

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of February 7, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Hutcheson Building, Room Hall “B”

Minutes

Present:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Bret Baronak, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Bobbi Boynton, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
Jorceline Cadet, P.B.C. Housing Authority
Shirley Carsillo, Sun Court/Roan Lane Resident
Jerry Carsillo, Sun Court/Roan Lane Resident
Shirley Carsillo, Sun Court/Roan Lane Resident
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West Resident
Clint Davenport, P.B.C. PZ&B Zoning Division
Sgt. Dickinson, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy W. Dieujuste, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Renee Deese, Kenwood Resident
Anne Dorsey, Canal Point Resident
Dante Dowers, City of Belle Glade
Dan Dumas, San Castle Community Leadership Inc.
Dale Erickson, Erickson Farm
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Seretha George, City of Greenacres
Deputy Shawn Goodard, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Patricia Harmon, Southern Blvd. Pine Estates & Royal Palm Estates Resident
Deputy Anthony Harrell, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Joyce Harrell, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Sgt. Jimmy Hightower, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Bruce Hill, P.B.C. PZ&B Code Enforcement Division
Janel Horne, P.B.C. Head Start
Peggy Hunter, Sun Court/Roan Lane Resident
Lt. Ed Jablonski, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Ken Jackson, P.B.C. Code Enforcement Division
Art Kirstein, P.B.C. Cooperative Extension
Kathy King, Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group
Dave Kouns, Roan Lane Resident
Tom Lefevre, P.B.C. Health Department
Ilene Long, Military Park Resident
Edward Lowery, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Lt. Ed Luty, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Michael Marquis, P.B.C. Engineering Department

Present (Cont'd)

Deputy Karl Martin, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Tonda Masson, Lake Worth Corridor
Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Gerry Metayer, Old Trail Resident
Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Bilal Mujahid, P.B.C. Water Utilities
Deputy Eddie Nelson, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development Office
Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
Sandra Payne, Kenwood Resident
LaToya Ricketts, Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Sharon Sheppard, Westgate/Belvedere Homes CRA
Nora Spear, Sun Court/Roan Lane Resident
Deputy Dwayne Thomas, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Corporal Mike Tramonte, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy C. Veneziano, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Terry Verner, P.B.C. Code Enforcement Division
Guy W. Volk, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development
Gail Vorpapel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement Division
Michael Warsh, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

CCRT Members Absent:

Penny Anderson, P.B.C. GIS
Jeff Collins, P.B.C. Fire Rescue
Diana Cunningham, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission
Gerry Gawaldo, P.B.C. Palm Tran
Tim Granowitz, P.B.C. Parks & Recreation
Anne Helfant, P.B.C. Attorney's Office
Jan Jeck, P.B.C. Property Real Estate & Management (PREM)
Don Loutsch, Children Services Council
David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services
Chauncey Taylor II, P.B.C. Facilities Development & Operations Department (FDO)
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building Division

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Duane Gainer introduced himself and asked meeting participants to introduce themselves.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Mr. Gainer asked if anyone had corrections to the January 10, 2006 CCRT minutes. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Gainer announced that Dan Dumas, CCRT Member, had been out ill. He presented Mr. Dumas with a Get Well Card from the OCR/CCRT Group.

III. REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UPS:

Mr. Gainer summarized follow-ups undertaken by OCR staff and provided copies of report to the following issues/items discussed at the January 10, 2006 CCRT meeting:

- 1) Residents from Old Trail inquired about the status of the neighborhood park.

FOLLOW UP UNDERTAKEN/STATUS: A meeting with residents was held in late November of 2005 to review park plans. Residents agreed to the construction plans for the park. During this meeting, residents unanimously agreed to also name the park "Old Trail Park". The anticipated completion date for the park is April of 2006.

- 2) Residents of Roan Lane/Elmwood Estates requested information on the process to be followed to have Sun Court paved. They also wanted to know if whether the road is County maintained.

