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COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
 Facilitator: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director
 Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
 Date/Time: July 20, 2021
 Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Joanna Aiken | Solid Waste Authority of PBC |
| 2. | Myron Baa | Gramercy Park Resident |
| 3. | Rachel Bonlarron | Palm Beach State College |
| 4. | Jayme Bosio | PBC Library System |
| 5. | Robin Bundy | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 6. | Bambi Fanto | Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County |
| 7. | Tanya Gibson | Country Club Acres Resident |
| 8. | Nicole Glasford | Health Care District of Palm Beach County |
| 9. | Margaret Humphrey | Lutheran Services Florida South Bay Early |
| 10. | Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 11. | Ontario Johnson | Neighborhood Renaissance |
| 12. | George LaCosta | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 13. | Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 14. | Bill McDonald | Plantation Area Resident |
| 15. | Deborah Morgan | Palm Beach Harvest |
| 16. | Margaret Mwale | Presbyterian Church (USA) |
| 17. | Fadi Nassar | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 18. | Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 19. | Ike Powell | Youth Services |
| 20. | Casey Prancun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 21. | Denise Proffitt | Palm Beach Harvest |
| 22. | David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |
| 23. | Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 24. | Rhonda Rogers | Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group |
| 25. | Sharon Rose | Elder Services Resource Network (ESRN) |
| 26. | Leroy Rouse | Gramercy Park Resident |
| 27. | Edna Runner | Edna Runner Tutorial Center |
| 28. | Vivian Ryland | PBC OCR |
| 29. | George Schott | PBC OCR |
| 30. | Milory Senat | Agency for Persons with Disabilities |
| 31. | Michael Sklar | PBC Department of Housing and Economic Development |
| 32. | Anna Stewart | Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County |
| 33. | Houston Tate | PBC OCR |
| 34. | Michael Thomas | Family Creed |
| 35. | Maria Thirbenny | Woodcrest Resident |
| 36. | Lauren Veit | FL Dept. of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation |
| 37. | William Wynn | PBC OCR |

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston L. Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed meeting attendees.

George Schott, OCR Planning Technician, introduced the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members.

Mr. Tate introduced Sharon Rose, Vice President of Programming, Elder Services Resource Network (ESRN)

II. PRESENTATIONS

Sharon Rose, Vice President, Programming, ESRN

Ms. Rose thanked Mr. Tate for inviting her to speak at the CCRT meeting. Ms. Rose presentation focused on intergenerational communities using some directed activities.

Imagination

Ms. Rose asked all in attendance to close their eyes and relax. She directed participants to take three deep breaths—inhale, exhale, inhale, exhale and the third inhale and exhale. She asked all to begin to use their imagination of what they would like to see in their community of all ages working together to help each other in as many ways as possible. Ms. Rose asked what participants would like to do with their neighbors and to help them, given their talents. She also asked what participants would need to help them and their families, and what resources do they know are already available from Mr. Tate and his team.

Inspiration

Ms. Rose asked participants what or who inspired them as a child...teenager...adult years...? What or who inspires them now?

Action

Ms. Rose asked all in attendance what words are important to them, for themselves, their family and community, and then takes imagined actions and feelings and combine them with words. Remember the words as it is discussed how intergenerational communities work well, with a win-win-win for all ages.

Outcome

When you see words that mean something to you, bring in your imagination ideas, actions you can take with your community and see some of the outcomes.

Ms. Rose discussed how her career journey led her to become a Social Gerontologist. Her career journey included: retail sales, hospitality, artist, social gerontologist, wife, mother, daughter, colleague and friend.

Gerontology – It is the study of the economic, physical, emotional, social, and practical effects of aging.

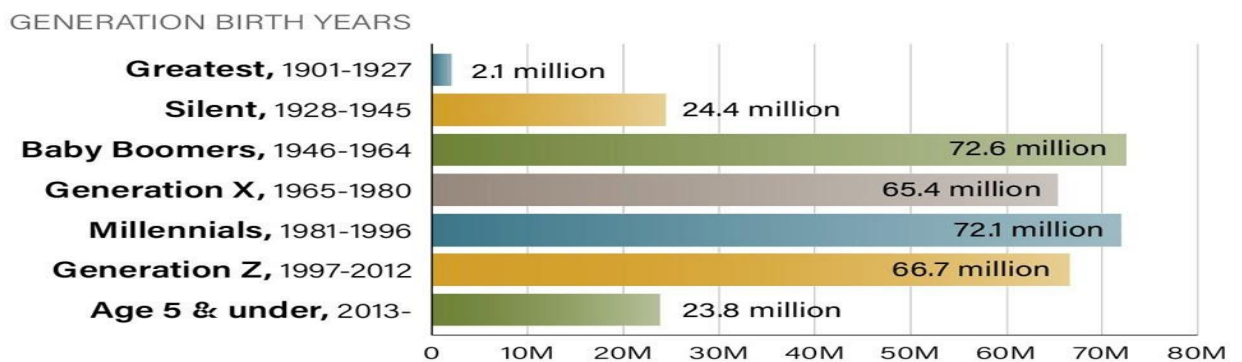
Social Gerontology – It is the study, research and application of the social determinants of well-being to assess and assist older adults in later life.

