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**Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director  
Minutes Prepared by: Chrystal Mathews, Senior Planner  
Date/Time: March 8, 2016, 10-00-11:30 AM  
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Meeting Attendance:**

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| 1. Joanna Aiken          | Solid Waste Authority                     |
| 2. Deputy Barricklow     | PBC Sheriff's Office                      |
| 3. Melanie Borkowski     | PBC Department of Economic Sustainability |
| 4. Lydia Callender       | ULPBC-Urban League                        |
| 5. Lisa DeLaRionda       | PBC Public Affairs                        |
| 6. Deputy Delaura        | PBC Sheriff's Office                      |
| 7. Josue Dumercy         | Urban League                              |
| 8. Gregory Gabriel       | Youth Services                            |
| 9. Quinnetta Hayes       | Florida Department of Health              |
| 10. Sgt. Hightower       | Palm Beach Sheriff's Office               |
| 11. Ken Jackson          | PBC Code Enforcement                      |
| 12. Captain Kirschner    | Palm Beach Sheriff's Office               |
| 13. Hazel Lucas          | Florida Rural Legal Services              |
| 14. Lana Martinez        | SanCastle                                 |
| 15. Bill McDonald        | Plantation Resident                       |
| 16. Michael Owens        | PBC School District                       |
| 17. Casey Pranckun       | PBC Parks & Recreation                    |
| 18. David Rafaidus       | PBC Community Services Department         |
| 19. Robin Rance-Hoffman  | PBC Commissioner Burdick's Office         |
| 20. Sgt. George Searing  | PBC Sheriff's Office                      |
| 21. Joseph Sophie        | PBC Legislative Affairs                   |
| 22. Isabel Steube        | Urban League                              |
| 23. Rick Torrance        | PBC Code Enforcement                      |
| 24. Ken Wilson           | Florida Department of Health              |
| 25. Tomas Evangelista    | Urban League                              |
| 26. Dana Ackerman-White  | PBC Commissioner Shelly Vana's Office     |
| 27. John Herring         | PBC Contractor's Certification            |
| 28. Jeremy Dennis        | PBC Contractor's Certification            |
| 29. Joseph Sophie        | PBC Legislative Affairs                   |
| 30. Sgt. Angelo          | PBC Sheriff's Office                      |
| 31. Deputy Rouseau       | PBC Sheriff's Office                      |
| 32. Deputy Roman         | PBC Sheriff's Office                      |
| 33. Deputy Ellis         | PBC Sheriff's Office                      |
| 34. Jonasse Pierre Louis | Limestone Creek Community                 |
| 35. Audley Reid          | PBC Office of Community Revitalization    |
| 36. Ruth Mougillansky    | PBC Office of Community Revitalization    |
| 37. William Wynn         | PBC Office of Community Revitalization    |
| 38. Houston Tate         | PBC Office of Community Revitalization    |
| 39. Chrystal Mathews     | PBC Office of Community Revitalization    |
| 40. Daniel Martell       | Economic Council of Palm Beach County     |

## **Meeting Minutes**

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. He welcomed all attendees and asked the group to introduce themselves.

II. **Presentation–Daniel Martell, JD, President/CEO, Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.**

After an introduction from Mr. Tate, Mr. Martell provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Economic Council in comparison to those of the PBC Business Development Board. Mr. Martell stated that their role is to lend support to the Business Development Board and create an environment in Palm Beach County that helps business prosper. The Economic Council is a not for profit, non partisan agency that supports an open and collaborative relationship between the public and private sectors in Palm Beach County, and can lobby for governmental affairs and policy. The organization serves as a trailblazer in the community for identifying key policy and issue areas that affect how businesses operate and that have a considerable impact on the citizens of the community. These include but are not limited to taxation, regulation, government efficiency, education and workforce preparedness, transportation, growth management and economic development. The BDB, on the other hand, is government funded, and focuses on sales and marketing. Mr. Martell also stated that their objective when considering projects is the return on investments. Recent focus of the Economic Council has been on the following:

- Bringing Major League Baseball to Palm Beach County
- The Marine Industry
- Attracting businesses from Broward County to Palm Beach County with tax incentives
- Focusing on attracting Large Technology Data Centers to Palm Beach County as a recruiting catalyst for more and larger businesses.
- Partnerships with FAU to elevate grades K-12 grades for their STEM campuses, to ultimately expand the bio-chemistry industry.
- Stopping fraud and public records request abuse
- Water

Mr. Martell concluded his presentation by emphasizing on the need to partner to address important public policy issues affecting Palm Beach County.

After the presentation, someone asked what was the status of the inland port? Mr. Martell responded that due to the global economy, there is a delay and the property may be re-positioned.

III. **Presentation–Jeremy Dennis, Field Investigator & John Herring, PBC Contractor’s Certification Department**

Mr. Dennis provided a brief overview and purpose of the contractors certification division. Their mission is to promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the residents of PBC. Contractor’s certification investigates unlicensed contractors activity, enforcing related county ordinances and educating the public about the dangers of hiring unlicensed contractors.

