

COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM (CCRT) MEETING

Monday, April 5, 1999
Planning, Zoning & Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Present at the Meeting:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Brad Aldridge, Aldrich Contracting/Christmas in April
John Archambo, Solid Waste Authority
Ken Bachman, PBC Sheriff's Office
Bruce Barkdoll, PBC Sheriff's Office
Claire Baudreau, Point Overlook Condo
Marty Bechtel, PBC ERM
Captain Ed Bieluch, PBC Sheriff's Office
Malissa Booth, Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful
Nancy Buckalew, PZ&B Planning
Anne Cronyn, HCD
Captain Michael Gauger, PBC Sheriff's Office
Tim Granowitz, Parks & Recreation
Jim Hightower, PBC Sheriff's Office
Tom Lefevre, Health Department
Ray Loftin, Lake Worth West Pilot Area
Stephen McGrew, Water Utilities
Jeanne Mills, PZ&B Planning
Ruth Moguillansky, PZ&B Planning
Katherine Murphy, Housing Partnership
Katherine Murray, Land Preservation Trust of PBC, Inc.
Pam Nolan, Economic Development
Kathleen Owens, PBC Fire Rescue
Gary Marcinkoski, San Castle Resident
Raymond Marcinkoski, San Castle Resident
Patrick A. Martin, Lake Worth Drainage District
David Rafaidus, Community Services
Juana Ramos, San Castle Resident
Chuck Sisco, PBC ERM
Jim Tuttle, PBC Engineering/Traffic
Greta von Unruh Cross, PZ&B Planning
Mercedes Vega, Kenwood Estates Resident
Allen Webb, Engineering
Brenda Warren, Royal Palm Estates Resident

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by *Ruth Moguillansky* at 10:00 A.M. *Ray Loften* was the designated timekeeper.

II. **THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST** - *Ruth Moguillansky* introduced *Katherine Murray*, who is a board member of the Land Preservation Trust of Palm Beach County (LPT). The organization was formed in 1991 as a 501(c)-3 organization to foster environmental preservation of lands throughout Palm Beach County and work toward acquisition and use of lands for open space. They have been working in the Limestone Creek area with ERM and other nonprofit organizations. Land Preservation Trust is interested and willing to become a partner with the CCRT in their revitalization and acquisition efforts. *Ms. Murray* mentioned that the LPT has been interested in assessing residents' needs and then providing open space for passive recreation or educational opportunities for area residents. *Mr. Granowitz* suggested that the LPT could assist in providing more County lands for neighborhood parks, playgrounds and basketball courts. *Mr. Granowitz* asked about the possibility of partnership with the team in its efforts to obtain the Overlook Scrub site, where preservation lands may be acquired and the rest of the land can be used with traditional park uses. *Ms. Murray* replied that ERM is interested in the monies from the Bond Referendum and is currently writing an ordinance regarding the properties that they are interested in and the criteria for future utilization of those properties. Within the communities, there may be a need for active ball fields, and passive bike trails/interpretative center. *Ruth Moguillansky* suggested that a memo be written to the LPT regarding coordinating efforts in the San Castle area.

Necessary Action: *Ms. Moguillansky* will write a memo to the Land Preservation Trust regarding coordinating efforts with the CCRT in the San Castle area.

III. SAN CASTLE

A. **Status on Community Workshop Summary Report and tentative schedule for upcoming meetings** - *Ruth Moguillansky* mentioned that a copy of the draft raw data report was included in the agenda packet. The raw data was entered verbatim by *Nancy Buckalew*. *Ms. Moguillansky* is verifying the votes and reviewing the notes with the facilitators. She will prepare a report which provides a summary of the workshop results and an outline of recommended actions to revitalize the area. She will then meet with CCRT members and neighborhood representatives *Juana Ramos* and *Gary Marcinkoski* to ascertain that the team's recommendations will meet the needs identified by the residents at the Community Workshop and, at the same time, are reasonable and feasible. Within three weeks, *Ms. Buckalew* will contact appropriate CCRT members to schedule a meeting to discuss those recommendations. *Ms. Moguillansky* asked the CCRT members to review the raw data and forward any changes to her.

Necessary Action: *Ruth Moguillansky* will prepare the summary report. *Nancy Buckalew* will schedule a meeting with the appropriate CCRT members to evaluate it. The draft report should be completed by the end of April.

