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## Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Title:** Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting  
**Facilitator:** Houston Tate, OCR Director  
**Minutes Prepared by:** Chrystal Mathews, Senior Planner  
**Date/Time:** August 11, 2015  
**Location:** 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

### Meeting Attendance:

1. Joanna Aiken Solid Waste Authority
2. Sergeant Rich Angelo PBC Sheriff's Office
3. Robin Rance-Hoffman PBC Commissioner's Burdick's Office
4. Pam Nolan Department of Economic Sustainability and Water Utilities
5. Sargeant James Hightower PBC Sheriff's Office
6. Michael Owens PBC School District
7. Anna Stewart Drowning Prevention Coalition
8. Kenny Wilson Florida Department of Health Palm Beach
9. Quinetta Hayes Florida Department of Health Palm Beach
10. Deputy J. Ellis PBC Sheriff's Office
11. Deputy Shawn Mancino PBC Sheriff's Office
12. Deputy Steve Banuchi PBC Sheriff's Office
13. Deputy C. Fleming PBC Sheriff's Office
14. Captain Jeff Lindskoog PBC Sheriff's Office
15. Pastor Wayne Padgett Crossroads Baptist Church/ Gramercy Park
16. Ken Wilson PBC Department of Health
17. Ken Jackson PBC Code Enforcement
18. Bill McDonald Plantation Community
19. Lana Martinez San Castle Community
20. John Sawyers Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community
21. Samantha Conde WXEL
22. Edna Forero Armed Forces Services Corporation/Community Financial Protection Board
23. Nick Ciotti Armed Forces Services Corporation/Community Financial Protection Board
24. Danna Ackerman-White PBC Commissioner/Mayor Vana's Office
25. Greta Godaert Pahoee
26. Mary Johnson Lantana Homes HOA
27. Audley Reid PBC Office of Community Revitalization
28. Houston Tate PBC Office of Community Revitalization
29. Ruth Moguillansky PBC Office of Community Revitalization
30. William Wynn PBC Office of Community Revitalization
31. Chrystal Mathews PBC Office of Community Revitalization
32. Derrek Moore PBC Office of Community Revitalization

## Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Houston Tate called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.

II. **Department Updates**

**Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority**

- Ms. Aiken reported that anyone interested in painting their house there is paint available through the Solid Waste Authority and provided assorted color paint donation applications for residents. There is no income requirement and paint is provided on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- Ms. Aiken also distributed Paint Your Heart Out applications, which is income based for interested residents.

**Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County**

- Ms. Stewart reported that she was happy that over 1300 swimming vouchers were giving out to deserving children between the ages of 3 and 12 years old in Palm Beach County.
- If anyone would like to learn more about the program and/or become an advocate please contact her at [astewart@pbcgov.org](mailto:astewart@pbcgov.org).

**Captain Lindskoog, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office**

Captain Lindskoog reported that the Sheriff's Office has been busy volunteering and collecting school supplies for the Community Back to School Bash Event that was held on Saturday August 8, 2015. The event was well attended and provided a needed service for the community.

Mr. Tate mentioned that the Sheriff's Office was also involved in another event called Tennis Pals. This event serves as the third tournament for tennis and is currently being offered in Cabana Colony, South Bay and Lake Worth. The next phase will be expanding the program to the West Boynton area.

**Pam Nolan, Department of Economic Sustainability**

- Ms. Nolan reported that the department continues to have its micro-loan program which assist business development and State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program which assist residents with new homes.
- Currently, DES is working on a USDA grant for business development.

**Michael Owens-Palm Beach County School District**

- Mr. Owens reported that PBC schools open on Monday, August 17, 2015.
- Also, Mr. Owens announced that two school modernization projects have been completed. Gladesview Elementary located in Belle Glade and Rosenwald Elementary located in South Bay will be open and ready for students on August 17, 2015.

Mr. Tate interjected that he has been working on a "continuum of services" for students in need, to thrive throughout the year and not run out of school supplies.

