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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 20, 2018
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1W-47, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

1. Joanna Aiken Solid Waste Authority
2. Rob Anderson Living Hungry
3. Deputy Apple PBSO
4. Ana Atkinson San Castle Resident
5. Keith Babb Mayor City of Pahokee
6. Sherry Baker PBSO
7. Verdenia Baker PBC Administration
8. Anneua Balbuena Dillman Heights Resident
9. Hallie Balbuena Dillman Heights Resident
10. Bob Berman Palm Beach Country Estates Resident
11. Margaret Bess Seminole Manor Resident
12. Tammy Bess Seminole Manor Resident
13. Debbie Bester Memory Trees
14. Rudi Bester Memory Trees
15. Jayme Bosio PBC Library
16. David Browning Mayor of Loxahatchee Groves
17. Merry Bush Gramercy Park Resident
18. Deputy Cassie PBSO
19. Vincent Campi Westgate Resident
20. Pierre Cazen HCRFF
21. Kim Ciklin PBC Commissioner Valeche's Office
22. Samantha Corr PBC ERM
23. Jennifer Corcoran Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
24. R.L. Davis
25. Larry Diegert Plantation Resident
26. Thomas Derita PBSO
27. Cindy Divine Palm Beach Country Estates Resident
28. Chris Donohue West Palm Beach Resident



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| 29. | Shannon Doughney | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 30. | Stephanie Duncan | Palm Beach Country Estates Resident |
| 31. | Deputy Fox | PBSO |
| 32. | Michael Gauger | PBSO |
| 33. | Anna Gerwig | Mayor Village of Wellington |
| 34. | Juan Gonzalez | QixiBox Foods |
| 35. | Eduardo Gruman | CareerSource PBC |
| 36. | Bob Hamilton | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 37. | Darlene Hatcher | Limestone Creek Resident |
| 38. | Sgt. Hightower | PBSO |
| 39. | Deputy Hill | PBSO |
| 40. | Jeff Hmara | Village of Royal Palm Beach Councilman |
| 41. | Willie Jenkins | Seminole Manor Resident |
| 42. | Sherry Johnson | Community Caring Center |
| 43. | Capt. Kirschner | PBSO |
| 44. | Ilene Long | Old Trail Resident |
| 45. | Tammy Lytle | Seminole Manor Resident |
| 46. | Debra Marcelle-Coney | Community Faith Outreach Ministries |
| 47. | Lana Martinez | San Castle Resident |
| 48. | Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 49. | Shirlon McCarty | Division of Juvenile Justice |
| 50. | Bill McDonald | Plantation Resident |
| 51. | Todd McLendon | Loxahatchee Groves Councilman |
| 52. | Sandra Meredith | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 53. | St Amour Meschac | HFCM |
| 54. | Steve Meyers | Seminole Manor Resident |
| 55. | Randall Miller | Miller Environmental Solutions, LLC |
| 56. | Tony Miller | Community Caring Center |
| 57. | Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR |
| 58. | Miguel Morales | San Castle Resident |
| 59. | Deputy Myers | PBSO |
| 60. | Michael Owens | School District of Palm Beach County |
| 61. | Rev. Wayne Padgett | Cross Roads Baptist Church |
| 62. | Deputy Palenzuela | PBSO |
| 63. | C Pere | |
| 64. | Kim Pierce | |
| 65. | MauraPlante | Living Hungry |
| 66. | Anita Quinn | |
| 67. | David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |
| 68. | Robin Rance-Hoffman | PBC Commissioner Burdick's Office |
| 69. | Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 70. | Syheita Rhoden | Lake Belvedere Estates |
| 71. | Cathy Roberson | |
| 72. | Deputy Robinson | PBSO |
| 73. | Millie Rodriguez | Health Care District PBC |
| 74. | Jan Rodusky | Village of Royal Palm Beach Councilwoman |



- 75. Sam Roman PBSO
- 76. Leroy Rouse Gramercy Park Resident
- 77. Deputy Rutherford PBSO
- 78. Beverly Scott Deputy City Manager City of Belle Glade
- 79. Tanya Siskind Village of Wellington Councilwoman
- 80. Michael Sklar PBC Economic Sustainability
- 81. Bob Smallacombe PBC Fire Rescue
- 82. Selena Smith Village of Royal Palm Beach Councilwoman
- 83. Anna Stewart Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
- 84. Houston Tate PBC OCR
- 85. Debra Tendrick EBLB
- 86. Michael Thomas Family Creed, Inc.
- 87. Ken Trapasso PBC
- 88. Richard Valuntas Vice Mayor of Village of Royal Palm Beach
- 89. Deputy Vessage PBSO
- 90. Marie Whaley Seminole Manor Resident
- 91. Chandler Williamson City Manager City of Pahokee
- 92. Dawn Wynn PBC Attorney's Office
- 93. William Wynn PBC OCR
- 94. Deysi Zelaya San Castle Resident

