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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director
Minutes Prepared by: Chrystal Mathews, Senior Planner
Date/Time: June 14, 2016 10:00-11:30 AM
Location: 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Julie Sheffy | Dillman Heights |
| 2. Deputy Fleming | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 3. Deputy Coker | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 4. Mario Santa Cruz | Old Trail |
| 5. Rae Harris | Adopt-A-Family |
| 6. Deputy Harris | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 7. Deputy McGehee | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 8. Danna Akerman-White | PBC Commissioner Shelly Vana's Office |
| 9. Kathy Peck | PBC Commissioner Shelly Vana's Office |
| 10. Robin Rance-Hoffman | PBC Commissioner Paulette Burdick's Office |
| 11. Deputy Cassie | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 12. Deputy Fox | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 13. Deputy Banuchi | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 14. Deputy Barricklow | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 15. Captain Kirschner | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 16. Kenneth Jackson | PBC Code Enforcement |
| 17. Jonasse Pierre-Louis | Limestone Creek Community |
| 18. Barbara Heider | One Love-One Community |
| 19. Larry Diegert | Plantation Community |
| 20. Bill McDonald | Plantation Community |
| 21. Lana Martinez | San Castle Community |
| 22. Sgt. Searing | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 23. Deputy Delaura | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 24. Deputy Roman | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 25. Ken Wilson | Florida Department of Health |
| 26. Rick Torrance | PBC Code Enforcement |
| 27. John Herring | PBC Contractor's Certification |
| 28. Jeremy Dennis | PBC Contractor's Certification |
| 29. Dawn Wynn | PBC County Attorney's Office |
| 30. Melanie Borkowski | PBC Department of Economic Sustainability |
| 31. David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |

32. Casey Prancun	PBC Parks & Recreation
33. Michael Owens	PBC School District
34. Gregory Gabriel	PBC Youth Services
35. Houston Tate	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
36. Ruth Moguillansky	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
37. Chrystal Matthews	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
38. Audley Reid	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
39. William Wynn	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
40. Derrek Moore	PBC Office of Community Revitalization

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed all attendees and asked the group to introduce themselves.
- II. **Presentation- Van Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Palm Beach County Housing Authority (PBCHA)**

After an introduction from Mr. Tate, Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the responsibilities of the PBCHA. Mr. Johnson stated that their role is to provide safe, affordable housing to low and moderate-income families in Palm Beach County. However, due to budget cuts and the challenge to do more with less, he has been tasked to find ways to bring in revenue. Mr. Johnson stated that PBCHA is expanding affordable housing opportunities throughout Palm Beach County by taking leveraging funding and partnerships with Real Estate Developers. Some of the projects discussed included:

- **New South Bay Villas, South Bay, Florida (underway)**

Phase 1 of the 131 unit development in South Bay is underway. The New South Bay Villas combines two adjacent and existing PBCHA owned properties (Marshall Heights and South Bay Villas) into one newly renovated community. When this project is completed, 130 vouchers will be placed at the property.

- **Westgate Plaza, West Palm Beach, Florida (completed)**

Westgate Plaza provides 80 affordable rental units to the elderly.

- **Quiet Waters, Belle Glade, Florida (completed)**

Quiet Waters provides 90 affordable one bedroom furnished apartments to the elderly.

- **Belle Glade Apartments, Belle Glade, Florida (pending)**

Belle Glade Apartments PHCHA have been working with owners to save this project, and are actively partnering with different developers to help rehab this property.

- **Belle Glade Campus of Learners BGCL, Belle Glade, Florida (underway)**

The PBCHA is in the process of acquiring and rehabbing Belle Glade Gardens which is a 384 unit development that sits on 33 acres of land in Belle Glade, Florida. The property will be re-purposed to provide residents with education, job training, employment and on-site supportive services, which will be powered by Broadband Wireless computer technology. Property improvements include 32 two-story garden style residential buildings, a daycare center, a club house, a storage and maintenance building, a

convenience store, a Laundromat, an office, a gate house, 2 swimming pools, 2 basketball courts and a tennis court.

