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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: Audley Reid, Senior Planner, OCR
Date/Time: August 9, 2016
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Joanna Aiken | Solid Waste Authority |
| 2. Joey Cooper | PBC Fire Rescue |
| 3. Hazel Lucas | Florida Rural Legal Services |
| 4. Gregory Gabriel | Planner I Youth Services |
| 5. Kristine Frazell-Smith | PBC Engineering Department |
| 6. Edwin Muller | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 7. Michael Owens | PBC School District |
| 8. David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services Department |
| 9. Scott Rodriquez | PZ&B Zoning Division |
| 10. Danna Akerman-White | Office of Commissioner Shelly Vana |
| 11. Wesley White | PBC Animal Care and Control |
| 12. Kenny Willson | Florida Department of Health Palm Beach |
| 13. Debbie Bester | Memory Trees Corp |
| 14. Rudi Bester | Memory Trees Corp |
| 15. Sergeant Angelo | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 16. Captain Kirschner | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 17. Sergeant Searing | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 18. Deputy Ellis | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 19. Deputy Landa | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 20. Deputy Cullen | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 21. Deputy Harper | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 22. Deputy Roman | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 23. Karen Lanthier | Urban League of PBC |
| 24. Isabelle Philippe-Auguste | Florida Department of Health |
| 25. Quinn Hayes | Florida Department of Health Palm Beach |
| 26. Andrew Joseph | Rico's Scholarship Foundation |
| 27. Bill McDonald | Plantation Community |
| 28. Sandra Totz-Fry | Plantation Community |
| 29. Mary Johnson | Lee Crossing/Homes of Lantana Community |
| 30. Erica Cooper-Hadden | Resident |
| 31. Sarah Vizcarrondo | Light House of Hope |
| 32. Bill McDonald | Plantation Community |
| 33. Reginald Brown | PBC Health Department |
| 34. Melanie Borkowski | PBC Dept. of Economic Sustainability |
| 35. Robin Rance-Hoffman | Commissioner Burdick's Office |
| 36. Lisa DeLaRionda | PBC Office of Public Affairs |

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| 37. Michael Owens | PBC School District |
| 38. Joseph Sophie | PBC Office of Legislative Affairs |
| 39. Audley Reid | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 40. William Wynn | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Mr. Tate Thanked all who volunteered and participated in the Back To School Bash held on Saturday August 6th. He then asked all those in attendance today to introduce themselves.

II. Presentation-Mr. Todd Bonlarron, Assistant County Administrator Palm Beach County

After an introduction County Administrator Bonlarron discussed several issues related to County business provided and provided an overview of County affairs and business which was followed by a Question and Answer portion. The following comments by the ACA reflect this portion of his presentation.

- If the proposed 1% sales tax passes in November, 50% of its revenues will go to PBC schools, 30% to the PBC, and 20% to municipalities.
- PBC officials are informing residents of the impact of the sales tax, however, officials are also taking care not to support or oppose the tax. The final say will be with PBC voters.
- County personnel are planning to provide map and web-based information on where projects slated for redevelopment and revitalization are located in the County.
- Approximately \$24 million is slated in overall state funding to combat the Zika virus, roughly \$500,000 over the next few months will flow to PBC.
- Florida Dept. of Health is embarking on a Drain and Cover Up program to inform residents on how to safeguard against Zika concerns.
- The Glades area of PBC has been a top priority for PBC elected and appointed officials and infrastructure projects existing and planned for the area is a reflection of this.
- An estimated \$25 million in funding for roads-relating projects will be provided to the Glades area over the next five years.
- The issues of homelessness as well as mental health are of great concerns to residents and officials and efforts continue to find ways to effectively address both.
- There will be more resources provided to these issues with passage of the tax levy.

III. Presentation-Ms. Heidi Nielsen & Mr. Paul Bates, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League

After being introduced, representatives from Peggy Adams informed attendees of their work. The League has been in existence for 91 years. It offers vaccines, clinics, foster programs, cats for adoption, spay/neuter programs, and food pantry programs.

They have embarked on a strategy addressing the overpopulation of feral cats. They are open to working with individuals and organizations that share these concerns.

IV. Department Updates

Michael Owens, PBC School District

- August 15th is when schools are opening, be careful and aware.

Joanna Aiken, SWA

- 15 houses were painted this summer, Great Work.
- In the Westgate community, PBSO assisted with housing for a veteran in need.

David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services Department

- Information for homeless services are available through the CSD

Gregory Gabriel, Youth Services Department

- Youth Services held a student spelling bee recently and attracted over 500 young attendees. Books and t-shirts were also provided.
- The Department is continuing to hold Community Conversations to engage parents and kids.
- The Convos are intended to seek input for the creation of a master plan for youth leadership in PBC.

Deputy Roman, PBSO

- The Latin American Summit takes place at the Duncan Theater, please register now.

V. OCR Staff Reports

n/a

VI. New Business

n/a

VII. Residents Comments

n/a

VIII. Follow-ups

n/a

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____