

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of October 10, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Hutcheson Building, Hall “B”

Minutes

Present:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Ruadean Butts, Raderville/Belle Glade Resident
Jorceline Cadet, P.B.C. Housing Authority
Captain Albert Cancia, The Salvation Army
Gerald Carsillo, Sun Court Resident
Kim Ciklin, Commissioner’s Aide (Commissioner Koons)
Tripp Cioci, P.B.C. Property & Real Estate Management (PREM)
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth Resident
Corp. Collins, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office (Concept Homes)
Corporal A. Combs, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Renee Deese, Kenwood Estates Resident
Sgt. Rick Dempsey, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Julie DeNicolais, Dillman Heights Resident
Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Deputy Dieujuste, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Dpt. John Doral, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office (Concept Homes)
Wenfred D. Dorsey, City of Belle Glade Weed & Seed
Dan Dumas, San Castle Community Leadership Inc.
Ed Frazier, Old Trail Resident
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Pinal Gandhi, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development
Seretha George, City of Greenacres
Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton, P.B.C. Water Utilities
Deputy Willie Hanks, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office (Dyson Circle)
Joyce Harrell, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Annie Helfant, P.B.C. County Attorney’s Office
Sgt. Jimmy Hightower, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Ron Hinkle, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission/Criminal Justice Service Center
Janel Horne, Royal Palm Estates Resident
Capt. Ed Jablonski, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Kai Jones, PACE EH (Watergate Estates)
Edward Kaye, Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association (WGHNA)
Kathy King, Lake Worth West Resid. Planning Group

Present (Cont'd)

Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident
Edward Lowery, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Lt. Ed Luty, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Jeanne Matthews, P.B.C. Parks & Recreation (Repr. For Tim Granowitz)
Bonita Moore, Belle Glade Resident
Deputy Jessie Moreland, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Marshall Heights)
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development Office
Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
Rev. Wayne Padgett, CBC/Gramercy Park
Lonnie Payne, Kenwood Estates Resident
Sandra Payne, Kenwood Estates Resident
David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services
Juana Ramos, San Castle Community
Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
LaToya Ricketts, Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Ruth Ann Sheffy, Dillman Heights Resident
Sharon Sheppard, Westgate/Belvedere Homes CRA
Barbara Bell-Spence, City of Belle Glade
Deputy Dwayne Thomas, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Old Trail/Schall Circle)
Deputy C. Veneziano, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy Brandon West, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Lake Worth West)
Anthony Wint, P.B.C. Zoning
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

CCRT Members Absent:

Jeff Collins, P.B.C. Fire Rescue
Diana Cunningham, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission
Gerry Gawaldo, P.B.C. Palm Tran
Tim Granowitz, P.B.C. Parks & Recreation Department
Nancy Hashway, P.B.C. Health Department
Don Loutsch, Children Services Council
Michael Marquis, P.B.C. Engineering Department
Willy Volk, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development
Gail Vorpagel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement Division
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building Division

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Duane Gainer introduced himself and asked meeting participants to introduce themselves.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Mr. Gainer asked if anyone had corrections to the September 11, 2006 CCRT minutes. Tripp Cioci, from Housing & Community Development, had a correction on page 4 – The paragraph should read: Mr. Cioci received a call from Carol Clinton requesting permission to install security cameras as a result of their golf cart being stolen (no exterior damage to the community center). Mr. Cioci communicated that at the time of funding, Ms. Clinton would have to provide PREM with some additional information.

III. REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UPS:

Mr. Gainer stated that copies of the follow-ups from the September 11, 2006 CCRT meeting were available on the information table. He asked the group to contact him or William Wynn, if anyone had questions.

IV. OCR/CCRT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FY '06-'07

Mr. Gainer distributed the OCR/CCRT Proposed Funding Recommendations Report to the group. He communicated that OCR's budget started at \$4.2 million dollars for projects; along with approximately \$416,000 allocated for the Street Lighting Program; totaling a budgeted amount of \$4.6 million dollars. The recommended projects will be presented to the Board for final approval at its upcoming November 11th meeting. Mr. Gainer briefly talked about some of the programs recommended for funding, which included: NPG, Putting Kids First, Neighborhood Home Beautification, and Dept. Human Services' Homeless Program. Mr. Gainer asked the group for a motion to accept the funding recommendations in the report. David Rafaidus motioned to concur with the funding recommendations as stated in the report submitted to the group. Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was moved and seconded, all in favor, no one opposed.