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and introduced all the elected officials in attendance.
- II. **Opening Remarks: Mayor Melissa McKinlay, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.**

Mayor McKinlay congratulated Deputy Chief Michael Gauger on receiving an award from the Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club. Also congratulated Vice Mayor of Royal Palm Beach, Richard Valuntas for his great work with the Attorney General's Office.

Mayor McKinlay reported that there was a community meeting at Palm Beach State College in Belle Glade on 2/20/18. Since 2015, 215 million dollars has been invested in over 1000 projects in the Glades mainly on infrastructure projects. There is also a desperate need for workforce housing in the Glades area.

The Palm Beach Housing Authority has decided not to move forward with the Grand Lakes project, which would have had 384 apartment units. In addition, Winn-Dixie will be filing for bankruptcy and closing 200 stores. The location in Belle Glade may be among the 200. Mayor McKinlay has been lobbying with Winn-Dixie to keep this location open.

The opioid crisis within Palm Beach County is a major focus as well as other manufactured drugs. In the state of Florida, there has been an increase in overdoses due to these drugs. In the near future The Health Care District will be voting on opening an addiction receiving facility in Palm Beach County. This facility will a place where any one that needs help with drug addiction can receive it.



Mayor McKinlay along with Representative Joseph Abruzzo are trying to secure more funding from the Florida legislature for Palm Beach County over and above what the state already gives the county as well as being in the process to secure the 786 million dollars needed to repair the Herbert Hoover Dyke.

Mayor McKinlay reported that on the November ballot there will be an item to increase homestead exemption another \$25,000. This will be a benefit for many property owners but if this item is passed, there will be a budget shortfall for Palm Beach County.

Mayor McKinlay stated that what the CCRT does is absolutely phenomenal. Mayor McKinlay had to cut her presentation short to attend a meeting hosted by West Palm Beach Commissioner Shannon Materio along with Dr. Mary Stratos, principal of Forest Hill High School at Conniston Middle School on Talking with Students in response to the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fl.

III. Community Conversation: Neighborhood Safety - Chief Deputy Michael Gauger, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO).

Chief Deputy Gauger's community conversation focused on Neighborhood Safety. The focus was on Public Safety, Community Safety and Interaction with Police.

The public safety focus was:

- How do we empower our communities
- How can we make our neighborhoods safer

The community safety focus was:

- Community Pride
- Challenges in communities such as gun violence, gangs, drugs, truancy, lack of community communication, lack of trust in law enforcement and felony records.

Interaction with Police focused on:

- Communities involvement with Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Recreational opportunities. i.e. Parks

IV. Mini Workshop: Community Revitalization Effective Leadership & Emerging Trends.

Presenter: Darrell Searcy, Founder and CEO Chandler Campbelle & Daschle.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

V. OCR Updates:

Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, reviewed and explained to all in attendance the purpose of the CCRT Interest Survey. She requested that all complete the survey so that the OCR can ensure that the CCRT meetings, community conversations and mini workshop are tailored to what residents need and want, and staff can better respond to and address residents issues and concerns.

Maura Plante of Living Hungry discussed and explained the purpose of Living Hungry as its purpose, which is to serve hungry children and families within Palm Beach County.



VI. Department Updates

Samantha Corr, Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM)

- **Project Description:**

Winding Waters Natural Area, Haverhill Road West Palm Beach

Project Update:

The property is under routine maintenance and biological monitoring.

- **Project Description:**

Hypoluxo Scrub Natural Area, Hypoluxo Road Town of Hypoluxo

Project Update:

The property is under routine maintenance and biological monitoring.

- **Project Description:**

Limestone Creek Natural Area, Church Street Jupiter

Project Update:

The property is under routine maintenance and biological monitoring.

ERM Upcoming CCRT Area Programs/Activities/Initiatives/Grants/etc.

