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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: Audley G. Reid, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time: March 14, 2017
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

1. Carlos Serrano PBC Dept. of Economic Sustainability
2. Carol Clinton Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc.
3. Carmen SiFonte San Castle Resident
4. Captain Michael Kirschner PBC Sheriff's Office
5. Kristine Frazell-Smith PBC Engineering Department
6. Oscar Alvarez PBC Contractor's Certification
7. Sargent James Hightower PBC Sheriff's Office
8. Casey Prancun PBC Parks & Recreation
9. Michael Owens PBC School District
10. David Rafaidus PBC Community Services Department
11. Scott Rodriquez PZ&B Zoning Division
12. Bonnie Hodges Leeh San Castle Resident
13. Isron Beckford San Castle Resident
14. Marvin Hubert PBC Fire Rescue
15. Dean Wells PZ&B Building Division
16. Wesley White Animal Care and Control
17. Kenny Willson Florida Department of Health Palm Beach
18. Dawn Wynn PBC Attorney's Office
19. Rudi Bester Memory Trees Corp
20. Hazel Lucas Florida Rural Legal Services
21. Edwin Muller PBC Parks and Recreation
22. Sergeant Angelo PBC Sheriff's Office
23. Sergeant Sauers PBC Sheriff's Office
24. Deputy Delaura PBC Sheriff's Office
25. Deputy Diejuste PBC Sheriff's Office
26. Deputy Landa PBC Sheriff's Office
27. Deputy Cullen PBC Sheriff's Office
28. Deputy Harper PBC Sheriff's Office
29. Deputy Roman PBC Sheriff's Office
30. Sergeant Searing PBC Sheriff's Office
31. Isabelle Philippe-Auguste Florida Department of Health
32. Bill McDonald Plantation Community
33. R. Mercadi Resident
34. Ramsey Buckeley PBC Planning and Zoning
35. Florence French Enroll America
36. Jeremy Dennis PBC Contractor's Certification
37. Johasse Pierre-Louis Limestone Creek Community
38. Michel Sklar PBC Economic Sustainability
39. John Herring PBC Contractor's Certification
40. Juan Pagan Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce PBC

41. Bill McDonald	Plantation Community
42. Reginald Brown	PBC Health Department
43. Laura Martinez	San Castle Community
44. Gregory Gabriel	Planner – Youth Services Dept.
45. Edward Stalf	PBC Resident
46. Robin Rance-Hoffman	Commissioner Burdick's Office
47. Rose Ann Stalf	PBC Resident
48. Houston Tate	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
49. Inger Harvey	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
50. Chrystal Matthews	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
51. Ruth Moguillansky	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
52. Audley Reid	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
53. William Wynn	PBC Office of Community Revitalization

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, OCR Director called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.

II. Presentation – Carlos Serrano, Director of Strategic Planning & Operations, Palm Beach County Dept. of Economic Sustainability.

Mr. Tate introduced Mr. Serrano. Mr. Serrano presented information, via a Powerpoint presentation, about his the role that DES plays in County government as well as avenues for funding via federal and state programs for housing-related assistance. The presentation was titled “PBC Fiscal Year 2017-18, Action Plan”. A copy of the presentation is available upon request from PBC OCR.

On April 25th, the DES will be part of a BCC workshop on CDBG funding opportunities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Following Mr. Serrano's presentation, Mr. Tate commented on the recent evening CCRT meeting that was held at the Vista Center. Turnout was very strong and there will be another evening CCRT meeting in May at the Lantana Public Library with date TBA.

III. Department Updates

Carole Clinton, Lake Worth West Residents Group Director,

- Carole Thanked everyone, including OCR, PBSO, and Parks and Rec. for their partnership and assistance during her time as Director for LWW. Carole will be moving on and a new Director will be appointed. All in attendance Thanked Carole for her hard work and talent in making the LWWRG a model for neighborhood leadership.

Marvin Hubert, PBC Fire Rescue, reported the following:

- In 2015, Fire Rescue assisted in providing and installing 512 smoke alarms in the Glades area. Other communities, such as San Castle and Plantation will be provided alarms in 2017. The alarms are 10 year battery operated Lithium detectors.

Ken Wilson, PBC Dept. of Health representative, reported the following:

- The Zika virus is still a concern and a danger to South Florida residents. Please be mindful and do not allow standing water areas to accumulate.

Wesley White, Dept. of Animal Control representative, reported the following:

- As a friendly reminder, please do you part to control the animal and pet population by neutering and spaying your pet dog or cat.
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David Rafaidus, Dept. of Community Services representative, reported the following:

- The DCS is currently working on updating the Community Health Improvement Plan. The plan will

address how best to focus on substance abuse, special needs populations, as well as supporting mental health assistance.

Gregory Gabriel, Youth Services representative, reported the following:

- Applications for summer camp are now available.
- The next Youth Council meeting will be held on March 28th from 5:30-7:30.
- On July 20th, a youth spelling bee will be held. Volunteers for judging are welcome.

Michael Sklar, Dept. of Economic Sustainability representative, reported the following:

- DES is looking for public input for the development of the DES Action Plan. Input can be lodged via the department's website.
- For rental assistance, parties can contact the Lewis Center directly and ask for information on the Rapid Rehousing Assistance program.

Edwin Muller, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, reported the following:

- Playground renovations at Canal Point are being finalized.
- On June 4th, there will be an outdoor adventure day for youth at John Prince Park, various activities will include canoeing and archery.

Captain Michael Kirschner, Community Service Division - PBSO, reported the following:

- The Naval Cadet Young Marine program will take place during the spring break period. This program provides a positive environment to young residents and information will be forthcoming about the program and will be publicized through OCR.
- As always, PBSO encourages residents to say something if and when you see something.
- The problem of drug overdoses in PBC is a serious one. Our area has relatively high rates of overdoses nationwide. Most crimes in the County are related in some way to drug use and abuse.

Sam Roman, PBSO reported the following:

- On March 17th, El Boregon restaurant will be hosting the Coffee with a Deputy event.
- Plans are also being made for the annual Consulate Summit of Latin American nations. So far, 16 national representatives have been confirmed. More information will be forthcoming.

IV. 2015 Community Focus: N/A

V. OCR Staff Reports

Audley Reid, Senior Planner, OCR:

- The Glades Technical Advisory Committee will meet in South Bay on March 23rd.

VI. New Business N/A

VII. Residents Comments

Rudy Bester, Memory Trees:

- There will be an Earth Day Event on April 22nd at Gramercy Park CCRT area where free health screenings, among other activities, will be offered. It will be from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Bill McDonald, Plantation Resident:

- The Plantation community has partnered with PBSO to sponsor a community BBQ for all residents on April 1st from 11 AM to 3 PM in Plantation Estates CCRT area.

Lana Martinez, San Castle Resident:

- Ms. Martinez's car has been burglarized recently and she is requesting more lighting in order to discourage auto theft and other crimes in the neighborhood. There is also a need for speed humps and sidewalks in the area.

- In response, M. Owens PBC School Board, suggested that San Castle representatives look into the Pathways Program as a possible source of funding.
- Additionally, Captain Kirschner PBSO, suggested that San Castle contact Sergeant Searing for information on and the availability of crime watch signs for the neighborhood.

VIII. Follow-ups N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____