Ms. Rose expertise is described in the three areas listed below, which can provide new tools and perspective to enhance understanding of aging well for and with your clients:

- Creating and implementing intergenerational programs,
- Aging well activities for clients and, if possible, with their family; and
- Gerotechnology education focused on assisted devices to expanding daily living activities.

Examples of Programs Created and Moderated:

- “Intergenerational Talks,” Pilot: Intergenerational Caregivers, with Mr. Tate.
- “Edgewater Talks,” viewing inspiring YouTube with residents living in Edgewater at Boca Pointe with follow-up discussion. Ms. Rose’s mom, at 96-years young, with her Ph.D. in Lifelong Learning, leads her committee there.
- “Lynn Talks,” intergenerational series with the Lynn University undergraduate students and the residents from Edgewater using its successful format



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 population estimates; Pew Research Center
 *Note: Demographers have not declared an official end point for Gen Z yet

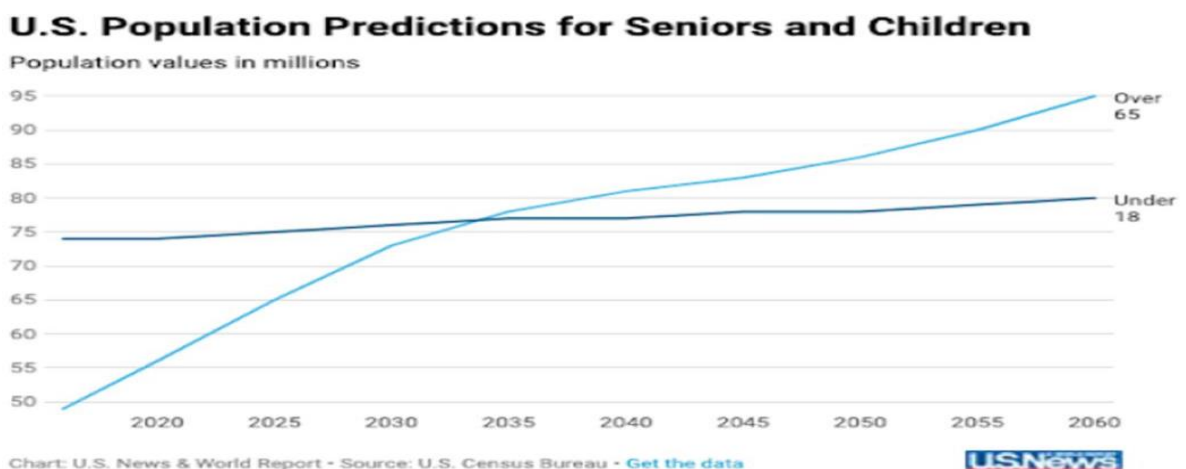
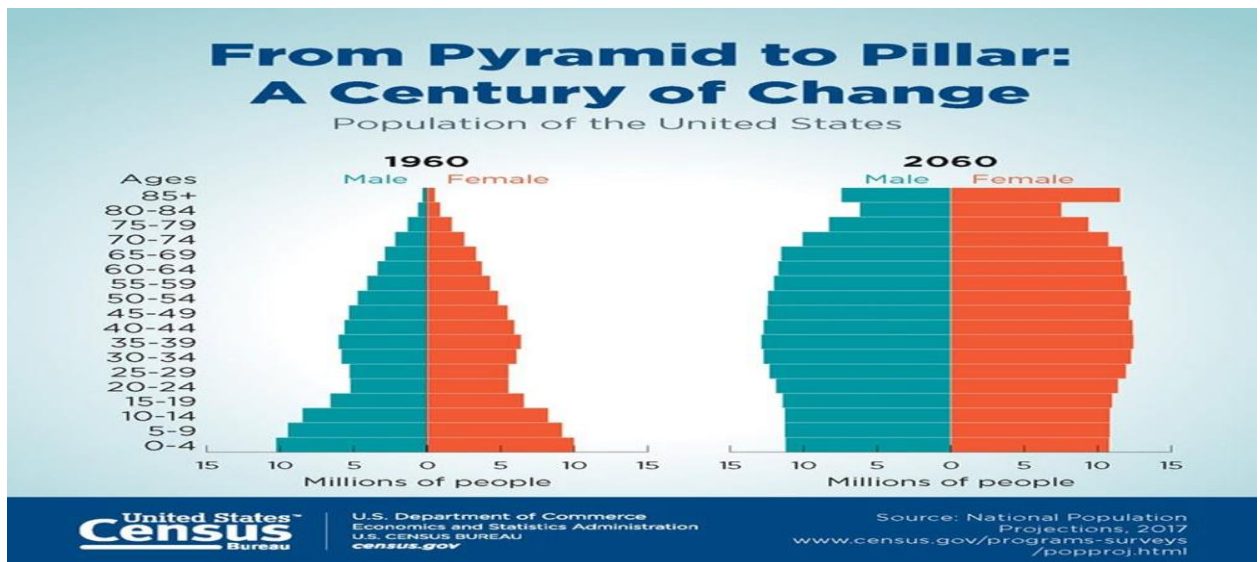