- **PBC's 2nd Annual Natural Areas Festival**

This multi-day series of events offer free guided experiences at several of the county's natural areas throughout Palm Beach County. Below are the guided adventures at natural areas within CCRT areas:

*Reservations are required as space is limited. Please click on the links to sign up or obtain more information.

- **Main Event Festival at Winding Waters Natural Area**

Saturday, March 10th ALL-DAY EVENT

A free family friendly festival with wildlife presentations, informational displays, kid's zone, food trucks and the following guided adventures:

Bird Survey and Hike at Limestone Creek Natural Area

Wednesday, March 7th 7am – 8:30am

Join ERM biologists and learn about native birds and the habitats and plants they depend on for survival.

Sign up on [Event Brite](#)

Naturalist-led Hikes

8:15am Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

9:30am Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

10:45am Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

12:00pm Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

Gopher Tortoise Hike at Hypoluxo Scrub Natural Area

Friday, March 9th 4pm – 5:30pm

Join ERM on a hike and learn about one of nature's best diggers and bulldozers, the State-threatened gopher tortoise.

Sign up on [Event Brite](#)

Guided Kayak Tours (kayaks provided)

8:00am Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

9:30am Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

11:00am Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

Snail Talk and Walk

11:30am Sign Up on [Event Brite](#)

5K Trail Run - Sign up on [Event Brite](#)



Michael Sklar, PBC Housing and Economic Sustainability (HES)

- **Haverhill Road Resurfacing Project (Cannongate-Southwoods, Dillman Heights, Forest Homes, Sleepy Hollow, and Wallis Street West)** - Milling and resurfacing roadway from Summit Boulevard to Belvedere Road. CDBG funds allocated - \$568,009.

Project Update: The project is under the management of County Engineering. Contract was awarded in December 2017 and work is currently in progress. Construction is scheduled to be completed by August 1, 2018.

- **Canal Point Neighborhood Park (Canal Point)** – Improvements to playground equipment and playground area. CDBG funds allocated - \$142,000. CCRT area supported: Canal Point

Project Update: The project is under the management of County Parks and Recreation (design) and Facilities Development and Operations (construction oversight). Contract has been awarded and work is to begin this year once design is complete. Construction schedule has not been determined at this time.

- **Lake Lytal Park (Gun Club Estates and Whispering Pines-Miss Piney)** – Improvements to playground equipment and playground area. CDBG funds allocated \$168,830. CCRT areas supported:

Project Update: The project is under the management of County Parks and Recreation (design) and Facilities Development and Operations (construction oversight). Contract has been awarded and work is to begin this year once design is complete. Construction schedule has not been determined at this time.

- **Kenwood Estates Neighborhood Park (Kenwood Estates)** – Replacement of playground equipment and playground area. CDBG funds allocated \$90,000.

Project Update: The project, currently in the design phase, is under the management of County Parks and Recreation (design) and Facilities Development and Operations (construction oversight).

- **HES Upcoming CCRT Area Programs/Activities/Initiatives/Grants/etc.**

HES is accepting names of prospective applicants for homebuyer purchase assistance under the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) administered by HES. To get on the waiting list, please complete the enclosed form and either email it to HES at hesverify@pbcgov.org, fax it to 561-656-7553, or hand deliver it to HES' office located at 100 Australian Avenue, 5th Floor, West Palm Beach.

Bob Hamilton, PBC Parks & Recreation (P&R)

- **Canal Point Park and Community Center (Canal Point)** – The Park will undergo a playground renovation. New playground equipment for 5-12 and 2-5 year-olds will be installed, along with new engineered playground mulch, and walkway connections.

Project Update: This project is awaiting a signed BAS from Housing and Economic Sustainability (HES).



- **Lake Lytal activities building playground renovation** - New playground equipment will be installed for 5-12 and 2-5 year-olds will be installed, along with new engineered playground mulch, bike rack, and walkway connections.

Project Update: This project is awaiting a signed BAS from HES.

- **WUD Plant #8 Community Park**

Project Update: Conceptual design finalized, meeting with stakeholders planned in near future. \$1,000,000 in IST funding allocated in FY17

- **Sanders Drive Playground Improvements (Lake Worth West) -**

Project Update: The project is currently under design. \$32,750 allocated for improvements to the playground and playground surfacing.

- **Cabana Colony Basketball Court Resurfacing and Pathway Repairs (Cabana Colony)**

Project Update: A total of \$20,000 has been allocated towards repair projects within the park

- **Watergate Park (Watergate Estates)** – Installation of a shade sail structure to cover the playground.

