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## Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

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

### Meeting Attendance:

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1. Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
2. J. Bartosel, Children's Services Council
3. Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc.
4. S. Cooper, Children's Services Council
5. Florencia Davis, Palm Beach County Health Department (WIC)
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. Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
10. James Green, Palm Beach County Community Action Program
11. Quinn Hayes, Palm Beach County Health Department
12. Sergeant Jimmy Hightower, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
13. Robin Rance-Hoffman, Commissioner Burdicks' Office
14. Deputy Kirkham, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
15. David Kline, Lake Worth Resident
16. Deputy Lamm, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
17. Dr. Catherine Lowe, Artists Showcase of the Palm Beaches
18. Jezabel Maisonet, The Caridad Center
19. Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
20. Jean Matthews, P.B.C. Parks and Recreation
21. Felisa Miles, PBS .ACE
22. Eugenia Millender, FAU Diabetes Center
23. Tony Miller, West Palm Beach Resident
24. Ruth Moguillansky, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
25. Deputy Matthew Ott, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
26. Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
27. Christy Potter, Children's Services Council
28. Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

29. Erica Redmon, City of Pahokee
30. Christina Robinson, Planned Parenthood
31. Tenicia Sproull, Cam Estates Resident
32. Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention
33. Caneste Succe, Lake Worth Resident
34. Jeff Tarr, Palm Beach County Resident
35. Houston Tate, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
36. Thomas Totz, Plantation Community Resident
37. John Turner, South Bay Resident
38. Gail Vorpagel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
39. Charles Walker, Glades Youth Panthers
40. Javin Walker, 2 SBW and Associates
41. Natasha Walker, Glades Resident
42. Ralph Walker, We Help C.D.C.
43. Lieutenant Wesley White, P.B.C. Animal Care and Control
44. Commissioner John Wilson, City of South Bay
45. Ken Wilson, P.B.C. Health Department
46. 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 10:05 a.m.

### **2. Review & Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

Comments: No revisions were made.

### **3. Review of Follow Ups**

Comments: See Code Enforcement Comments under Item 5 (Department Reports)

### **4. Special Presentations**

#### **Kervin Clenace-General Sales Manager, Palm Beach Broadcasting**

Mr Clenace stated that Palm Beach Broadcasting, representing Sunny 107.9 FM, WIRK 103.1, X102.3, and WRMF 97.9 FM, will be taking a proactive role in combating the issues of Obesity, Literacy, and Drowning Prevention. This wide diversity of stations will allow PB Broadcasting to reach a majority of Palm Beach County residents with important Public Service Announcements (PSA's). Because of airtime cost, these PSA's can become quite expensive, so the suggested PGA's are 10 second spots with a short message.

PB Broadcasting has a couple of upcoming events that could provide venues for distributing important community information, if desired: Learn To Swim With X102.3's Poet at the YMCA in Boca Raton on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the X102.3 4th Annual Custom Car and Bike Show at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **James Green, Program Coordinator, PBC Community Services Department/Community Action Program**

Mr Green provided an overview of the Community Action Program, which is intended to remove barriers and create opportunities for low-income individuals and families to enable them to become more self-sufficient. There are six (6) service centers throughout the County.

Mr. Green spoke about their Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), designed to provide financial relief from high-energy costs to prevent service disconnection for families in crisis. Extensive Outreach Campaigns are conducted to ensure maximum participation of the neediest families. Particular efforts are made to serve the elderly and those with special needs, including home visits, telephone interviews and group intakes. Applications for assistance may be made by contacting the nearest Community Action Service Center. Types of assistance available include:

- Home Energy Assistance-up to \$300 once every 12 months
- Crisis Benefit-up to \$600 twice a year for past due, final notice or disconnection
- Weather Related Benefit-assistance during a natural disaster
- Weatherization-assistance with weatherizing home to lower electric bill

Mr. Green also spoke about the Community Service Block Grant or CSBG. This program operates under six national goals that focus on helping individuals and families to become self-sufficient, increasing agency collaboration and promoting community enhancement. Community Action's mission is to provide opportunities to the poor by combining, organizing and adjusting the available resources so that programs are tailored to the genuine needs of low-income people and communities. Services may include: tax assistance, employment support, housing assistance, access to food and nutrition, and utility assistance.