Chart: U.S. News & World Report • Source: U.S. Census Bureau • [Get the data](#)





Community Need Suggestions:

- Socially Engaged
- Mentally Engaged
- Physically Engaged
- Take Up Gardening
- Seek Out Creative Projects
- Engage in Lifelong Learning
- Reading, Reading, Reading
- Physical Fitness
- Telehealth Availability
- Increased Computer Experience
- Increased Volunteerism
- Build or Join Organizations
- Innovation with New Projects
- Continue Being Close with Your Family—Multi-Generational
- Modify Your Home
 - Aging in Place—Forever Home
 - COVID-19 Changes
 - ❖ Children Moved Back In
 - ❖ Parents Moved In

Age-Friendly Communities

- The state of Florida is a member of the World Health Organization/AARP Age-Friendly Communities, or also named Livable Communities.
 - The 8 Domains of Livability
 - Housing
 - Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
 - Transportation
 - Communication and Information
 - Civic Participation and Employment
 - Respect and Social Inclusion
 - Health Services and Community Support

- Social Participation

Social Determinations of Health

- Neighborhood and Build Environment
- Health and Health Care
- Social and Community Context
- Education
- Economic Stability

Where Do We Start

- What are the needs in the community?
- Start a list of who in the community has which needed skills and assets
- Coordinate needs with skills
- How can Houston Tate and OCR assist with their resources?
- How can I assist you with my resources coordinated with Houston Tate and

* PowerPoint available upon request

Participants' Comments:

1. Edna Runner, Executive Director of the Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center, inquired about what unsuccessful experiences ESRN had. Ms. Rose replied that there are a lot of things that worked and a lot of things that didn't work such as volunteers not showing up or activities being postponed or canceled due to weather.
2. David Rafaidus, CCRT member representative from the PBC Community Services Department, stated that several of the domains mentioned in the presentation are in the Palm Beach County Sociodemographic Barriers to Economic Mobility Report as well as the Community Indicator Report. ESRN was very instrumental in this process. Community Services has gone a step further by adding some of the domains to the Health and Human Services element. Community Services would like for ESRN to be somehow involved in the amendments to the element.
3. Mr. Rafaidus stated that his definition of wellbeing will be very different than someone's definition from another country. It will depend on the standard of living.
4. Tanya Gibson, Country Club Acres resident, commented that her community has been participating in the food distribution program since the beginning of the pandemic and that Ms. Rose's presentation slide on age friendly communities illustrates that when all work together this does really happen. The OCR guided this community to work in this direction for the benefit of the entire community. This community has learned about building a structure within the community where if one part drops out the other one picks up the ball. This has been a major success factor for the community. Thank you OCR.
5. Bill McDonald, Plantation resident, commented that he was preparing for his community's food distribution on July 21st. He also spoke about how his community prepares for different events such as the community Christmas parade.

6. Michael Thomas, from Family Creed, commented that he started a youth development nonprofit which uses sports such as archery, lacrosse, baseball and chess, as well as other activities to develop youth's character. Mr. Thomas partners with 4-H, US Chess Federation and Cal Ripken for this purpose, and indicated that he approached Mr. Tate about the Gramercy Park ccrt area because of the number of kids he has seen in that community. This would be a great community to implement his nonprofit. Mr. Thomas stated that he's also looking forward to meeting retirees and getting them involved as well.

Margaret Mwale, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP), Presbyterian Church (USA).

