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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: February 14, 2023
 Location: Vista Center Hearing Room 1W-47/WebEx Meeting

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Mohan Baijnauth | Limestone Creek Resident |
| 2. | Chandaye BeHarry | San Castle Resident |
| 3. | Earl Book | Plantation Area Resident |
| 4. | Sandra Book | Plantation Area Resident |
| 5. | Kim Ciklin | PBC Commission District 1 Office |
| 6. | Samantha Corr | PBC ERM |
| 7. | Larry Diegert | Plantation Area Resident |
| 8. | Aaron Evans | FAU |
| 9. | Steve Futch | Plantation Area Resident |
| 10. | Lesley George | PBC HED |
| 11. | Johnny Gillins | Cam Estates Resident |
| 12. | Lesley Gillins | Cam Estates Resident |
| 13. | Dr. James Green | PBC Community Services |
| 14. | Bonnie Hodges | San Castle Resident |
| 15. | Rita Jackson | Pointe Overlook Condo Association |
| 16. | Katherine King | Cam Estates Resident |
| 17. | Amy Lutters | San Castle Resident |
| 18. | Linda MacPherson | San Castle Resident |
| 19. | Kayla Mohan | San Castle Resident |
| 20. | Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR |
| 21. | Johnny Morgan | Greenacres Resident |
| 22. | Fadi Nassar | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 23. | Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 24. | Richard Padgett | PBC Code Enforcement |
| 25. | Michele Pagan | PBC Code Enforcement |
| 26. | Casey Prancun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 27. | Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 28. | Sharon Rose | Elder Services Resources Network |
| 29. | Stefania Russell | PBC HED |
| 30. | Sallie Sahlbach | Cam Estates Resident |

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| 31. | Christina Stodd | PBC Code Enforcement |
| 32. | Houston Tate | PBC OCR |
| 33. | Paul Walker | Pointe Overlook Condo Association |
| 34. | William Wynn | PBC OCR |

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the OCR staff. William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner, introduced the CCRT members and Mr. Tate introduced the presenter Dr. James Green, Director of the Palm Beach County Community Services Department.

II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Samantha Corr, PBC ERM
 - ERM will be having it's 2023 Natural Areas Festival on Saturday, March 4th at Winding Waters Natural Area, 6161 Haverhill Road West Palm Beach, FL 33411 <https://discover.pbcgov.org/erm/Pages/Natural-Areas-Festival.aspx>
 - Lake Worth Lagoon Fishing Challenge starts on Friday, February 11th at 12:00 am through Saturday, February 25th at 11:59 pm <https://discover.pbcgov.org/erm/LWLagoon/Fishing-Challenge.aspx>
 - ERM will be starting the Green Futures summer internship recruitment process
- Michael Owens, School District of PBC
 - Dr. Joaquín García High School is scheduled to open in August of this year. On February 15th at the school board meeting there will be a first reading on the boundary for the school.
- Stefania Russell, PBC HED
 - HED issued RFP offering 4.6 million dollars in loan funding to developers for new construction multi-family rental housing to serve households with income up to 120% if the area median income. On Friday, February 17th there will be an workshop for this RFP

III. OCR UPDATES

- Chrystal Mathews
 - The Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program provides grants of up to \$10,000.00 to neighborhood groups and/or organizations for neighborhood improvement projects. More information can be found at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/ocr/Pages/NEAT-Program.aspx>

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. James Green, Director of the Palm Beach County Community Services Department

- Dr. Green began by introducing the Community Services Department leadership team.

- Mr. Green started his presentation by sharing information on how the Community Services Department is aligned with the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) strategic priorities, which include Economic Development, Housing and Homelessness, Environmental Protection, Infrastructure, Public Safety, and Substance Use & Behavior Disorders. Three of these priorities are directly aligned with the work that Community Services does.
 1. Economic Development: To promote economic revitalization, business development, and retention by driving the creation of employment opportunities while reducing disparities and improving the quality of life for everyone.
 2. Housing and Homelessness: To promote the quality of life through targeted programs that address the housing and homelessness needs of the residents of Palm Beach County.
 3. Substance Use & Behavior Disorders: To address the substance misuse crisis and behavior disorders by providing evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment, and recovery support services.
 - Community Services funds approximately 125 non-profit and programs throughout PBC
 - Community Services services they provide are primarily in the areas of Housing & Homelessness, Economic Mobility and Behavior Health and Substance Use Disorders among other services including HIV. There are plans and specific goals to provide these services.
 - PBC has 71,000 millionaire households, 44 billionaires, more than 60,000 children are living in poverty
 - Within the PBC School system, the data shows that black male third graders only about 30% are reading at a proficient level.
 - There are comprehensive plans that are being used to provide the most efficient and effective services. At the center of these plans are organizations that are responsible for making sure that the system is operating properly. One part of the system affects another so it is imperative that the system operates properly. The organizations work together to cover gaps in the system where needed. The Citizens Advisory Committee assesses the need, planning, implementation and evaluation of the system.
 - Community Services areas of focus have three comprehensive plans that is related. Securing Our Future PBC, The Homeless Plan and Facing The Crisis
 - The goal is to reduce the poverty rate by 10% over the next ten years. The way this will be done is by the three Ps. People, Partnerships and Policy.
- * A copy of the full presentation is provided as an attachment.

Questions

Bonnie Hodges, San Castle Resident

- What can be done to help a neighborhood family that is living in poverty in San Castle? Dr. Green stated that an assessment needs to be done. PBC will explore ways they can possibly help if the resident is willing to accept the help. The property owner needs to be held accountable. In order for something to happen with this property, there is a process. The health department and code enforcement needs to be involved in the process. In the interim, the family needs a place to go. Dr. Green advised Community Services staff is currently looking into this family's issue and will work with the family if the family were willing.
- Ms. Hodges inquired about the street sign on Monroe Blvd and Overlook Rd. Stated this sign is misleading. Houston Tate replied that a date would be set with Ms. Hodges for a site visit along with Traffic Engineering to observe this issue.
- Ms. Hodges inquired can trees be planted in a retention pond? Fadi Nassar replied

that he would have to get the answer for this question. He will have the answer for Ms. Hodges at the site visit.

- Ms. Hodges stated that the traffic is excessive along Overlook Rd. Houston Tate replied that this issue will also be observed during the site visit.
- The retention pond on San Castle Blvd is overgrown and unkempt and should be converted to something useful for the community. Casey Pranckun replied that

V. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____