Community Services has funding available, and needs Glades area clients.

## **5. Department Reports**

**Solid Waste Authority (SWA)** – Joanna Aiken reported that they recently painted and rehabbed 12 homes in the Glades area. She needs more volunteers in the Glades. SWA is planning projects with the Riviera Beach CRA and Lake Worth West.

**Animal Care and Control (ACC)** – Lt. Wesley White reported that ACC/Glades offers spay and neuter services every other Wednesday. The services are free for residents on public assistance. All the above services are free for pit bulls.

**Code Enforcement (CE)** – Gail Vorpagel reported on an Old Trail Resident's complaint from last month's meeting concerning illegal dumping (Cecile Street) and a missing drainage grate. PBC Road and Bridges replaced the grate and CE removed tires from the property. The Cecile Street property has been abandoned and goes to hearing in August.

**Parks and Recreation (P & R)** – Mrs. Jean Matthews is looking for community-based organizations to serve as "partners" for the Gramercy Park Community Center.

**School District** – Michael Owens indicated that annexation of Gove Elementary is almost complete and Rosenwald Elementary' site plan is currently being finalized.

## 6. OCR Staff Reports

Comments:

**Audley Reid** stated that the May-June edition of the OCR Community Connect publication was sent out on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He asked meeting participants to provide him with their e-mail if they were not receiving the publication.

**Houston Tate** stated that he has information on “Overseas” Employment and Volunteer opportunities, and OCR staff will be sharing the information with its contacts. He also mentioned that there will be an event held at the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial on July 29<sup>th</sup> and indicated that OCR has information on assistance provided to women and young ladies for resume preparation as well as clothing for employment through Dress for Success Palm Beaches if anyone is interested.

## 7. Resident Comments

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**Caneste Succe**, Lake Worth resident, thanked the PBSO for its efforts in his community. He wanted Mr. Owens of the School District to know that increased costs for English speaking classes at Adult Education, creates a “hardship” for Creole speakers.

**Carol Clinton**, Lake Worth West representative, stated that they would like to collaborate with Mr. Green and the Community Action Program.

**Thomas Totz**, Plantation Community representative, reported on the following:

- He thanked Ms. Moguillansky and PBSO for attending and providing information at the last community meeting, and Code Enforcement Officer Julie Poteet for her efforts in the neighborhood.
- Their sidewalks are currently being repaired but he has not seen any “new” sidewalks being installed. This is a concern because school will be starting soon.
- The feral cat problem still exists (residents have resorted to poisoning cats, 5 dead in one week)
- Crime is escalating (prostitution, gun violence, drugs). Something needs to be done.

Ms Moguillansky stated that she will contact Sergeant Hightower to convey the information provided and seek his assistance.

**David Kline**, Lake Worth resident, stated that he is against the Toscana Isles Workforce Housing Project. Mr Tate indicated that there was a meeting held with OCR, Planning and Zoning staff as well as area representatives, and it appeared that the meeting had provided clarification about the number of units and where they come from.

**Dr. Catherine Lowe**, Artist Showcase, is seeking partners that have a children’s focus to assist with their upcoming back-to-school event.

**Commissioner John Wilson**, City of South Bay, requested assistance for senior citizens that need handicap ramps for their homes, and was concerned about the Glades local contractors’ ability to procure contracts to perform work at Gove, Rosenwald, and Glade View Elementary schools. Mr. Tate committed to inviting Hedrick, Suffolk and Pirtle Construction companies, the three general contractors, Palm Beach County Small Business Assistance and Palm Beach County Community Services Department’s Community Action Program.

**Javin Walker**, from 2 SBW and Associates, Inc., will be conducting resume workshops in Pahokee today and in South Bay on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**7. Time & Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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