FOLLOW UP UNDERTAKEN/STATUS: According to information provided by Engineering, a letter and petitions were sent to Diane Giodano of 9351 Sun Court on September 29, 2005. According to the Engineering staff, the signed petitions have not been returned yet. According to the Palm Beach County Engineering & Public Works, the inventory list of Sun Court is courtesy maintained from 91st Street north to the end, for a total length of approximately .36 of a mile. Residents should contact Palm Beach County Road & Bridge at 233-3950 for maintenance requests. The MSTU funding program is currently on hold pending a funding decision from the Board of County Commissioners in April or May of 2006.

- 3) Barbara Bell-Spence, from the City of Belle Glade, inquired about the status of the Neighborhood Home Beautification Program implementation in the Glades area.

FOLLOW UP UNDERTAKEN/STATUS: The properties chosen for the NHBP in the Glades will be reassessed by OCR staff due to the extensive damage caused to residential structures as a result of Hurricane Wilma. Once the reassessment is complete, the contractor will be given new information on each property as needed to complete the estimates. The timeline for the start up of the Glades NHBP projects cannot be determined at this time.

- 4) Residents of the Glades area would like to know whether the maximum Neighborhood Home Beautification Program (NHBP) expenditures of \$3,000 per property would increase if one of the selected properties sustained additional damage from Hurricane Wilma.

FOLLOW UP UNDERTAKEN/STATUS: There will be no increase in the \$3,000 maximum expenditure per property in the NHBP. Eligible home improvements will remain the same as determined at the program's initiation. Eligible improvements are limited to: a) Exterior Painting, b) Landscaping, c) Exterior Door Replacement, d) Mail box, e) Driveway Repair, and f) Fence Repair.

IV. PRESENTATION – Dale Erickson, Erickson Farm & Garden (Canal Point)

Mr. Gainer stated that Mr. Erickson attends the Monthly GTAC (Glades Technical Advisory Council) Meetings. Mr. Erickson is the President of Erickson Farm & Garden, located in Canal Point (north of Pahokee).

Mr. Erickson began by stating that the purpose for being at the meeting was to talk about the old Canal Point Elementary School property. He gave the history of his family relocating to the Glades. He stated that his grandfather and father started a business in the farming industry and that the Erickson family was very involved in decision making in the Glades. Mr. Erickson requested support for the Glades Agriculture Heritage Museum's efforts to restore the Old Canal Point School. He indicated that they intend to pursue talks with the Palm Beach County School District to acquire the property and restore it for the local community's use. Mr. Erickson also discussed his concerns with regarding the building being demolished. He stated that his grandfather was a prominent resident of the Glades; therefore he suggested that the property be a monument in his grandfather's name. He further talked about the plans for the property and that he feels the restoration plans would be beneficial to the residents of the Glades. He discussed the cost of restoring the property and that the Erickson family is willing to incur some of that cost. He stated that demolishing the building would be a waste.

Pam Nolan commented that Barry Present of the P.B.C. School District should be contacted to determine their position with the property.

Edward Lowery suggested that Mr. Erickson make his wishes officially known to the School District and to the District's Commissioner regarding his interest in restoring the Old Canal Point School property. Mr. Lowery asked the group for comments or suggestions regarding this topic.

Mr. Gainer asked the group for a motion regarding Mr. Erickson's interest in wanting to restore the old Canal Point School Property. Joanna Aiken made a motion to support the restoration plans of the old Canal Point School property but that more information will need to be provided for the CCRT to make an informed, and final decision. Dan Dumas seconded the motion; and no one opposed.

Mr. Lowery inquired whether there were any health related issues or violations with the property. Tom LeFevre responded that he was going to check on this item.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Pam Nolan, Economic Development, reported on the following:

- Development Regions Grant Program – She brought packets to distribute to the group. The deadline for submittal of the application is March 17, 2006. The maximum amount of the grant is \$50,000.
- Lake Okeechobee Appropriation Agreement – will be presented to the Board for approval on February 28, 2006.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Michael Marquis, Engineering, reported on the following:

- Cinquez Park – The Engineering design contract will be going to the BCC on February 28, 2006 for approval. If the project is approved, the design effort will start within approximately 30/45 days.