Edward Lowery asked Duane Gainer to explain the process when requesting approval from the Board. Mr. Lowery communicated that the Board conceptually approves the funding recommendations, and OCR will then be meeting with individuals for individual agreements. Mr. Gainer explained that initially OCR asked the CCRT group to submit project requests to OCR for consideration for next year's budget year. OCR staff took a look at all projects submitted and then came up with preliminary recommendations. Next, OCR prepared the agenda item, and backup for submittal to the County Attorney Office for review.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton, Water Utilities, reported on the following:

- Dillman Heights/Sutton Terrace – The project is complete and is connected. Notification letters were sent to the residents.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton, Water Utilities, reported on the following: (Cont'd)

- Ranch House Road – The last informational meeting is tomorrow, September 12th. A Public Hearing is scheduled for October 17th. She relayed a message sent by Bilal Mujahid to Ms. Mognillansky-De Rose that he sent a reminder of the meeting to OCR via e-mail.
- Old Military Trail/Coconut Road – Have started the design process. There are only three (3) properties for this project.
- Port Commission Meeting – She attended the meeting this past weekend in Orlando. The meeting was in support of Commission on Marriage & Family Support Initiatives. She attended a Children's Summit class (problems with our youth). Ms. Jackson-Hamilton further talked about the main areas that we need to work on to stop the violence, children in police custody, and to see that the children in the system over the age of 18 continue to get an education and go to college.

David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services, reported on the following:

- He commented on CCRT/OCR's budget recommendations for including Planning For The Homeless and Putting Kids First Program in the budget. Mr. Rafaidus expressed his approval of this program being recommended for funding. He thought this was very good.
- Financial Assistance Agency Program – Mr. Rafaidus announced this program several meetings ago with the CCRT group. He will give an update at the next CCRT meeting.
- Health & Human Services Citizens Advisory Committee – is seeking input from a resident, and membership of this committee. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, you may see Mr. Rafaidus after the meeting.

Pinal Gandhi, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development, reported on the following:

- Community Development Block Grant Program – Application process is coming up. On October 30, 2006 a public meeting is scheduled. If you would like further information, you may access HCD's website. Notification of the CDBG program will be announced in the Palm Beach Post (Sunday's) within the next two (2) weeks. Agencies within the unincorporated area can apply for up to \$250,000.

Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development Office, reported on the following:

- Public Market – The market is for wholesale & retail vendors, and is not only open to Glades entrepreneurs. The site being considered is off Southern Boulevard, and east of the Turnpike. She communicated that the market should bring approximately 60 to 80 entrepreneurs; creating 180 jobs. She further talked about identifying available sites west of the Turnpike. She stated that land is an issue because this project requires at least 10 acres of commercial land.
- Canal Point Sanitary Sewer – There are some issues with this project; therefore the bidding process was delayed.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development Office, reported on the following: (Cont'd)

- Regional Economic Entity Project – This project provides architectural assistance to small businesses for focus on historic projects. The entity will be located in the Glades, and made up of Glades businesses, and residents. The cities will be involved.
- Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail – There were four or five entryway designs presented to the cities. The cities have decided on a design. The construction will start soon after the sites have been located. She stated that they have gotten approval on connectors connecting the entryways downtown to the scenic trail.

Jeanne Matthews, P.B.C. Parks & Recreation, reported on the following:

- Nealon Affron Park Grand Opening – was held on September 29th. Ms. Matthews thanked the Sheriff's Office Crestview unit (horses). The event was very well attended. Commissioner Newell did a very good job. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose was also in attendance.
- Caroline Drive – The project is moving forward. She expects the project should be completed by the end of the year.
- Old Military Trail – The project is moving forward. Hopefully the project will be completed in the spring.
- Glades Pioneer Pool & Splash Park – Parks submitted a grant of \$200,000 to the Florida Recreation Developments Assistance Program. She mentioned the amenities the park will have, which include: a splash playground, a four square foot court, picnic facilities, a walking path, and improvements to the existing playground. Parks is designing the splash park so that it can be open year round with no fee. The park can be reserved for events. Ms. Matthews mentioned that she and Tim Granowitz met with FDOT regarding a concern with the kids getting from South Bay to the pool because there are no sidewalks and the traffic is heavy with sugar trucks. The good news is that FDOT plans to resurface State Road 80 in 2008 and additional sidewalks will be constructed at that time. Since the pool is a seasonal pool, Parks is going to explore with Palm Tran to provide some type of shuttle service to get the kids from Belle Glade, and South Bay several times during the day to the pool. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose commended Parks for working with FDOT to facilitating safe access to the new aquatic facility for the children and families of the area.

Mr. Rafaidus inquired whether Parks is doing some exploratory work with Emergency Operations to see if the pool/splash park facility could be of a multiple type use in the event of a disaster. If there is some type of disaster maybe the facility could be used.

VI. RESIDENT UPDATES:

Dan Dumas, San Castle, reported on the following:

- Code Enforcement Division – is doing a great job.
- Solid Waste Authority – is doing a great job.
- The Sheriff's Office – Although they are under staffed, they are still doing a great job.

