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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, Senior Planner
Date/Time: March 10, 2015
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Joanna Aiken | Solid Waste Authority |
| 2. Rudi Bester | Memory Trees Corp |
| 3. Debbie Bester | Memory Trees Corp |
| 4. Sergeant Angelo | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 5. Sergeant Hightower | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 6. Michael Owens | Palm Beach County School District |
| 7. Lana Martinez | San Castle Community |
| 8. Carmen Sifonte | San Castle Community |
| 9. Larry Diegert | Plantation Community |
| 10. Thomas Totz | Plantation Community |
| 11. Robin Rance-Hoffman | Commissioner Burdick's Office |
| 12. Casey Prancun | Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation |
| 13. Lt. Wesley White | PBC Animal Care and Control |
| 14. Ken Wilson | Florida Department of Health |
| 15. Carlos Poveda | FAU CHC |
| 16. Reverend Wayne Padgett | Gramercy Park |
| 17. Carol Clinton | Lake Worth West |
| 18. Chrystal Mathews | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 19. Ruth Moguillansky | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 20. Audley Reid | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 21. William Wynn | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: Ms. Moguillansky called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves, job title and roles within their organizations.

II. Department Updates

Michael Owens, Palm Beach County School representative, reported the following:

- The School District's annual Spring Break will be held from March 16-20, 2015 for staff, teachers and students.

Casey Prancun, Palm Beach Parks & Recreation (P&R) representative, reported the following:

- The Westgate playground construction documents are almost complete.

- Construction for the Westgate playground will begin in late August following the 2015 summer camp. The projected completion date will be mid-November of 2015.
- The redesign for the Watergate Park is planned to be completed by the end of May 2015. Anticipated completion date for construction is November of 2015.

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority (SWA) representative, reported the following:

- The SWA will be holding its 40th year celebration on April 11, 2015 at the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's Administrative Complex, 7501 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach
Include in this celebration will be:
 1. Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches/SWA Soiree from 9 a.m. -2 p.m.
 2. Resource Depot/SWA Run Away 5K Trail Run at 8 a.m.
- The Great American Cleanup will be held on April 18, 2015 in the San Castle CCRT area community.
- On May 1, 2015 SWA will be holding a Raised Garden project.

Carol Clinton, Executive Director, Lake Worth West Community Center, reported the following:

- The Lake Worth West Neighborhood Park KaBoom playground is 100% operational.

III. OCR Staff Reports

Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner

Ms. Moguillansky thanked each and every one of our partners, both CCRT members and others, residents, volunteers, the PBC Board of County Commissioners, County administration and all those who in one way or another support the mission of the OCR.

- Resident Education to Action Program – An update was given by Crystal Mathews on the number of Letters of Intent (23) received from the Glades Area (Pahokee) REAP session. Also the number of actual grants (5) that were submitted during session 5 was given.

The start date for the Central Palm Beach County REAP sessions for was announced.

- Community Back to School Bash (CBSB) – Ruth Moguillansky stated that she and the OCR Director Houston Tate met on March 9, 2015 with Maria Bond and Wendy Tippet, to talk about the plans for this year's CBSB. Ms Tippet is the new president of the Bash and both she and Ms Bond are taking the lead in the planning and the implementation of this year's program. Ms Moguillansky explained that the group is seeking a new partnership with the PBSO to address the needs in the CCRT communities it serves, and will be working with the OCR in the program's coordination.

IV. Comments

- Rudi Bester of Memory Trees Corp. discussed start of the cleanup of Coleman Park within the city of West Palm Beach. The cleanup of Coleman Park will continue on March 12, 2015. Mr. Bester also discussed the School Garden Grant as well as advised that his organization had recently applied for an EPA grant.

To review projects completed by the Memory Trees Corp. please visited the website at www.memorytrees.com

- Reverend Wayne Padgett announced that there will be a community event held in Gramercy Park on March 28, 2015. This event will be put on by the youth from the community.

- Larry Diegert of the Plantation community wanted to thank PBSO, Bill McDonald and the OCR for all the positive work that has been undertaken to make Plantation a better place to live over the past several years.
- Thomas Totz of the Plantation community mentioned the out of control population of feral cats within the community. Lt. White from PBC Animal Control advised Mr. Totz to contact him and they will work on this crisis together.
- Lana Martinez of the San Castle community advised that prostitution is becoming a growing problem in this community because of the number of foreclosed and abandoned properties. Ms Carmen Sifonte, also San Castle resident, shared concerns about prostitution and need for lights on her street. Ruth Moguillansky asked Sgt. Hightower of the PBSO whether any assistance could be provided. He advised Ms. Martinez and Ms Sifonte to make contact with Sgt. Tramonte, the area community policing supervisor, and advise him of her concerns. Ms Moguillansky asked Ms Sifonte to forward the addresses of concern to the OCR so staff can provide the information to Code Enforcement and the PBSO for follow up.

V. Follow-ups

1. Mr. Thomas Totz, a resident of the Plantation community expressed his concern about the feral cat issue within his community. Lt White, PBC Animal Care and Control followed up with Mr. Totz providing the following information:
 - Lt White advised Mr. Totz that the grant program for T-N-R expired in of December 2014.
 - Lt White provided the below contact numbers of groups that helps with T-N-R.
 1. Palm Beach Cat Coalition: Mrs. Elaine Gooding 561-267-8879 / Mrs. Sandy 561-791-0022
 2. Barbra Harden: 561-758-8118
 3. Peggy Adams: 561-686-3663
 4. Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control (ACC): 561-233-1219.
For \$25.00 per service ACC offers rabies vaccine, micro chip, surgery, ear notch & frontline flea treatment for feral T-N-R cats. The normal price the service is \$100.00.
2. Ms Carmen Sifonte, a San Castle resident, shared concerns about prostitution in her community and need for street lights on her street.
 - Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner asked Ms Sifonte to forward the addresses of concern to the OCR so staff can provide the information to Code Enforcement and the PBSO.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 10: 42a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

