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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: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time: March 19, 2019
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1W-47, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Joanna Aiken | SWA |
| 2. Danna Ackerman-White | PBC District 3 Commissioner's Office |
| 3. Lisa Bernschein | FL Dept. of Health in PBC |
| 4. Rudy Bester | Memory Trees |
| 5. Vivian Brooks | PBC OCR |
| 6. Andrea Casanova | Memory Trees |
| 7. Mildred Gilbert | Area Agency on Aging |
| 8. Elissa Gregory | Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services |
| 9. Bonnie Hodges-Leeh | San Castle Resident |
| 10. Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 11. Deputy Joseph | PBSO |
| 12. Capt. Kirschner | PBSO |
| 13. Amanda Kulics | Area Agency on Aging |
| 14. Ruth Moguillansky | PBC PCR |
| 15. Michael Owens | School District of Palm Beach County |
| 16. David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |
| 17. Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 18. Michael Sklar | PBC Economic Sustainability |
| 19. Katherine Suhar | PBC District 3 Commissioner's Office |
| 20. Houston Tate | PBC OCR |
| 21. Ken Wilson | FL Dept. of Health in PBC |
| 22. Deputy Vessage | PBSO |
| 23. William Wynn | PBC OCR |

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members to introduce themselves and go over the mission/purpose of their respective organizations. Ruth

Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner introduced herself and asked the OCR team to introduce themselves.

II. Department Updates:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority (SWA)

- The Great American Cleanup will be held on April 27, 2019 throughout Palm Beach County. Sign up online at Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful website.
- There will be an upcoming project with approx. 200 volunteers at Crossroads Baptist Church
- There will be two upcoming PYHO projects in Gramercy Park.
- SWA will be partnering with Memory Trees on yard projects
- With the NEAT grant, rubber mulch was purchased to mulch yards for elderly. There is an excess of this mulch available at no cost for persons in need.
- SWA is also working on their contract for their recycled paint program

III. Presentation: Area Agency on Aging(AAA) Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. Amanda Kulics, Health Benefits Outreach Coordinator

Ms. Kulics presentation focused on the “SHINE Program” (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders). SHINE is funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and is administered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. SHINE volunteers provide free and unbiased information to Medicare beneficiaries, disabled adults, their caregivers, community groups and more. Mrs. Kulics also discussed how the SHINE program could empower Medicare recipients to make informed health care decisions. She also focused on helping Medicare Beneficiaries gain access to financial assistance programs designed to work with Medicare.

Ms. Mildred Gilbert also with AAA presented on the Pre-K Mentoring Program. Based on the nation-wide Foster Grandparent Program model (est. 1963); this program is an initiative for 3 and 4-year-olds at childcare centers to increase their readiness for Kindergarten through a supportive, one-on-one relationship with a mentor. The mentors are senior volunteers (ages 55+) with the Area Agency on Aging. This inter-generational approach bridges the youngest and oldest generations, strengthening bonds within the community.

By developing close relationships with mentors, children learn the social-emotional skills to prepare them for life-long learning such as listening and asking questions. This also helps children to build a foundational understanding of what positive relationships can look like with adults outside of their family, which can lead to stronger and happier relationships with teachers, coaches and other adults in the future.

IV. Questions/Comments:

Rudi Bester, Memory Trees Managing Director/CEO announced that on April 20, 2019 at 8 p.m. Memory Trees will be hosting a showing of the movie The Curious World of Hieronymus Bosch at the Lake Worth Stonzek Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave, Lake Worth FL 33460. The ticket price is \$20 per person. Tickets can be purchased at MemoryTrees.co

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____