VI. RESIDENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Kathy King, Lake Worth West, reported on the following:

- She commended Parks & Recreation on the success with the Nealon Affron Park Grand Opening. Ms. King and the new Family Director did outreach on Davis Road during the event, and she feels it helped out a lot.
- She announced classes held during the week:
 - Monday – One (1) hour of Spanish classes, and two (2) hours of ESOL classes.
 - Tuesday – Tai-Chi
 - Wednesday – Belly Dancing
On October 18, 2006, Wednesday, will be having open-house. The community meeting is cancelled. Ms. King announced that she would be retiring on October 18, 2006 as Lake Worth West Community Leader. She will remain on the CCRT Steering Committee.
 - Thursday – Belly Dancing in the evening; the new Program Director is starting a mom & tot program (kids ages 2 to 4); Credit Counseling 4:00 – 5:30; and flag football.
 - Friday – Family night; movie in the park.
 - Saturday – 4th Women's Wellness Day to be held at the Institute; and after-school tutoring (2:45 – 4:00).
- Deputy Brandon West took five (5) kids out on the drift boat on September 30th. He picked them up at 6:00 a.m.
- Planning For Life Workshop – She took nine (9) Youth Advisory Council members to an all day workshop held at Suncoast High School.
- Harmony Dance (youth advisory committee) – will be held on October 26th.
- REAP – she is soliciting for two (2) youth to attend the classes.
- On October 30th, they will be taking the after-school kids, coming for tutoring, on a trip to the Pokem Patch.
- Coastal Clean-up – was a huge success. There were over 200 volunteers at the Lake Worth beach. The Youth Advisory Council Committee coordinates this activity.

Julie DeNicolais, Dillman Heights Resident, reported on the following:

- She asked Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton about the water connection letters mentioned in her report today. Ms. DeNicolais stated that the homeowner would have to go to the Water Utilities Department to make arrangements for the connections. Ms. DeNicolais inquired if there is another way to get this done because most of the homeowners work. Ms. Jackson-Hamilton stated that the only exception is when someone is in the hospital or is out of town that other provisions are done.
- Street Humps & Streetlights – She is looking into getting petitions to get both projects implemented.
- Code Enforcement – She inquired about a contact person for code enforcement issues. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose responded that Terry Verner would be the contact person.
- Drainage canal (across Summit/west side of Military Trail) – is overgrown. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose responded that OCR would contact Michael Marquis, Engineering Department about this issue.

VI. RESIDENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Edward Kaye, WHGNA, reported on the following: (Cont'd)

- He thanked the Sheriff's Office Community Policing and OCR staff for their assistance in getting a grant for a cleanup trailer.

Renee Deese, Kenwood Estates, reported on the following:

- Streetlights – The residents are very pleased and happy with the streetlights. She further stated that one (1) streetlight is not working. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose asked for the location of the streetlight. She stated that if the pole number is provided, she will contact FPL to have the light checked.
- Drainage canal (Carver & Fern on south side) – Still having an issue with overgrowing of the canal.

Rev. Wayne Padgett, Gramercy Park, reported on the following:

- He commented in reference to the residents that still have blue tarps on roofs. He inquired about a roofing company. Mr. Gainer responded that he would contact the Building Department and would get back with him with this matter. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose stated that maybe Housing & Community Development might have an emergency program for assisting with roof repairs as a result of the hurricanes. She stated that OCR staff would follow up with HCD.

Ruadean Butts, Raiderville/Belle Glade, reported on the following:

- She inquired about what is a subdivision variance 131. She further commented that directly behind Leon Campbell Park there are signs posted about a meeting on October 19th, held at PZ&B referencing that variance. Ms. Jeanne Matthews responded that she is familiar with the subdivision and began to explain what transpired with this property.
- She inquired about the status of the park – Ms. Jeanne Matthews began to explain issues with the park in reference to permits, demucking, moving fence, sidewalks, and a gazebo. She further commented that Parks is aware that the park needs to be mowed.

In reference to the subdivision variance 131, Ms. Bell-Spence commented that Ms. Butts was referring to the lot directly behind the park; not across the street. Ms. Jeanne Matthews commented that she does not know. Anthony Wint, Zoning Division, asked for the property control number, address, or owner's name so he could look into the status of the variance. Ms. Jeanne Matthews stated that she could give him the information at tomorrow's meeting.

VI. RESIDENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Jerry Carsillo, Sun Court, reported on the following: (Cont'd)

- Property with code enforcement issues (9465 Sun Court) – The property had outside storage of broken down cars, batteries, etc. in yard. He reported that the property was foreclosed on and the owners are gone. He thanked the OCR, Code Enforcement, and special thanks to Tammy Madison and Tony Williams, Code Enforcement Officers, for their assistance in initiating the process and complaints.