Bilal Mujahid, Water Utilities, reported on the following:

- Dillman Heights/Sutton Terrace – The Board authorized the commencement of construction for this project (WUD 04-102) during today's public hearing. Connection availability is scheduled for July 27, 2006.
- Donnel Road – Will have initial petitions mailed out within two (2) weeks. There are more property lots involved than originally anticipated. The Department will conduct a field investigation to determine suspected connections that do not show in the Utilities Department billing system. The Department may need to bring revised scope of work to CCRT members in March.
- Ranch Road – The Department will send initial petitions to this area in about three (3) weeks. Project delayed due to ongoing private developments that may reduce the geographic limits of the project.

Gail Vorpapel, Code Enforcement, reported on the following:

- Ms. Vorpapel reported that, in the month of February, Code Enforcement scheduled 140 cases to be heard before the Special Master. She gave the breakdown of the number of cases that were closed and/or corrected, continued or rescheduled, and successfully prosecuted.
- During the month of January, the Community Support Team Code Officers and Area Code Officers assisted the Sheriff's Office Community Policing Deputies with code enforcement issues in the following communities: San Castle, Schall Circle/Old Military Trail, Limestone Creek/Kennedy Estates, Cinquez Park, Urquhart Street, Watergate MHP, and Sun Court/Northlake Corridor. Ms. Vorpapel briefly mentioned the code enforcement activity performed in each of the above-mentioned CCRT areas: vehicles were red tagged, vehicles were towed, attended meetings, and PBSO responded to complaints.

Captain Ed Jablonski, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office, reported on the following:

- Introduced Lt. Ed Luty and stated he will be his replacement at the CCRT meetings. Lt. Jablonski was promoted to Captain.
- Thanked the Code Enforcement Division for their support in the CCRT areas.
- Graffiti – He commented that since the graffiti bust program has started, there has been a decrease with this activity.

VI. RESIDENT & OCR STAFF UPDATES:

Chrystal Mathews, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- In 2003, OCR staff completed a study that assessed the original 29 CCRT areas. The study redefined boundaries and added areas that were in need of assistance. Currently, there are 104 CCRT areas that will need to be redefined and the study will need to be updated. Ms. Mathews requested CCRT members to provide information regarding areas that should be added or deleted from the map. The information should be submitted no later than March 14, 2006.
- 2006 Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program (NPG) – The 2006 NPG program will be released on February 27, 2006.

Bret Baronak, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Royal Palm Estates/Wallace Road Community Plan Meeting – is scheduled for February 16, 2006, 7:00p.m., at the Clayton Hutcheson Building.
- Roan Lane Streetlights – County is awaiting to receive the agreement from FP&L. Once received it will be executed. Installation of lights should start near the beginning of summer.

Kathy King, Lake Worth West, reported on the following:

- Art Show – The youth group held an art show. The kids did a fantastic job.
- The golf cart was stolen, but was recovered.
- A course is being offered if you want to learn Spanish.

Renee Deese inquired about the status of streetlights for Kenwood. Bret Baronak, OCR staff, indicated that he was going to contact Engineering and request a status on this project.

Dan Dumas, San Castle, reported on the following:

- Commended the Sheriff's Office for doing a fantastic job.
- Request more Code Enforcement efforts in the community.

Duane Gainer, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Commented on OCR staff efforts to determine whether any surplus funds from old projects exists which can be reprogrammed for use in other projects – He stated that he will be contacting each of the Departments for a report on projects still not completed or funds leftover from completed projects/programs.

VII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Anne Dorsey commented regarding the Old Canal Point School Property – Ms. Dorsey stated that she had a petition signed by her neighbors requesting that the building be demolished. She commented that the building has asbestos, is an eye soar to the community and most of all is dangerous. She fears that the kids in the neighborhood could get hurt playing on the property. The building is hazardous and needs to be demolished if it continues to be in this condition.

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

- The next CCRT meeting will be held on March 14, 2006 (Tuesday), 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m., at the Clayton Hutcheson Building.
- Dan Dumas, San Castle resident, volunteered to provide refreshments for the next meeting.

Minutes prepared by

Joyce Harrell, OCR Secretary

***Note: Please come prepared to announce activities for February or March you may contact Joyce Harrell at 233-5311 to place this information on Activity Calendar. Thank You.**

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