panel of experts Friday, including Dr. Shelia Smalley, right, of the University of Central Florida. A panel of engineers, economists, college professors and management consultants from Manatee County and around the United States met at the 13th Avenue Community Center in Bradenton to discuss community economic development and ways to increase achievement by area youths. The free event was organized by **Newell** to encourage discussion of civic affairs.