Winfred D. Dorsey, City of Belle Glade/Canal Point, reported on the following:

- Old Canal Point Elementary School – He inquired about the plans for the school property. Pam Nolan responded that a lot of the residents have made many recommendations or suggestions for the property. Currently, Audley Reid, OCR Staff is in the process of doing a charrette in Canal Point and this charrette will cover these types of subjects.
- Old Jones Packing House (Canal Point/off Lake Shore Drive) – He inquired about what is going on with the property as there are some code enforcement issues, and the property needs painting. Mr. Gainer commented that this was an issue mentioned at one of the GTAC meetings. He further mentioned that Audley Reid is in the process of organizing the Canal Point Steering Committee; which this committee will be the key people to move forward with issues brought out at the charrette. Hopefully at this next charrette, OCR can facilitate ideas where the residents can come to a consensus on what to do with the property. Ms. Mognillansky-De Rose told Mr. Dorsey that OCR staff will contact Code Enforcement to obtain information on this property and suggested to Mr. Dorsey to talk with Joanna Aiken regarding resources available through the Solid Waste Authority.

Ms. Joanna Aiken offered her services to assist with the cleanup of the property. In addition, Ms. Aiken stated that the Solid Waste Authority has paint to donate, and asked Mr. Dorsey to meet with her after the meeting.

Janel Horne, Royal Palm Estates, reported on the following:

- Royal Palm Estates Park – She inquired about the status of the construction of the park. She noticed that clearing of the land was started. Ms. Jeanne Matthews responded that she understands the project is out for bid. Hopefully by January construction will start.
- Neighbor in FEMA trailer – The resident has been in the FEMA trailer since December of 2004. She stated that FEMA would be removing the trailer by the end of this month. The resident has been working with several agencies, such as Agency on Aging, and HCD trying to find something affordable to build on the property. She further inquired if anyone had any suggestions of other agencies that could assist the resident once FEMA removes the trailer. The group began to discuss and make suggestions. Mr. Gainer asked Pinal Ghandi, HCD staff person, if they had a program that could assist her. Ms. Ghandi stated that HCD does have a program that does demolition replacement and rehabilitation. Ms. Horne's immediate concern is once the trailer is taken, the resident can not live in the house under the condition of the house.

Michael Owens mentioned a company that does modular homes and prefab constructions. He does not know the cost. Ms. Horne asked for the contact information. Mr. Owens asked to meet with Ms. Horne after the meeting.

VI. OCR STAFF UPDATES:

LaToya Ricketts, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Resident Education To Action Program (REAP) – OCR will be meeting with the REAP Steering Committee. The next REAP sessions will start in January.

Chrystal Matthews, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Neighborhood Partnership Grants (NPG) program – The NPG will be going before the Board of County Commissioners on October 17th; along with the 2005 Extension Agreements. If the grants are approved, an orientation meeting is scheduled for October 24th.

Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- REAP – Ms. Ricketts will provide the group with a brochure about the classes for the upcoming sessions.
- The Board of County Commissioners approved the Sun Court Street Lighting project on September 12th and the Lantana Homes Street Lighting Project on October 3rd. OCR has already sent the letters to FPL to request the initiation of these projects.
- The OCR/CCRT Funding Recommendations for FY 2006-2007 will go before the Board at its November 21st meeting. At that meeting, OCR will be also requesting the Board to approve a transfer of \$100,000, which originally allocated to the Overlook Promenade Project, and reallocated to the San Castle Street Lighting Project for extending the maintenance from 10 to approximately 20 years. This transfer is being made per community residents' request.
- The OCR's Quarterly Report has been completed by William Wynn, and will be distributed at the next CCRT meeting.

VII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Sgt. Jimmy Hightower commented regarding robberies in Palm Beach County. His concern is with people carrying their money on them. We need to educate people about other safer ways to keep their money and not a victim to being robbed. The group began to discuss ideas and make suggestions about doing community outreach. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose asked Sgt. Hightower to contact her. Mr. Rafaidus commented that Community Services has a Housing Migrant Program. He will inquire what method of community outreach the Division has been done with the migrant/farm workers.

VII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Gainer asked Rev. Padgett if he had any comments. Rev. Padgett commented regarding Public Baptist Association releasing the property over to the church. He appreciates the Sheriff's Office Community Policing Officers. They are doing a good job in the community.

VIII.ADJOURNMENT:

- The next CCRT meeting will be held on November 14, 2006 (Tuesday), from 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m., at the Clayton Hutcheson Building. The next GTAC meeting will be held on October 26, 2006 in Pahokee City Hall.
- The Office of Community Revitalization will be providing the refreshments for the next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

Joyce Harrell, OCR Secretary

* **Note: In reference to the Activity Calendar for November & December, you may contact Joyce Harrell at 233-5311 or make an announcement at the next CCRT Meeting. Thank You.**

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