Ms. Mwale provided an overview of her organization and explained that SDOP enters into partnerships with community groups of low-income people that want to change their lives and communities. SDOP Core Strategies include: promoting justice, building stronger communities and seeking economic equity. SDOP does not just make grants; SDOP has partnered and build relationships with over 5,000 community based organizations both within and outside of the United States. One way SDOP helps communities understand their mission and the way they work, the funding criteria, is through community grant webinars/workshops. At these information sessions, SDOP talks about the funding criteria.

Ms. Mwale shared with participant's information about the Step 2 webinar which will be held on August 5, 2021 at 2:00pm.ET. to talk more about the funding criteria and the application process. The Step 2 webinar is primarily for persons that attended the Step 1 webinar. However, the information will be also helpful to potential applicants or other community based organizations.

III. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Michael Sklar, PBC Housing and Economic Development (HED)
 - The BCC approved the HED Annual Action Plan to secure over 9 million dollars of federal funds for programs starting on October 1, 2021.
 - A selection committee approved funding in the amount of \$716,000 under the HOME program for Island View. Hopefully this funding can be used as a match for state funding to build affordable housing in the Westgate area.

- Joanna Aiken, SWA
 - The SWA removed vegetation from the Cabana Colony CCRT area.
 - Rebuilding Together provided an a/c unit for a family in Cabana Colony that hasn't had a/c in 4 years.
 - The SWA with the help from OCR NEAT grants can continue to provide services to communities in need countywide.
 - The SWA was approved for Palm Beach County Cares grant.
 - SWA is still giving away recycled paint. Those interested should go to www.swa.org and complete Recycle Paint application

- Ike Powell, PBC Youth Services
 - The summer feeding program is currently taking place in 68 sites throughout Palm Beach County. Forty six of these sites are "on site eating" locations, and 22 sites are "grab and go" sites. Fifteen of the grab and go sites are located at libraries. Seven additional college interns were brought in for the summer to assist with this program. Visit https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/summer_food.aspx

- The Summer Camp Scholarship Program provides full-tuition and fees for summer camp for children residing in families with income at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. It allows parents to work with the knowledge that their children are safe. It gives children educational and recreational opportunities for growth. Parents may choose from participating camps in Palm Beach County. Three additional staff was brought in for the summer to assist with this program. For more information, visit https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx
- Year round community based agencies (CBAs) programs, such as academic tutoring, mentoring and career exploration, are in place mostly for middle and high school. Through these programs nearly 100 summer internships have been provided for the youth and young adults, ages 16 to 22. For more information, visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Agencies.aspx>
- Youth Services has an internship program with the Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Department, called Green Futures for ages 16 to 22 to give exposure to the work that ERM does. This program has four interns.
- David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services
 - Child Tax Credit Program Implementation Plan. As of July 15, 2021, American families will begin receiving the extended Child Tax Credit.
 - On July 21st there was a webinar on hunger in Palm Beach
 - He advised that he will be retiring on September 30, 2021
- Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering
 - Traffic Engineering is close to completing the speed hump designs for the Country Club Acres and Cannongate CCRT areas.
 - For Monroe St. in Country Club Acres the speed hump issue has been resolved.
 - The Country Club Acres community will have to decide if they want speed humps on Lake Blvd. The speed hump has to be 400 ft. from the traffic light.
 - Tanya Gibson, Country Club Acres resident, advised that they will submit the needed documentation for the Monroe St and Lake Blvd locations to Fadi by the end of the week.
- Anna Stewart and Bambi Fanto, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
 - Ms. Stewart indicated that her department continues to do the land based water safety program for all ages. Efforts continue to make presentations to communities.
 - Free and reduced cost swim program is ongoing, and the information can be found at: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/drowningprevention>
 - Ms. Fanto indicated that Drowning Prevention can do water safety presentations in English or Spanish and would love to partner with other agencies
- Casey Pranckun, PBC Parks & Recreation
 - Advised that Intergenerational play has become a trend in playgrounds.
 - P&R is working on a playground design at Glades Pioneer Park.
 - Mr. Tate mentioned that the basketball court in San Castle looks great.
- Michael Owens, School District of PBC
 - All schools will provide in person instruction this coming school year.

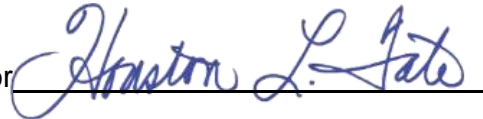
- Melaleuca Elementary is scheduled to be modernized and scheduled to open in 2023.
- Wynnebrook Elementary is scheduled to be modernized and scheduled to open in 2024.

IV. OCR UPDATES

- Mr. Tate mentioned that the Back to School event which will be held at six locations throughout Palm Beach County on July 24th.
- He mentioned that he expects next year the event to return to indoors where more resources can be provided to the students.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Houston L. Tate". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.