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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate
Scribe (recorder): D. G.
Date/Time: March 11, 2014
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

Joanna	Aiken	Solid Waste Authority
Deputy Andrew	Barricklow	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Judith	Bradley	USGBC
Ramsey	Bulkeley	P.B.C. Code Enforcement
Deputy John	Chapman	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Shayla	Davis	P.B.C. Department of Economic Sustainability/WUD
Deputy John	DeLaura,	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy W.	Diejuste	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Dudek	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy John	Ellis	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Fleming	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Duane	Gainer	P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Willie	Hanks	Lake Worth West
Deputy Greg	Harris	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Jimmy	Hightower	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Matt	Kaye	
Deputy J.	Kirkham	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Ilene	Long	Old Trail Resident
Bill	McDonald	Plantation Community Resident
Ruth	Moguillansky	P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Joel	Morganstern	District 14
Micheal	Owens	P.B.C. School District

Rev. Wayne	Padgett	Gramercy Park
Julie	Poteat	P.B.C. Code Enforcement
Casey	Pranckum	P.B.C. Parks & Recreation
Denise	Proffitt	Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Robin	Rance-Hoffman	Commissioner Burdick's Office
Audley	Reid	P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
John	Sawyers	Westgate/Belvedere Homes Resident
Anna	Stewart	P.B.C. Drowning Prevention
Lt. J.	Swank	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Houston	Tate	P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Deputy	Walsh	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Dean	Wells	P.B.C. Building Division
Lt. Wesley	White	P.B.C. Animal Care & Control
Ken	Wilson	Florida Department of Health
William	Wynn	P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

II. Department Updates

Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention representative, reported on the following:

- April 1st the Water Safety (free) program begins for ages 3 – 12. Go to the website and apply online to see if you are eligible.
- Drowning Prevention is getting a new mascot. It's a seahorse named Buddy because you should always swim with a Buddy.
- In May they are doing a brand new logo

Animal Control – No Report

Gail James, Code Enforcement representative, reported on the following:

- A lot of work being done in the Prince Drive area;
- Working on complaints from Plantation – Building condemnation process is underway on 3 properties: 5933 Elmhurst; 5987 and 5816 Tiffany Drive;

- Notices of Violation were sent to banks to register and maintain 2 homes on Elmhurst that are in disrepair (5555 and 5897 Elmhurst)and CE is working with an elderly lady to get some help on her house;
- Passed out abatement pictures in Gramercy Park (corner of Haverhill and Edie Place

Shayla Davis, DES/WUD representative, – No Report

Michael Owens, School District representative, – No Report

Joanna Aikens, Solid Waste representative, reported on the following:

- Last week they had a group from NY and painted 4 houses, one in Gramercy Park, Westgate, Boca and Plantation Park
- Saturday they were in Lake Osborne Estates - spring breakers are coming

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

- Working on irrigation design for Gramercy Park and selecting playground equipment;
- Westgate grant to renovate playground; construction will start after summer camp

Mr. Tate asked about Mrs. Pyfrom's contract status. Mrs. Pranckun will follow up on this item.

Dean Wells, Building Division representative, - No Report

Sgt. Jimmy Hightower, Sheriff's Office representative, reported on the following;

- Community policing sites have the kids out for PAL's basketball;
- Preparing for Back to School events;
- Trying to get some people to go to the 3-day class through OCR

Special Presentation - PBSO Neighborhood Crime Watch Program-Sgt. George Searing, Dep. Karl Martin, Dep. John Ledforth

There is a crime prevention hotline and crime data (mapping) by neighborhoods. They also have a Business Partnership Program and a Citizen's on Patrol Program. Right now PBSO is attempting to turn the negative publicity from the Zimmerman trial into a positive for "Neighborhood Crime Watch".

Ms. Moguillansky asked if the information is available in a digital format. Sgt Searing replied yes the brochures are in PDF. Ms. Moguillansky stated that OCR used to have a list of CP site Deputies and main contact information. The current list it is really old.

Sgt Hightower replied that they will be providing an updated list. Sgt. Searing will forward to OCR a flyer with information on the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and Business Partnership Program.

III. OCR Staff Reports

William Wynn reported on the following:

- Plantation Area street lighting project is under construction to add 39 street lights;
- Drexel Road street light design is complete and they are in the permitting process.

