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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
 Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director
 Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
 Date/Time: May 21, 2019
 Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Deputy Apple | PBSO |
| 2. Vivian Brooks | PBC OCR |
| 3. Sheila Brown | PBC HES |
| 4. Lizbeth Carbal | United Way |
| 5. Andrea Casanova | Memory Trees |
| 6. Deputy Cassie | PBSO |
| 7. Waldermar Cintron | Meadowbrook MHP Resident |
| 8. Samantha Corr | PBC ERM |
| 9. Adolfo Cruz | Meadowbrook MHP Resident |
| 10. Nicole Davis | PBC Building |
| 11. Deputy Ellis | PBSO |
| 12. Isabel Fongunda | Meadowbrook MHP Resident |
| 13. Deputy Grimaldi | PBSO |
| 14. Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 15. Hazel Lucas | Florida Rural Legal Services |
| 16. Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 17. Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR |
| 18. Fadi Nassar | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 19. Michael Owens | School District of Palm Beach County |
| 20. John Portelli | Juno Ridge Resident |
| 21. Casey Pranckun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 22. David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |
| 23. Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 24. Sam Roman | PBSO |
| 25. Virginia Savietto | PBC Commissioner District 2 Office |
| 26. Bob Smallacombe | PBC Fire Rescue |
| 27. Christopher Sosa | Meadowbrook MHP Resident |
| 28. Anna Stewart | PBC Drowning Prevention |
| 29. Houston Tate | OBC OCR |
| 30. Debra Tendrich | EBLB |

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| 31. Deputy Vessage | PBSO |
| 32. William Wynn | PBC OCR |
| 33. Julia Xiao | United Way |

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: Houston Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members and attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Presentation: Cheo Reid, Chief | Juvenile Division, Office of the State Attorney

Mr. Reid presented on Juveniles and the Justice System with a focus on Juvenile Delinquency System Overview, Role of the State Attorney, Entry Points, Levels of System Involvement and Avoiding a Lifetime of Consequences

Juvenile Delinquency System Overview

- ☞ Juvenile Justice system is legislatively-created system
- ☞ Statutory Focus

Discussed the Role of the State Attorney

- ☞ Represent the State's interests, particularly the people of Palm Beach County
- ☞ Make prosecution decisions on each referral that is made by law enforcement
 - Diversion
 - Filing of formal charges
 - Direct-filing
 - Trial
 - Sentencing
- ☞ Balance goals of rehabilitation with protection of the community

Entry Points

- ☞ CINS / FINS (Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services)
 - F.S. 984
- ☞ JFO (Juvenile First Offenders – Civil Citation)
 - F.S. 985.12
- ☞ Referral without an Arrest
 - F.S. 985.13, 985.15
- ☞ Referral with an Arrest
 - F.S. 985.13, 985.15

Levels of System Involvement

- ☞ Diversion Programs
- ☞ Probation
- ☞ Commitment
- ☞ Direct-Filing

Avoiding a Lifetime of Consequences

- ☞ Prevention
- ☞ Successful completion of services
- ☞ Sealing & Expunging Records

* A copy of the presentation is available from OCR upon request.

III. Department Updates:

Samantha Corr, ERM

- 4th Annual Lake Worth Lagoon Fishing Challenge (FC) and it's FREE! Between May 24 and July 7, 2019, when you catch a fish in Lake Worth Lagoon, take a photo that includes the fish and the assigned challenge identifier. Whether you fish once a month or every day, you could be eligible to win a prize. Anglers will be scored on the quantity of their catches, and will be entered into the weekly random prize drawing even if you only fished once during the challenge, regardless of whether a fish was caught.
- The Hypoluxo Scrub Natural Area will be closed until further notice while the Town of Hypoluxo is re-staining the observation tower/platform.
- ERM gives private tours of the natural areas at no cost.

Anna Stewart, PBC Drowning Prevention

- The free and reduce swim program is currently going on. Swimming Lessons Applications are only for qualified children between the ages of 2-12, who are non-swimmers, foster children, Palm Beach County residents, and receive either Medicaid, Florida Kid Care, Healthy Kids, special needs or the parents receive food stamps or Section 8 housing.

Dwayne Johnson, PBC Code Enforcement

- Code Enforcement is currently adding five more code officers and a senior officer.
- Code Enforcement is currently handling approximately 10 to 12,000 cases per year

David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services

- The Florida Chamber of Commerce's Florida Business Leaders' Summit on Prosperity and Economic Opportunity was held on May 22nd and 23rd at the Palm Beach County Convention Center

Chrystal Mathews, PBC OCR

- The 2020 NEAT grant program is underway. The pre workshop was held in the month of April. There was 80 letters of intent received. The applications are due on June 19, 2019.

Vivian Brooks, PBC OCR

- There are three ACI communities currently being focused on. Cabana Colony, San Castle and the Plantation community

Shelia Brown, PBC Housing and Economic Sustainability (HES)

- HES is in the process of finalizing the Action Plan for FY 2019-2020. The final public meeting was held on May 22, 2019 at 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering

- Engineering is currently working on the budget for the Pathway projects
- Engineering is assisting OCR with the speed hump projects

Bob Smallacombe, PBC Fire Rescue

- Fire Rescue announced that along with their fire rescue duties they also teach babysitting classes

- June 1, 2019 Fire Rescue will hold a car seat checkup event along with hurricane activities in the City of Lake Park.
- Fire Rescue along with other partners installed approx. 300 smoke alarms in homes in the Seminole Manor CCRT community

Casey Pranckun, PBC Parks & Recreation

- Parks and Recreation finalized the documents for the Limestone Creek basketball court expansion project
- Plans are complete for the San Castle basketball court expansion project
- P&R are continuing to seek a partnership for a park location in the Plantation community

Michael Owens, School District

- May 31, 2019 is the last day of school.

IV. Questions/Comments:

- Ruth Moguillansky provided an update on the Back 2 School Bash. The event will be held on July 27, 2019 at five different locations (West Jupiter Rec Center, PBC Convention Ctr, Village Academy, South Bay and Pahokee). Registration to participate is mandatory.
- Mr. John Portelli, Juno Ridge resident reported that there has been ongoing code enforcement issues within his community for years and would like something done about it. He stated there are a number of dilapidated homes in need of repair. There are properties owned by absentee property owners that fail to keep up the properties. He stated that he feels the area will never change because of the need of a sewer system in conjunction with a number of vacant lots and the dilapidated homes. Over time, he stated that he has sent twenty emails to code enforcement in reference to the same problem properties repeatedly. Code enforcement comes out site the property owners. The property owner will do just enough to avoid another code siting for a while unfortunately the same thing happens over again with the same properties. Mr. Portelli inquired about the code enforcement process. Dwayne Johnson of Code Enforcement replied that a property owner can call about a particular address to see if there has been a past case or active case on a particular property. The process is the complaint is received by code enforcement, the property owner is notified about the complaint, and code enforcement has to allow a reasonable amount (30 days) of time for the problem to be corrected. If after the 30 days the violation has not been, corrected code enforcement has to file for a hearing. At this current time hearings are taking from one to three months to be heard but may be heard a late as four months. Once at the hearing status the magistrate adjudicates the violation. The magistrate will most likely give more time to correct the violation.
- Mr. Portelli inquired about the code in reference to garbage collection. Helene Hvizd, county attorney's office replied that before October 1 there would be a revision to the code in reference to garbage collection.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____