MEMBERS PRESENT

Rolando Garcia, US Attorney’s Office
Brad Uhl, DEA
Capt. Chris Fahey, WPB Police Dept.
David Kronsperger, PBSO
Michael Greene, PBC Health Care Taxing District
John Green, Riviera Beach
Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach
Capt. Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Dept.
Denise Smith Barnes, West Palm Beach
Diane Ellerson, Workforce Alliance
Feirmon Johnson, Dept of Juvenile Justice

GUESTS

Becky Walker, CJC
Damir Kukc, CJC
Mike Rodriguez, CJC
Michele Carter, Good Will

STAFF

R. Murray
C. Spatara
I. Spencer
C. Anderson
W. Dorsey
A. Scott

The meeting was opened at 8:35 am by the Chairman, Rolando Garcia.

Ms. Murray made roll call and asked guests to introduce themselves.

There was an addition to the agenda; Gramercy Village W&S has a budget revision. There was a motion by John Green and seconded by Michael Greene to approve the agenda as presented with the additional item C under presentations. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. M. Greene and seconded by Mr. J. Green to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting.

Chairman’s Comments – None

Presentations:
A. Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director, CJC discussed the County Commission budget proposal and the cut to Weed and Seed. It is a drastic cut of up to 100% at one site. The initial recommendation was a 10% cut per site. Because of further administrative mandated cuts of up to $800,000. The Finance Committee is making further recommendations for cuts. An additional $150,000 has been found and we hope to make recommendations to Finance for the allocation back to W&S. Mr. Green asked the question regarding the $1 million fund for CJC. Mr. Rodriguez shared the cuts that have been made to this program. We are asking that the one million be placed back in the budget but it is probably a long shot. There is some talk about additional federal funding coming to CJC from the Byrne Grant. We have nothing in writing yet. Mrs. Mary Brabham stated the need for this program in Riviera Beach and throughout the county. These cuts should not be occurring. She exclaimed that District 7 is taking the brunt of the cuts. There was a motion made by Mrs. Brabham and seconded by Mrs. Smith that we write a letter in support of the program. The motion carried

B. Damir Kukec, CJC made a presentation regarding the support needed to evaluate W&S sites. He asked the Committee to make a motion in support of evaluating the three W&S Sites at no cost to the cities. The motion was made by Mary Brabham and seconded by John Green. The motion carried.

C. Gramercy Village Budget Request – C. Spatara stated that these are federal funds. Crossroads Baptist Church will be unable to keep with the administrative tasks. We want to move $14,000 allocated to Crossroads to West Palm Beach PAL. The money will be used for Youth Leadership Program and Summer Camp. There was a motion to support the movement of the funds. The motion was made by D. Smith, and seconded by J. Greene. The motion carried with Capt. Fahey abstaining.

VII. Member Comments – John Greene asked about the YVP and funding. Mr. Rodriguez stated that program is in the CJC budget and they are asking for funds for a fourth year. The University of Florida will make presentations of their findings to the full CJC Board on March 23rd. Mr. Greene also asked the Workforce alliance Rep. about the stimulus funding. She stated they will receive an allocation equal to their budget. The funds will be reallocated via the RFP process.

VIII. Staff Comments – Ms. Murray talked about the breakfast planned for April 8th. She asked the committee if they wanted two meetings in April. They stated the breakfast will be enough. She also talked about the Marketing plan to keep Weed and Seed in the spotlight all year long until the final budget is passed.

IX. Public comments – None
X. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.