B. **Christmas in April/Cleanup** - *Joanna Aiken* explained that the Christmas in April program is targeted for the elderly, disabled and families with children and low-income. *Ms. Aiken* summarized what is going to happen on April 24, stating that the CCRT is paying for the building permits for Christmas in April. *Ms. Aiken* then

introduced *Brad Aldrich* of Aldrich Contracting, who is in charge of coordinating the material lists and workers for the houses identified for renovating. *Mr. Aldrich* stated that Christmas in April is a nationwide nonprofit organization that refurbishes homes. Recipients of the program have to qualify by owning their own homes, and being below certain income criteria. Thirteen homes have been targeted this year in the San Castle area. Home Depot is donating and delivering the materials.

Ms. Aiken then introduced *John Archambo*, Field Service Manager for the SWA., and *Malissa Booth*, Executive Director of Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, formerly known as Beautiful Palm Beaches. *Ms. Booth* explained that there is a coastal clean up in every September, focusing on litter clean up and data collection on marine debris. Every April, the Keep PBC Beautiful project includes the waterways, but its focus is on illegal dumping and littering in the neighborhoods, vacant lots, roadways, parks, schools, and other public spaces. The Clean up project has gone through some name changes, and is now part of the “Keep America Beautiful” campaign. The image and logo will start appearing on T-shirts, bags and McDonald cups. Coca Cola and Pepsi are also sponsors. There are approximately 60 different locations, with 25 cities participating. The SWA coordinates many unincorporated areas, working with the Policing Units and CRA's. Every weekend during April, there will be a clean up in a region of Palm Beach County, starting April 4, Easter weekend, in the Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee areas. More than 500 volunteers showed up and 11 tons of debris were carted away.

All volunteers receive a certificate and a T-shirt which includes a picture of “Iron Eyes Cody,” a native American who is an icon for the Keep America Beautiful public service campaign that kicked off in the 1970's. The SWA has always been a countywide partner, and their logo is also included on the shirts and certificates. However, in some areas, such as the Lake Worth Lagoon, Keep PBC Beautiful works closely with DEP, F.I.N.D., and other governmental agencies, and nonprofit groups. *Ms. Booth* gave out her phone number: 686-6646.

Ms. Aiken mentioned that there should be enough skilled laborers, but more volunteers are needed to pick up litter. Palm Beach County Roofers Association is doing two roofs, someone (Ed Campi?) is taking one two or three roofs if needed. The CCRT will have a table at the event and members are encouraged to help with the other volunteers.

There will be a community table with outreach literature, including information about the CCRT, and newsletters. *Ms. Cross* urged CCRT members to come help at the table and with the clean up. There will be a brief “thank you” ceremony at the BBQ on April 24th.

Brenda Warren introduced herself as the Crime Watch chairperson in the Royal Palm Estates area and is coordinating the Cleanup in her area. *Ray Loftin* will also volunteer his services.

Ken Bachman stated that there will be a community barbeque after the clean up. There will be a charge of \$4.00 for workers and \$6.00 for nonworkers for the BBQ. *Deputy Bachman* introduced *Gary Marcinkoski*, who represents residents from the

Overlook Drive section of San Castle. This will be the fifth year that the *Marcinkoski* family will be helping to clean up the area, and they will assist in picking up the trash with their own front-end loaders and bucket trucks. Last year's clean up in the San Castle area resulted in more than 240 tons of trash, and set a new record for Palm Beach County.

- C. **Status Report on the Overlook Scrub Site** - *Greta von Unruh Cross* reported that 396 petitions in favor of preserving the Overlook Scrub Site were gathered, and sent to *Commissioner Maude Ford Lee*, the U.S. and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commissions, and the Half Moon Bay Condo Association. *Frank Duke*, Planning Director, is on a committee that is researching ways to get Federal monies to match the County for purchasing environmentally sensitive lands. *Mr. Duke* has succeeded in bringing the Overlook Site to this committee. If federal funds are obtained, then the County is likely to pursue the property.

Necessary Action: *Greta von Unruh* will continue to strategize with residents on how to proceed to achieve the goal of obtaining the Overlook Scrub site.