Questions and Answers:

- David Rafaidus asked if they had been able to partner with the Glades Initiative, Inc. Mr. Johnson answered that he initially met with Karis Engle, Executive Director of the Glades Initiative, but haven't contacted her since the Glades Master Plan meetings.
- Julie Sheffy, Dillman Heights' resident, asked if they have any plans for WPB. Mr. Johnson answered that they don't have a "Campus of Learners" style development projected for West Palm Beach at this time.
- Deputy Pierre Rouzeau inquired about the relocation process. Mr. Johnson responded that the PBCHA provides Housing Choice Vouchers (also known as Section 8) to assist in the relocation of displaced tenants anywhere in Palm Beach County.
- David Rafaidus asked if he has worked with PBSO in the design of the Belle Glade projects. Mr. Johnson answered Yes. A PBSO Deputy who is part of the Community Policing Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) team is involved in the process. Mr. Rafaidus offered his partnership and assistance in funding procurement.

Side Note: Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, acknowledged Nancy Bolton, Assistant County Administrator and Dawn Wynn, Assistant County Attorney's attendance.

III. Department Updates

Jeremy Dennis, Contractors Certification representative, reported on the following:

- On Sunday June 19th, Contractors Certification representatives will be on Radio 850 AM to provide information on certification, hiring and procedures. Mr. Dennis also provided information on new state laws involving continuing education, criminal background checks and property maintenance licenses.

Gregory Gabriel, Youth Services, representative, reported on the following:

- The Summer Camp and the Summer Food Program are underway.
- My Brother's Keeper Network of Palm Beach County, MBK Policy Review will be held July 26, 2016 at the Vista Center from 9am-4:30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to examine all policies aligned with the My Brother's Keeper milestones and reveal specific ways that policies and systems can work better to improve the outcomes for boys and men of color.

Melanie Borkowski, Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) representative, reported on the following:

- The Department of Economic Sustainability will conduct two public meetings to discuss and to obtain input on the Draft 2016-2017 Action Plan. Meetings will be held at the Belle Glade Civic Center located at 725 NW 4th Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430 on June 20, 2016 at 10:30am and at the Risk Management training room located at 100 Australian Ave. West Palm Beach, FL 33406 on June 21, 2016 at 3:30pm. The Action Plan will go to the BCC for final approval on July 12, 2016.

Casey Pranckun, Parks and Recreation representative, reported on the following:

- Parks and Recreation is currently working on the Canal Point Park Project.
- Parks has the required building permit for the Watergate Park located in Boca Raton and anticipates a completion date of August 2016.

Sgt Searing, PBSO representative, reported on the following:

- PBSO is still informing the public on the "Connect Protect" app. The app bot allows citizens to report issues and permits the Sheriff's Office to send out notifications, both based on the user's geolocation.

Deputy Sam Roman, PBSO representative, reported on the following:

- Deputy Roman advised that there will be a Summit of Latin American Consulates: Tackling Issues Affecting Immigrant Communities in Palm Beach County on August 18, 2016 from 1pm-5pm, at the Lake Worth Campus of Palm Beach State College Duncan Theater. The event is free of charge.

IV. OCR Staff Reports

Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, reported on the following:

- On Tuesday, June 7, 2016, The Office Depot National Loss Prevention Team along with OCR, PBSO, Parks and Recreation and Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc. partnered to make additional improvements to the Lake Worth West Neighborhood Park. Park Improvements included: installation of a Little free Library, landscaping improvements, planting garden beds and a community butterfly garden. Ms. Moguillansky thanked everyone involved for the highly successful event.

Derrek Moore, OCR Senior Planner, reported on the following:

- The Board of County Commissioners approved the contract for the ACI Community Connector for the Sandcastle Community.
- Mr. Moore and Tony Pando, ACI Community Connector, Cabana Colony traveled to Dayton, Ohio to participate in a two-day ACI workshop and Mr. Moore shared information about the experience.

V. Residents' Comments

- Lana Martinez, San Castle Community resident, thanked everyone for their assistance and addressed a concern about speeders in San Castle. A PBSO Deputy stated that streets that do not have sidewalks and are heavily trafficked should officially drop the speed limit by 5 miles per hour so law enforcement can better enforce the law in that area.
- Barbara Haider, One Love-One Community, expressed interest in working with the Palm Beach County Housing Authority.

VI. Follow Ups

N/A

VII. Closing Remarks

Mr. Moore stated that Todd Bonlarron, Assistant County Administrator will be the next scheduled speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

