

COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM (CCRT) MEETING

Monday, May 3, 1999
Planning, Zoning & Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Present at the Meeting:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Ken Bachman, PBC Sheriff's Office
Captain Ed Bieluch, PBC Sheriff's Office
Nancy Buckalew, PZ&B Planning
Anne Cronyn, HCD
Captain Michael Gauger, PBC Sheriff's Office
Tim Granowitz, Parks & Recreation
Don Grund, PBC Parks
Helen LaValley, PZ&B Zoning
Tom Lefevre, Health Department
Ray Loften, Lake Worth West Pilot Area
Gary Marcinkoski, San Castle Resident
Raymond Marcinkoski, San Castle Resident
Stephen McGrew, Water Utilities
Jeanne Mills, PZ&B Planning
Ruth Moguillansky, PZ&B Planning
Pam Nolan, Economic Development
Kathleen Owens, PBC Fire Rescue
Juana Ramos, San Castle Resident
Ron Ross, Lake Worth Resident
Dorothy Ryan, San Castle Resident
Jake Ryan, San Castle Resident
Jim Tuttle, PBC Engineering/Traffic
Terry Verner, Director, PZ&B Code Enforcement
Greta von Unruh Cross, PZ&B Planning
Gail Vorpapel, PZ&B Code Enforcement
Brenda Warren, Royal Palm Estates
Allen Webb, Engineering

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by *Ruth Moguillansky* at 10:10 A.M. *Juana Ramos* was the designated timekeeper.

A. Welcome to CCRT representatives from San Castle: *Dominic Sims, PZ&B Executive Director*, expressed his appreciation of the dedication and efforts of the CCRT members in County programs. *Mr. Sims* officially welcomed *Juana Ramos* and *Gary Marcinkoski* as new members of the CCRT.

B. Certificates of Appreciation to Planning Division Staff for the Community Improvement Project in the Lake Worth West Area and to volunteers for the San Castle Cleanup: *Joanna Aiken* distributed certificates of appreciation to CCRT members, staff, and guests that had participated with the Community Improvements in Lake Worth on April 10, and /or Christmas in April in San Castle on April 24.

II. SAN CASTLE

A. Christmas in April/ Cleanup: *Joanna Aiken* reported that the San Castle area is “spic and span” although some houses are still being worked on. A family of ten children and two adults was housed in a hotel for five nights while rodents were exterminated from their home. *Ms. Aiken* thanked everyone who helped, especially the Marcinkoski family for donating time and machinery to clear up the area.

Captain Michael Gauger said that there is a debriefing meeting regarding Christmas in April to be held May 20 at 2 P.M. at the District 4 headquarters at 345 S. Congress Ave in the Delray Beach Courthouse. Representatives from the Beautiful Palm Beaches will also be there.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

B. Status on Community Workshop Summary Report, Recommendations Report and Upcoming Community Meeting: *Ruth Moguillansky* stated that the report is over 100 pages. *Ms. Moguillansky* has met with most of the Department representatives to review the recommendations. There is a Follow-up Community Meeting on May 13 at the Hypoluxo Baptist Church to present the summary recommendations and to receive feedback from the community. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., with a half hour talk by *Deputy Ken Bachman* on Crime Safety in the Community.

Necessary Action: *Ruth Moguillansky* will meet with the rest of the department representatives to review the recommendations. 150 copies of the report will be printed and distributed to CCRT members and interested San Castle area residents. *Greta von Unruh Cross* will distribute a flier regarding the May 13 meeting.

C. Status report on the Overlook Scrub Site: *Greta von Unruh Cross* mentioned that a letter and copies of the Overlook Scrub petitions were sent to *State Representative Clay Shaw*. ERM will be contacting *Representative Shaw* to elaborate on the environmental issues of the site. The Half Moon Bay Association is also drafting a letter to *Representative Shaw* asking for support of Palm Beach County’s efforts in obtaining the Scrub site.