- D. **Community Organizing Activities** - *Greta von Unruh Cross* stated that PZ&B agreed to donate a tree and a project sign for the area. A site has been chosen at Hypoluxo and Overlook Roads. This corner will have some bushes removed and the tree and sign will be placed on April 24th, to celebrate the beginning of revitalization efforts in the area. *Allen Webb* mentioned that there is flooding at that corner near Cumberland Farms store. The flooding must come from a water leak, as it hasn't rained in weeks. *Mr. Webb* will contact Palm Beach County Water Utilities regarding the water.

Ms. Cross mentioned that the CPU deputies are looking for activities that children can participate in. If or when the community organizes a community association, the CPU should consider acting as a fiscal agent and helping the community to prepare and apply for grant monies on behalf of the CPU sites. *Captain Bieluch* invited *Ms. Cross* to a community meeting to talk about this topic.

Necessary Action: *Allen Webb* will contact Palm Beach County Water Utilities regarding the water problem at the intersection of Hypoluxo and Overlook Roads. *Greta von Unruh Cross* will meet with *Captain Bieluch* to discuss the potential for the CPU acting as a fiscal agent and helping the community to prepare and apply for grant monies.

- E. **Community Policing - Status Report on Crime Related Issues Within the Community** - *Ken Bachman* reported that there were fourteen arrests in the last two weeks, including a key player in a stolen auto ring that dealt in the exporting of Toyotas and Saturns. Drug trafficking is slowing down in the area.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

- F. **Status Report on Street Lights** - *Jim Tuttle* summarized his memo regarding Street Lights in San Castle that was included in the agenda packet. FPL has scheduled the original 17 lights to be installed on April 19. These lights will illuminate a wider area, however, they are easier to hit with bullets and rocks. *Ms. Amy Harris* has not received a letter asking about the other lights in San Castle area, *Ruth Moguillansky* explained that the CPU office had submitted a letter to *Ms. Harris*, Planning Department has a copy of the letter, but it was not signed by *Captain Michael Gauger*. *Captain Gauger* has been notified of the need for the letter to come from him. *Ms. Moguillansky* had personally brought a map highlighted with 8 additional locations for lights to *Mr. Tuttle* and to *Ms. Harris*. *Ms. Moguillansky* asked *Deputy Bachman* to meet with *Deputy Trombley* and prepare a list of the location sites for these eight lights. This list will be attached to *Captain Gauger's* letter.

Mr. Tuttle mentioned that he had talked to *Ray Loften* after the last CCRT meeting regarding street lights on Urquhart Street. *Mr. Tuttle* also said that he had talked to *Edwin Jack*, Deputy County Engineer, who is trying to get this item processed. *Ms. Moguillansky* stated that following *Mr. Tuttle's* suggestion, she forwarded his memo to *Commissioner Lee* and *Commissioner Newell* to see if they could help with this item. Highlighted on the memo was the statement asking that the Commissioners request the Engineering Department to “move forward” with this item.

Ray Loften expressed concern that the street lights were uniformly placed on Urquhart Street, except in front of the “hot spot” that has been there for nine years.

Necessary Action: *Deputy Bachman* and *Deputy Trombley* will prepare a list of the location sites for the eight additional lights so that it can be forwarded to *Amy Harris*. *Ms. Moguillansky* will meet with the Commissioners to see how they can help in addressing the street lighting issue in the San Castle area and in evaluating the current County policy.

- G. **Resident's Comments:** *Ruth Moguillansky* introduced two new CCRT members to be: *Juana Ramos* and *Gary Marcinkoski*, San Castle residents, who stated that they were happy with what the CCRT is planning to do in their neighborhood. *Mr. Marcinkoski* expressed concern over illegal duplexes. *Deputy Bachman* replied that there was a test case before the Court regarding the PBCSO issuing a direct citation for violations in the Code Enforcement areas, rather than the current method of issuing letters of violation.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

I **PROGRESS REPORTS - LAKE WORTH ROAD CORRIDOR**

Ruth Moguillansky introduced *Katherine Murphy*, from the Housing Partnership. *Ms. Murphy* also represents the Community Development Corporation (CDC), a 13 year old organization that is active throughout Palm Beach County, particularly in Belle Glade and Boynton Beach. Some groups in the Lake Worth Corridor requested the CDC to provide some assistance. The CDC works with a federally-funded organization called Neighborworks that is affiliated with the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation. The

