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## Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director  
Scribe (recorder): Duane Gainer, Senior Planner  
Date/Time: June 12, 2012/10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1VC-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

### Meeting Attendance:

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1. Al Albrecht, Plantation Village
2. Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail Resident
3. Joe Case, Winston Trails Resident
4. Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group
5. Elizabeth Coleman, Palm Beach County Resident
6. Deputy John DeLaura, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
7. Deputy Willy Diejuste, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
8. Deputy J. Ellis, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
9. M. Fairclough, Lake Worth Resident
10. Trevor, Fairclough, Pastor, Lake Worth Resident
11. Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
12. Anne Helfant, P.B.C. Attorney's Office
13. Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident
14. P. Malorga, Plantation Community Resident
15. Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
16. Jean Matthews, P.B.C. Parks and Recreation
17. Ruth Moguillansky, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
18. Deputy Matthew Ott, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
19. Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
20. Reverend Wayne Padgett, Gramercy Park
21. Christina Robinson, Planned Parenthood
22. Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
23. Houston Tate, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
24. Thomas Totz, Plantation Community Resident
25. Gail Vorpagel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
26. Minister Martina Walker, Westgate Property Owner
27. Lieutenant Wesley White, P.B.C. Animal Care and Control
28. Ken Wilson, P.B.C. Health Department
29. William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

# Meeting Minutes

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## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Comments: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

## 2. Department Updates

Comments:

**Parks and Recreation** – Mrs. Jean Matthews stated that the site plan for the Gramercy Neighborhood Park/Community Center is currently being modified; a Community Policing Office has been added to the design; the project will be delayed for an additional two to three months to accommodate West Palm Beach Zoning.

**Animal Care and Control** – Lt. Wesley White reported on a new program they are offering called the “5-5-5” Program. The program offers rabies shots, rabies tags, or a microchip for \$5.00 each.

## 3. OCR Staff Reports

Comments:

**Audley Reid** –Reported that he is working on individualized “revitalization plans” for each community. The plans will be a “snapshot” of each community the OCR is working on and will contain short-term, intermediate, and long-term plans.

## 4. Special Presentations

David D’Onofrio, B.A. Economics, is a Realtor and licensed real estate agent with RE/MAX Properties in Jupiter, Florida. Mr D’Onofrio stated that he is a participating member of The Friends of the Heights, a non-profit community organization for North Palm Beach Heights (otherwise known as Jupiter Heights or The Heights of Jupiter), and enjoys assisting in community events and improvement projects.

He holds a designation as a Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE), specializes in short sales and distressed property solutions, and can advise homeowners at risk of foreclosure as to the various alternatives and incentives that may be available to reduce the burden of an “underwater” or “upside down” mortgage.

Mr. D’Onofrio discussed the impact of foreclosures on a community, options a homeowner has when faced with foreclosure, and what type of information needs to be made available from the community and local government to entice prospective buyers to desire to move to a particular community. He also addressed the need to assess and analyze those key factors which affect buyers and home sellers’ perception of a development or community, as it pertains to public interest and home as well as community valuation. See attached summary of Mr. D’Onofrio’s presentation.

## 5. Resident Comments

### Comments:

Trevor Fairclough, Lake Worth Resident/Pastor, stated that he is having an issue with the Building and Code Enforcement Departments concerning his property (church) on Luzane Avenue. The property was apparently modified without acquiring the proper permits. Gail Vorpapel of Code Enforcement responded to his question.

**Action: Ruth Moguilansky to coordinate a meeting to help resolve issue.**

Joe Case, Winston Trails Resident, stated that his community opposes a “workforce housing” development currently being planned for the Hypoluxo/Military trail area. Ken Wilson and Michael Owens commented on Mr. Case’s concerns.

**Action: Mr. Tate will coordinate a meeting to discuss this project.**

Minister Martina Walker stated that she is having issues with the Zoning Department in reference to starting an After School Program at her site in Westgate. It was suggested that she speak with the Zoning Department and the Westgate CRA.

**Action: Mr. Tate will contact Elizee Michel, Executive Director, Westgate CRA and provide telephone number to Minister Walker.**

Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident, stated that her neighborhood is still experiencing problems with construction debris being dumped at abandoned houses on Cecille Street (2<sup>nd</sup> reporting). She gave locations of 2416 and 2434 Cecille Street as having various debris. She gave the location of a missing/stolen drainage grate as 2422 Cecille Street. Gail Vorpapel of Code Enforcement will follow-up on this issue.

## 6. Time & Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director \_\_\_\_\_