Project Update: The Parks & Recreation Department is coordinating with OCR to encumber funds for this potential project. The existing proposal will be updated to determine the feasibility of funding this project.

Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County

- Pool Safety is a national public education campaign to reduce childhood drownings, submersion injuries and entrapments. Since 2016, the Coalition has collected over 19,000 thousand pledges from children and adults promising to be water safe and water smart. Due to our ongoing educational efforts, Pool Safely often recognizes the DPC in its online blog. To learn more, visit <https://www.poolsafely.gov/>
- “Do You Know How to Escape a Sinking Vehicle” is a free presentation that can be requested to educate residents, children or adults.

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority (SWA)

- Within the next few months, Paint Your Heart Out Palm Beach County (PYHO) will be painting 55 homes in Palm Beach County. PYHO is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that offers assistance to the elderly, disabled and low-income families with children. Paint Your Heart Out paints the exterior of qualifying single-family homes with the SWA’s recycled paint at no cost to the homeowner. For more information, contact the SWA Community Services at 561-697-2700.
- Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches is a national nonprofit with a network of more than 200 affiliates across the United States. The mission is to preserve affordable housing by bringing volunteers and communities together to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners." Rebuilding Together is in the process of rehabbing 15 homes in Palm Beach County. <http://rebuildingtogether-pb.org/About/tabid/56/Default.aspx>



David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services

Mr. Rafaidus informed the attendees, and provided brochures about the number of services provided through Community Services. There are approximately 15 million dollars allocated to financial agencies through community services. There is also a Community Indicator Report is a report which contains data on a number of issues i.e. homeless.

VII. Residents Comments
N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director_____



Survey Feedback

Below are the comments/feedback received from meeting participants during the February CCRT meeting. This information will be used by OCR staff as a basis for structuring upcoming community conversations and mini workshops.

Subjects for community conversations:

- Steps to getting services into your community
- How to improve relationships between people of different cultures and backgrounds
- How to solve the situation with so many kids not attending school
- How to get your neighbors to be part of the community group without the fear of an association
- How to add or have a project development become part of community?
- How to involve more residents in activities
- How to enforce code violations/corrections
- What to do for illegal business conducted
- Community meetings (potlucks, activities, forums for people to speak)

Subjects for mini workshops (I highlighted those that had more support)

- Fundraising
- Neighborhood beautification
- Increasing resident involvement
- Neighborhood communication (newsletters, websites, etc.)
- Mastering basic skills for a successful neighborhood organization
- Planning special events
- Neighborhood partnerships (business, faith, nonprofits)
- The pros and cons of nonprofit organizations and how to apply for 501.c.3 designation
- Neighborhood Youth
- Parliamentary procedures
- Getting to know your neighbors better workshop
- How to implement beautification projects on county owned land, specifically regarding possible cleanup initiatives
- Business partnerships
- Creation of training and mentorships
- How to improve availability for affordable housing
- Lake Okeechobee tourism opportunity in Pahokee's strength and future.

Additional feedback:

- Provide written guidelines/to do guide that residents can take out related to the for topics which are part of the mini workshops
- Address both sides of the room and speak up. People were having a hard time to hear all the speakers including Houston
- Strengths: the residents in Sun Terrace are helpful to each other. They are hardworking and willing to help. The things that could be better is the upkeep between Jog and Haverhill on Belvedere Rd. The southeast corner of Jog and Belvedere Rd has a lot of illegal selling of items like cars, food, rug, etc. which provides a Segway for more illegal crime activity. The medians are unkempt as well.
- Keep time on agenda
- Let the different communities talk/share ideas and what works and what does not. Stay on time with agenda
- Bring code enforcement to CCRT meetings no special speaker



- Cabana colony would love a community entrance sign indicating community name. They have a ton of families with children and would love to see their park updated to something the children and families would use (e.g. gazebo with power), also a community center (perhaps a home in the neighborhood?) for the residents to gather and have their meeting and a space for them to start community groups. They would love a community building where leaders can arrange events, large and small, to create a stronger bond. Safety, cleaner streets and spaces, and a safe place to share ideas that improve the community for everyone.
- Would like to learn about the grants residents can apply for to better their community.
- Ways to get involved to benefit one another
- Rebranding of the community showing their name with pride
- Some of the speakers from the grant classes like nonprofits that work with kids and/or GED for adults would be great. Made reference to a speaker that created a “business” that trained teens to do actual jobs and gave them skills!