Crystal Mathews reported on the following:

- ABCD (Asset Based Community Development) Workshop online registration has had some issues (it had a blank screen)
- Please register for the ABCD training as soon as possible. It will be from 9 - 4:30 on April 3rd and 4th, and 9 – 2:30 on April 5th. Breakfast and lunch will be provided; the 1 day workshop will be held on April 3rd, and a 2 day workshop for residents will be held on April 4th/5th - info is on our website.

Duane Gainer reported that the REAP Program had 135 graduates, 25 grants awarded; the Guest Speaker was Mr. Tony Brown, Executive Director, Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. The event was attended by Commissioner Burdick.

Ms. Moguillansky stated that the program was well received and there was an amazing number of participants.

Mrs. Mathews stated to the people who received REAP grants, that she has changed the deadline for REAP info to March 31 so they don't have to rush. They have 2 additional weeks to get their documents together.

Ms. Moguillansky stated that OCR is in the process of making funding recommendations for the next budget year. While OCR doesn't know how much money will be made available this year, she request Department representatives to send an email with a wish list of what is needed/wanted, and why is it needed, so we can put this together for County Administration. She requested all requests be received by March 24th.

IV. Resident Comments:

Mr. Tate stated that Kenwood Estates wanted to be here this morning but they were not able to. Ms. Renee Deese had an inquiry for Road and Bridges and he has forwarded it to Engineering.

John Sawyer, Westgate/Belvedere Homes resident, reported on the following:

- Thanks to Sheriff's Office because the crime is down but they are still pushing for trying to stop stuff off before it starts;
- Street- lights need to be on the streets, not in the back yards;

- South of Okeechobee they have a lot of illegal dumping;
- Multiple locations have no fencing around retention ponds;
- The County comes out but they cannot mow; it is cleaned up but in the next 2-3 days later it is messed up again;
- They were wondering if the County has funds for tearing down dilapidated homes. There are 2-3 homes that have been terrible for 8 to 10 years. They get the same story that there is no money to assist but they are getting a lot of rodents. Mr. Sawyer is going to meet with CE after the meeting.
- FAU Medical School is open again and there is only one entrance but all the cars are trying to get in and out of the same entrance (DANGEROUS).

Mr. Tate asked to get his telephone number. Michael Owens will find about what is occurring at the FAU Medical School.

Mr. Sawyer stated that they have been working with Mike McGinnis from the Health Dept; it has been difficult hard to get the Hispanic community to meetings (requests assistance)

Ms. Moguillansky suggested he send OCR an email summarizing all the issues that they have but we do not have money allocated for lights right now.

Mr. Sawyer responded that one of their concerns is that they come to the meetings and work with the CRA but it has been 7-8 years and they feel that the CRA are dragging their feet.

Ms. Moguillansky stated that some lights have been installed in Westgate (e.g. Golfview Heights) and most of the work in the overall Westgate area has been done through the CRA. OCR will be more than happy to attend and assist with their meetings. Mr. Sawyer indicated that they have issue with Hispanics who don't speak English. Ms. Moguillansky said that we can do flyers in Spanish and she can come out and help with process.

Denise Profitt, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Project, reported on the following:

- Wanted to thank PBSO and CCRT because they were very helpful;
- They have a new project, they are trying to clean up a lake near Lantana Cascades and Seminole Manor, so far they have been very successful;
- PBSO is the best partner; SWA also helps and Target worked with them;
- Seminole Manor is going to start a HOA;
- They got a lot of the south end of the canal cleaned; they had 6 deputies and 2 guys from Water Utilities clean up the school route near Lake Clarke;

- Received a REAP grant to clean around the lake. PBSO did an aerial for them.
- Thanks to Mr. Gainer for the wonderful REAP Program.

Gail James responded that after their clean-up, someone continued cleaning up so it worked.

Dep. John Ellis stated that one of the problem areas is School Board property can the school board and he needs some assistance.

Michael Owens stated that they have a facility coordinator and he will contact him.

Joanna Aiken said the next clean-up is April 12th, come join them.

Ramsey Buckeley, CE Director stated that they are partnered with CCRT and PBSO. If you are not getting a proper response, come to him.

Mr. Bill McDonald, Plantation Community resident, reported on the following:

- SWA painted a house in his neighborhood;
- Pathways were lighted in time to assist the kids walking to school Monday morning (daylight saving time).

V. Adjournment

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Houston L. Tate", written over a horizontal line.