CDC provides financial and technical assistance. Some of the focus areas are, but not limited to: community organizing, family strengthening, out of school programs, etc. *Ms. Murphy* is writing grants and has already approached several funding organizations in Palm Beach County that have expressed interest in funding projects such as this. Unlike her usual clients, the Lake Worth Group already has volunteers that are willing to work. *Greta von Unruh Cross* indicated that this was a prime opportunity for grass roots volunteer organizations to hook up with funding resources. *Jeanne Mills* invited *Ms. Murphy* to the Lake Worth Road Commercial Corridor Implementation Coordination meeting on April 13 so that she could see how the various County departments are working together.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

A. **Status Report on Park Improvements - *Tim Granowitz***

Lake Worth West Area: *Tim Granowitz* stated that the **Harris Park** is finished and is being well-used by the children and older residents.

Kenwood Estates: *Mr. Granowitz* reported that Parks and Recreation is working on a site & expect to get appraisals back later this month. When the appraisal is in, they will make an offer to the owner, providing there is a willing seller. Approximately 90 - 120 days after an offer has been accepted, the County should have the property.

Sanders Park: There are some reports of people trespassing and knocking down fences on private residential properties near the Southeast corner of Sanders Park. Additional landscaping might be put in and the fences fixed, and possibly putting in a gate on that side. *Deputy Jim Hightower* agreed to go to the site with *Mr. Granowitz* and review the situation.

Kennedy Estates: *Mr. Granowitz* reported that some residents complained that the park was not large enough, but the available sites for parks in that area was limited. *Ruth Moguillansky* stated that *Commissioner Roberts* asked for a follow-up memo regarding the Kennedy Estates Park, including estimated dates. *Ms. Moguillansky* will write the memo, after *Mr. Granowitz* gives her the dates.

Necessary action: *Mr. Granowitz* and *Deputy Jim Hightower* will visit Sanders Park and develop a plan of action to deter trespassing on private properties. *Ruth Moguillansky* will write a follow-up memo to *Commissioner Roberts* including estimated dates for acquisition and development of the site to be provided by *Mr. Granowitz*.

B. **Status Report on Footbridge - *Allen Webb*** reported that the footbridge/pathway is on the "15 Projects Wish List". *Mr. Webb* said that this list should be forwarded to *Commissioner Newell* to see if the item could be moved up on the priority list. The estimated cost is \$30,000. *Ms. Moguillansky* reminded *Mr. Webb* about the \$10,000 surplus money from the water main improvement project in the Lake Worth West Area. *Mr. Webb* added that the drainage improvement in the San Castle area is also proposed for funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Webb also reported that the Urquhart Street Paving, Drainage and Sewer Project bids will be opened on April 13. The Public Hearing will be held on June 15. A guard rail will be placed on Urquhart Street soon.

Necessary Action: *Ms. Moguillansky* will forward the proposed Capital Projects list to *Commissioners Newell* and *Lee* to seek their assistance. She will also write a memo to *Remar Harvin* to see if the surplus money could be set aside and used for the construction of the footbridge.

C. Status Report on Water Main Improvements:

Pilot Area: *Stephen McGrew* reported that the water mains are finished on eight streets: Vermont, Maine, Cooley, Poinsetta, Herbertz, Holden, Pine and Kirk. The contract is about to be finalized and the final change order has been approved. The Health Department sent letters to all of the larger apartments on Vermont and Maine Streets. There is a new bid out for a project on Congress Avenue Water Main from the L-12 Canal to 6th Avenue. Included with it is an emergency inter-connect with the City of Lake Worth, as well as a force main extension down Melaleuca Lane to Congress Avenue. This bid will be opened May 5.

Kenwood Estates: FPL provided the final underground utility locations to Water Utilities on March 29. The Kenwood Estates project should go out to bid in late Spring or early Summer. Another project is the Kirk Road Water Main Project, which runs from Melaleuca Lane south to the L-14 canal. Water Utilities is waiting for County Engineering to clear a drainage outfall on that same road. Engineering has indicated that they will be ready with their project in May

Other Areas: There are a few projects which are outside of the Lake Worth Road Corridor, but in the CCRT areas. They include the water mains that have been completed two weeks ago on Myla and Myrtle Lanes, and one on Deakins Road. In addition, a contract was awarded for seven streets in the Longwood Estates subdivision. This week a follow-up letter or petition will be sent to residents in Royal Palm Estates.