### **III. Presentation- Cornesha Dukes-Chisholm, Director of Family Services Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County**

Ms. Dukes announced that on July 1, 2015 the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County will be providing all early child care needs including, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R), eligibility and enrollment.

The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County provides parents with assistance and information in selecting quality early learning programs to include school readiness, voluntary pre-k (VPK) and access to local scholarships through community partners. The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County serves children between the ages of 0-5 years old.

Ms. Dukes reported that their latest endeavor has been partnering with Lutheran Services and Teen Parents to make sure that population has been properly served.

For information about the services this organization provides, please visit [www.elcpalmbeach.org](http://www.elcpalmbeach.org).

### **IV. OCR Staff Reports**

#### **Director, Houston Tate, OCR**

Mr. Tate reported on the Putting Kids First/Community Back to School Bash. He stated that there were over 17,000 students that filtered through the six sites (Delray- Village Academy, Jupiter- Roger Dean Stadium, West Palm Beach- PBC Convention Center, South Bay, Belle Glade and Pahokee). Mr. Tate expressed appreciation and thanks to the Solid Waste Authority, Sheriff's Office and School District for their assistance. Mr. Tate mentioned that the event showed a great example of public private partnerships.

Greta Godaert, Pahokee resident commented on a rumor that the Back to School Bash was moving to the Fairgrounds. Mr. Tate quickly dispelled the rumor by saying, committee members are only having preliminary discussions on the future of the back to school bash and encourage feedback and suggestions from the community to ensure that the event continues to be a success.

Ms. Godaert also commented on the participation from all the principals, cities and organizations that participated. She thought it was a great success.

Captain Lindskoog asked about leftover back packs, Mr. Tate answered, that supplies were assigned per student, any additional or "leftover" supplies will be distributed throughout the year.

#### **Derrick Moore, OCR**

- Mr. Moore reported that since BCC approval of the Abundant Community Initiative (ACI), the first active community is Cabana Colony. Cabana Colony has identified a community connector and ten block connectors.

Mr. Moore explained that the purpose of ACI is to connect neighbors with each other to improve the community as a whole. The initiative also inventories the assets and talents of neighbors within the community to match shared interest.

- Mr. Moore further stated the next communities he will be focusing on is SanCastle and Plantation.

- Mr. Moore also shared that he has been gathering speakers for upcoming CCRT/GTAC meetings.

## V. Residents Comments

### **Pastor Wayne Padgett-Gramercy Park**

Pastor Padgett reported that he is extremely grateful to OCR for the upcoming Ribbon Cutting on August 15, 2015 for the opening of Gramercy Park's Neighborhood Park. The ribbon cutting ceremony is from 10-2pm and will be held at the corner of Park Ave. and Haverhill Road.

### **Lana Martinez- San Castle Community**

Ms. Martinez passed out flyers for the new San Castle Community Center located at the old Head Start site- 1101 Mentone Road, Lantana, FL.

Mr. Tate suggested that the community reprint the flyers in both Spanish and Creole to reach the entire neighborhood. Mr. Tate also stated that they should think about naming the new site as a community.

### **Mary Johnson- Lantana Homes HOA**

Ms. Johnson requested an update on the streetlights for Lantana Homes. William Wynn, OCR responded that OCR is waiting for the BCC to finalize the budget to determine funding availability for the entire streetlighting program. No decision can be made until then.

### **Quinetta Hayes, Florida Department of Health**

Ms. Hayes reported on the success of the Get Fit 5-2-1-0 Let's Go event that was held on June 20, 2015 at John Prince Park in Lake Worth. Over 500 people and 16 organizations participated in the event.

Ms. Hayes also spoke about the successful marketing of the 5-2-1-0 Let's Go program with Palm Tran being wrapped in the slogan and an upcoming commercial on channel 12. To further the program, a community forum regarding helping our communities become healthier and attain their healthy weight, will be held on August 19, 2015 from 2pm-5pm at the Health Department located at 800 Clematis St. West Palm Beach, FL. For more information on the 5-2-1-0 Let's Go program go to [www.5210Letsgo.org](http://www.5210Letsgo.org).

## VI. Follow-ups

N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