Juana Ramos said that there is a public meeting on May 19 (1 p.m. - 7 p.m.) regarding Federal environmental land acquisitions at the Boca Embassy Suites Hotel. *Ms. Ramos* will try to get an agenda to see when the Overlook Scrub site will be discussed. *Ms. Ramos* also reminded people to attend the Board meeting at the Hypoluxo Baptist Church at 7 p.m. *Ms. Ramos* also attended the first Federal environmental land acquisition group meeting and was pleased that approximately twenty people from the San Castle area also attended.

Necessary Action: CCRT members and interested parties are urged to attend the public meeting on May 19 and show support for the County’s acquisition of the Overlook Scrub Site.

D. Community Policing - Status Report on Crime-Related Issues Within the Community: *Ken Bachman* reported that there were more burglaries since the children were out of school for half days. Drug activity has slowed. The Narcotics unit was transferred to another area. Code Enforcement cited two houses: 510 Seagrape and 1169 Highview for drug activity. The COP is expanding by eight more citizens that have been trained. These eight people are snowbirds, but when they return next season, they will be ready to take a “refresher” course and join the COP program. Six others are starting at the end of May. *Deputy Bachman* stated that the PAL basketball program has concluded, and he was pleased to report that none of the basketball participants were involved in crime and their grades improved. *Deputy Bachman* also stated that the CPR class was a success. *Captain Michael Gauger* mentioned that the Sheriff’s Youth Ranch was bringing a camp to San Castle for one week, and they needed a location for their camp - everything else is provided. *Juana Ramos* commented that more streetlights are needed in the area.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

E. Status Report on Code Enforcement: *Gail Vorpapel* reported that a team of four Code Enforcement officers is in the area. Educational fliers are being used as well as persistent efforts to get people to clean up their yards to be in code compliance. There are some language problems with Creole residents. *Ms. Vorpapel* stated that Code Enforcement would like to set up a community forum at the June Community meeting, inviting departments that are not here usually, such as Animal Control to join with the regular departments and talk for 10-15 minutes about what their department does, and the resources available to the public. The meeting will review how to complain effectively about problems in the community without causing friction with your neighbors.

Kathy Owens stated that the Fire Rescue Department is urging San Castle residents to display 4 inch high address numbers on their houses to expedite response times for the Fire-Rescue and Sheriff Departments. *Ms. Owens* also requested an updated CCRT member list.

Necessary Action: *Nancy Buckalew* will provide an updated CCRT list to CCRT members at the June 7 meeting.

F. Community Organizing Activities: *Greta von Unruh Cross* said that the first Community Board Meeting is set for May 20, at 7 p.m. Several people from the Lake Worth Business Group will help facilitate the first meeting in the San Castle area. *Gary Marcinkoski* stated that illegal numbers of families in multiple housing is dwindling, thanks to Code Enforcement. *Mr. Marcinkoski* commended *Brad Aldrich* who spent months of time on the Christmas in April project, rehabilitating downtrodden houses, still working in the evenings in the area to finish up. *Ms. Cross* mentioned that *Gloria Cherpugdee* sent thank you letters. *Ruth Moguillansky* stated, that although people wanted Christmas in April more often than once a year, other programs are available to help homeowners clean up their homes and neighborhood. Housing and Community Development has a Home program.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

G. Status Report on Street Lights: *Jim Tuttle* reported that 8 more streetlights were ordered. FPL does not have a schedule for the work, but these were to be installed by May 17. FPL needs to do a field evaluation of the original 17 streetlights, 2 of which could not be installed. *Amy Harris* will contact FPL and get an installation date. Streetlights on Urquhart Street will be changed to a higher intensity. *Ruth Moguillansky* directed attention to a memo from *Commissioner Lee* included in the CCRT member packets. The memo included *Commissioner Lee’s* suggestion that this item be brought up as an infrastructure budget item; that Engineering will bring this item back to the BCC in the near future. *Ms.*

Moguillansky stated that house numbering issue is also included in the staff's recommendations for the CCRT Annual Report.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

H. Upcoming Tour of the Area: *Ruth Moguillansky* stated that the County Commissioners were invited to tour the San Castle area by bus on June 18 or 25. Key personnel from County departments involved in the San Castle area will also be invited.