Necessary Action: *Ruth Moguillansky* handed out assignments to *Steven McGrew*, *Allen Webb* and *Tim Granowitz*. The BCC is looking for ways to channel funds into CCRT areas for infrastructure improvements. The BCC requested a table listing all 29 CCRT areas and the costs for providing such improvements. *Ms. Moguillansky* requested an update of the information gathered in 1997 regarding the water, sewer, drainage and parks. She will then prepare a table with the costs for providing improvements in the areas by Commissioner's Districts. This information is needed back in two weeks. *Ms. Moguillansky* reminded everyone that the Lake Worth Road Corridor boundaries was amended to include Kenwood Estates. Totals needed will be noted, with monies already spent being noted in parentheses under the appropriate column(s).

D. Community Policing Status Report - Captain Michael Gauger arrived and provided *Ms. Moguillansky* a copy of the letter sent to *Amy Harris* regarding the need for eight additional lights. *Ruth Moguillansky* directed people's attention to that

letter. *Lieutenant Bruce Barkdoll* then proceeded to report on community policing, and indicated that approximately 75% of the resources are being directed in the Lake Worth Road Corridor, primarily on Urquhart Street. The Enforcement Initiatives are continuing, as it is the special detail providing the Road Deputies with the Community Policing Deputies. The problem that *Mercedes Vega* brought last month has been taken care of, with 18 citations being written.

Necessary Action: *Deputy Hightower* will follow up regarding the properties that have liens against them - an item that was brought up at March's CCRT meeting.

- E. **Community Organizing Activities** - *Greta von Unruh Cross* said that the Sheriff's Department is concerned about continuing as a fiscal agent for outside grants to fund CPU programs. KOPS, a new organization, might be approached to fill in as fiscal agent. *Ms. Cross* will talk to *Captain Gauger* after the meeting.

Deputy Ken Bachman mentioned that there were other programs that the Sheriff's Department was involved in, such as car seat safety. *Captain Gauger* stated that it had taken four months to obtain two bicycle pumps. *Ruth Moguillansky* mentioned that she will be meeting with the Partnership Neighborhood Initiative (PNI) group, and perhaps the monies could be funneled through PNI, since they have applied for a 501(c)3 designation. *Tim Granowitz* suggested that *Ms. Cross* contact the Recreation Director of the Parks Department who directs the school programs.

Ms. Cross stated that the Action group in the Pilot Area is moving forward. The group has latched onto the Y.M.C.A. and have been accepted as a Partnership for Neighborhood Initiatives community, which will result in \$10,000 coming their way. This money will be used to get their building licensed so that they can run a children's program there.

Ms. Cross will be meeting with Lakewood residents and discussing parks. Kenwood is doing well with their programs, but they need assistance in structuring their organization and their roles. *Ms. Cross* distributed the latest CCRT Newsletter to the members.

Necessary Action: *Ms. Cross* will talk to *Captains Gauger and Bieluch* to see how the channeling of funds for programs can be undertaken. She will also contact the Recreation Director of the Parks Department to discuss this item. *Ms. Moguillansky* will work with PNI to see if they can be the fiscal agent.

- F. **Status Report on the Lake Worth Road Commercial Corridor Recommendations** - *Jeanne Mills* reported that she had met with the Zoning Department. It was decided that Zoning was going to focus on the south side of Lake Worth Road, between Kirk Road and Congress Avenue. *Ms. Mills* asked the Zoning and Building Departments to meet with the Lake Worth Road Commercial Corridor Implementation Committee on April 13 to address clear up any confusion between property owners and various County departments.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

- G. **Resident's Comments:** There were no comments.

Necessary Action: None at this time.

III. OTHER ITEMS

Steven McGrew mentioned that there was a meeting with the Lake Worth Park of Commerce on April 14.

Pam Nolan stated that the EDA grant is ongoing, but the Beautiful Palm Beaches Grant starts on July 1.

Kathy Owens said that there were 100 smoke detectors for Lake Worth Road. There is a crew that goes out each Saturday to install them.

David Rafaidus distributed a 3-page handout regarding the new number for Information Services to handle non-emergency inquiries (211). However, this number is not in effect yet.

Greta von Unruh Cross needs articles for the next newsletter. *Pam Nolan* and *Tim Granowitz* will submit their "biography profiles" for the next issue.

IV. NEXT MEETING DATE - The next CCRT meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 1999 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the PZ&B Building from 10:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.

V. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Minutes prepared by

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