Mr. Herring presented on the educational component of contractors certification which is to provide training to the public and law enforcement. Mr. Herring provided some warning signs of an unlicensed contractor below:

- They ask for cash
- Like to work after hours and on weekends
- Do not offer or have insurance, licenses and/or permits
- Ask for 50%down for a services

Mr. Herring concluded his presentation providing information on how to file a complaint. After the presentation there was a question-and-answer session. The questions and responses are shown below:

- Is the information provided in Spanish and Creole? Yes.
- Is the list of licensed contractors online? Yes, all information can be found on the contractors certification website at [www.pbcgov.com/pzb/contractors/index.htm](http://www.pbcgov.com/pzb/contractors/index.htm)
- What information, training or assistance is done for the elderly? Special trainings are conducted periodically to senior citizens on fraud and warning signs of unlicensed contractors.

#### **IV. Department Updates**

##### **Joanna Aiken, PBC Solid Waste Authority representative, reported the following:**

- SWA will have a litter cleanup in North Palm Beach on March 19<sup>th</sup> and in Limestone Creek on March 26, 2016.
- On April 2<sup>nd</sup> SWA will sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K run. The run will take place on a natural trail surrounding the SWA facility. Over 200 runners are expected to participate. The entire event day will be from 9 am to 4 pm, it is free and businesses and non-profits are encouraged to participate in the day activities and to advertise their service interests.
- The Great American Cleanup is scheduled for April 23, 2016.
- SWA 's Annual Ambassador summer program is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There are only 15 openings so please contact Joanna Aiken at 561-697-2700 ext. 4701 for details.

##### **Michael Owens, PBC School District representative, reported the following:**

- Following up on the request made by Mr. John Sawyers at the March 2014 CCRT meeting, Mr. Owens investigated traffic concerns at the entrance of the FAU clinic near West Gate Elementary School. After some research, he found out that the clinic did not utilize the legal access to its site and, instead, used School District property to gain entrance. Its specific use of the egress lane for the school could indeed cause an accident. After much discussion with FAU, the school district was able to craft a Site Access License Agreement, formalizing proper ingress and egress for employees and patients of the clinic. That Agreement goes to the School Board on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Gregory Gabriel, Youth Services dept. representative, reported the following:**

- Youth Services will have its next Master Plan Meeting in Delray on March 14, 2016 from 6pm-8pm. Ms. Moguillansky asked about the status of the Youth Council. Mr. Gabriel stated they meet every month and they are still going strong.

##### **Melanie Borkowski, Department of Economic Sustainability representative, reported the following:**

- DES in partnership with the City of Lake Worth has received a 1.4 million dollar grant for the Lake Worth Park of Commerce.

##### **Casey Prankun, Parks and Recreation representative reported the following:**

- The grand opening of Westgate Park will take place on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>. The new park will include a fitness zone.
- Parks has obtained the required building permit for the planned Watergate Park and is in the process of acquiring a sidewalk connection permit from land development.

##### **Captain Kirshner, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office representative, reported the following:**

- PBSO is encouraging residents to report graffiti offenders, if you see graffiti please call 688-3800.
- PBSO will be sending 12 kids to the Sheriff's Youth Camp, this camp is all inclusive, for more information call 688-3970.

**V. OCR Staff Reports**

**Chrystal Mathews, OCR Senior Planner, reported the following:**

- The Residents Education to Action Committee (REAP) begins on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at the PBC Vista Center, 6-8:30 PM. All those interested are encouraged to register and attend.

**Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, reported the following:**

- The Board of County Commissioner approved funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the Putting Kids First: Community Back to School Bash (BTSB) for 2016.
- Bill McDonald, Plantation resident, has been selected as the new ACI Community Connector. The formal approval for the position will be going to the BCC on 3/22/16.
- Cabana Colony, ACI pilot community, will be having a Spring Fling on 3/19/16.

**VI. Residents Comments**

**Lydia Callender, Urban League, reported the following:**

- Urban League has partnered with Comcast to provide internet essentials to residents in need.
- On March 26, 16 Urban League will be hosting a financial workshop in Delray at Pompey Park.
- On April 20, 2016 Urban League will be hosting its 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Equal Opportunity Day Awards Luncheon, featuring Michael Steele, Former Chair of the Republican National Committee.

**Quinn Hayes, Palm Beach County Health Department, reported the following:**

- The Let's Move Initiative is underway for the entire month of March. They are encouraging everyone to have a team to get the most minutes of exercise in. For more information, go to the Palm Healthcare website or go to [www.CBS12news.com/letsmove](http://www.CBS12news.com/letsmove) for more details.

**Hazell Lucas, Florida Rural Legal Services, reported the following:**

- Thanked Derrek Moore and OCR for participating in an event at the Pahokee Housing Authority, they had a lot of agencies represented and many people attended.

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**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Follow-ups  
N/A**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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