Necessary Action: *Ruth Moguillansky* will coordinate the bus tour with the Commissioners and key county personnel that are involved in the San Castle area.

I. Residents' Comments: *Ken Bachman* introduced *Dot Ryan* who is on the COP program and *Jake Ryan*, who is sitting in for *Claire Baudreau*. *Deputy Bachman* commended the *Ryans* for their diligence in the COP program.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

III. PROGRESS REPORTS - LAKE WORTH ROAD CORRIDOR

A. Status Report on Park Improvements:

Kenwood Park: *Don Grund* reported that PREM made a sales offer to the property owner. It will take approximately 90 days to close on the property after the offer is accepted.

Sanders Park: The Parks Department is accepting bids for needed fencing and landscaping.

Kennedy Estates: A conceptual plan has been developed that includes a junior basketball court, swing sets for younger and older children and a tot area. Picnic shelters in this park will be handicapped - accessible. A survey is being developed, and a request for funding for this park is before the BCC on May 5. Construction is expected to begin in June, if the funding comes through.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

B. Status Report on Footbridge: This item was not discussed.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

C. Status Report on Water, Sewer, Paving and Drainage Improvements: *Allen Webb* reported that the BCC postponed the June public hearing regarding paving and drainage on Urquhart Street to July. The work on Vermont Avenue, including speed bumps as an option, is still on the drawing board, but is scheduled for fiscal year 1999/2000, which means that work on Vermont Avenue will commence after October 1999. *Mr. Webb* also stated that there are no plans to purchase the right of way on Maine Street for drainage improvements.

Steve McGrew announced that the Water Utilities Department hired a computer graphics consultant for the Kenwood Area. There is a water main extension bid on Congress Avenue down towards the L-12 canal. Sewer is getting closer to the Lake Worth Road Commercial Corridor. *Mr. McGrew* stated that a majority vote has not been reached regarding what type of sewer system residents and business owners want in the Lake Worth Road Commercial

Corridor. Another round of petitions will be sent to the residents and business owners.

Necessary Action: *Steve McGrew* will send another round of petitions regarding their preference of sewers to residents and business owners in the Lake Worth Road Commercial Corridor.

D. Community Policing Status Report: *Captain Ed Bieluch* reported that prostitution is down in the area. Road patrol officers broke up a “chop shop” car ring. The Sheriff’s Department has remained in a partnership with the Children Services Council summer camp program for the summer; there will also be a Sheriff’s Youth Camp in Kenwood.

Captain Michael Gauger is coordinating a free class for Introduction to Community Policing to be held May 11 and 12 and May 18 and 19 at the Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth campus.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

E. Status Report on Code Enforcement Activities: There was no discussion.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

F. Community Organizing Activities: *Greta von Unruh Cross* reported that a representative from the Commission on Affordable Housing may need to attend the next CCRT meeting on June 7 regarding qualifying for hardship funds on Urquhart Street.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

G. Status report on the Lake Worth Road Commercial Corridor Recommendations: *Jeanne Mills* reported that the Implementation Committee met in April. The Zoning Department is willing to be flexible with regulations on the south side of the Commercial Corridor. *Steve McGrew* will be sending out reminder letters to residents and business owners regarding their sewer preference. She reported that *Greta von Unruh Cross* will coordinate the second business organization meeting at the end of May for LWRCC business owners

Necessary Action: *Greta von Unruh Cross* will coordinate the business organization meeting at the end of May for LWRCC business owners.

H. Residents' Comments:

Brenda Warren stated that she was starting a Crime Watch area West of Pine Ave to Haverhill Road east of Military Trail and South to the L-14 or L-4 Canal.

Ray Loftin mentioned the need for houses to have 4" high numbers that are visible from the street.

Ron Ross asked to have Maine Street closed at Kirk Road.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

Ruth Moguillansky mentioned that she and *Juana Ramos* will attend the Conference on

Neighborhood U.S.A. 1999 at the end of May in Madison, Wisconsin.

Kathy Owens stated that 100 smoke detectors have been installed in the Lake Worth Road Corridor area and more are available.

V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

Nancy Buckalew, CCRT Secretary

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