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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: April 16, 2019
 Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1W-47, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Debbie Bester | Memory Trees |
| 2. Deputy Bickmnas | PBSO |
| 3. Vivian Brooks | PBC OCR |
| 4. Andrea Casanova | Memory Trees |
| 5. Walden Cinte | Meadowbrook MHP Resident |
| 6. Adolfo Cruz | Meadowbrook MHP Resident |
| 7. Nancy Eliassaint | Gramercy Park Resident |
| 8. Deputy Ellis | PBSO |
| 9. Deputy Forde | PBSO |
| 10. Pamela Frazier | West Palm Beach Mental Health |
| 11. Deputy Fresneda | PBSO |
| 12. Lesley George | PBC Economic Sustainability |
| 13. Don Guinn | Gramercy Park Resident |
| 14. Reginald Hayes | PBC Youth Services |
| 15. Capt. Kirschner | PBSO |
| 16. Lori Long | Lake Worth Beach Resident |
| 17. Hazel Lucas | Florida Rural Legal Services |
| 18. Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 19. Bill McDonald | Plantation Area Resident |
| 20. Mildred Murphy-Gilbert | Area Agency on Aging |
| 21. Michael Owens | School District of Palm Beach County |
| 22. Juan Pagan | Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce |
| 23. Ike Powell | PBC Youth Services |
| 24. Casey Prankun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 25. David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |
| 26. Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 27. Syheita Rhoden | Lake Belvedere Estates Resident |
| 28. Sam Roman | PBSO |
| 29. Leroy Rouse | Gramercy Park Resident |

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| 30. Virginia Savietto | PBC Commissioner District 2 Office |
| 31. Michael Sklar | PBC Economic Sustainability |
| 32. Bob Smallacombe | PBC Fire Rescue |
| 33. Katherine Suhar | PBC District 3 Commissioner's Office |
| 34. Deputy Taylor | PBSO |
| 35. Maria Thirbenny | Woodcrest Resident |
| 36. Ken Wilson | FL Dept. of Health in PBC |
| 37. Deputy Vessage | PBSO |
| 38. William Wynn | PBC OCR |

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: Chrystal Mathews, OCR Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members and attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Department Updates:

David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services

- Community Services is currently going through its financial funding process, which will allocate approximately 15 million dollars to individuals who are in need of services that includes mental health, behavioral health, substance abuse counseling, to senior programs and community action programs.
- Within the next month the Palm Beach county report on social demographics behavior to economic mobility will be printed.

Michael Sklar, PBC Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES)

- DHES will be having a board county commission workshop meeting tentatively scheduled for April 30 @ 2:30pm. This workshop's purpose is for the public to give input for the DHES FY 2019-20 Action Plan.
- DHES will be contributing \$300,000 in funding to the construction of the Bridgeman Park project which will be located in the Belvedere Heights CCRT Area.
- DHES provide the Emergency Solutions Grant which helps persons that are at risk of homelessness, helps the homeless and provides rental assistance.

Bob Smallacombe, PBC Fire Rescue

- April 27 Fire Rescue will partner with American Red Cross to provide and install smoke alarms within the Seminole Manor CCRT area
- April 16 was National Heat Stroke Awareness Day. Every year approximately 40-45 children die from heat stroke every year from being left in hot cars.
- Also Fire Rescue partners with other agencies to conduct car seat checks. Appointments can be made to have car seats checked free of charge with Fire Rescue or other partner agencies.

Captain Kirschner, PBSO

- PBSO is actively recruiting for School Crossing Guards. PBSO is one of if not the highest paid for crossing guards. Benefits are provided as well.

- The Graffiti Unit is very active in removing graffiti throughout PBC. If there is graffiti seen please report it at (561) 688-3400. PBCSO removes graffiti at no cost.

Casey Prankun, PBC Parks & Recreation

- Parks & Recreation working on the design for the expansion of the basketball court at the San Castle community park.
- P&R is also working on the design for expansion of the basketball court at the Limestone Creek community park.

Reginald Hayes, PBC Youth Services

- Future Leaders United for Change serves youth ages from 11-22. This group reports to the county commission and give updates on what their doing as well as in return the youth get a chance to see and understand how government works.
- In conjunction with Channel 20 a teen talk show is in the process of being created.

III. Presentation: Chrystal Mathews, PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR), Senior Planner

Ms. Mathew's presentation focused on the Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) grant.

The program provides grants of up to \$10,000.00 to neighborhood- based groups and/or organizations for resident driven neighborhood improvement projects located within unincorporated Palm Beach County and **the Lake Region municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee**. Priority funding will be given to projects that are proposed for designated Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) areas (Enter your address on this link http://www.pbcgov.org/ccrt_map to find out if you live in a CCRT area).

Projects must fall under the following categories to be eligible for funding: 1) Neighborhood Beautification; 2) Neighborhood Identification; 3) Festivals and Special Events; 4) Neighborhood Organizing and Sustainability; 5) Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building; 6) Public Safety and Crime Prevention; 7) Community Gardens; 8) Neighborhood Green Projects; and 9) Emergency Preparedness projects.

Potential applicants must attend a mandatory Pre-Application Conference on April 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Vista Center (Room 1E 58/59), located at 2300 N. Jog Road, in West Palm Beach. Confirmation of attendance must be received no later than April 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. to have your name on the confirmed list. Walk-in registrations will be accepted.

Please reserve and confirm attendance by registering online at: <https://2020ocrneatgrant.eventbrite.com>.

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

IV. Questions/Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____