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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:

Audley Reid, OCR Senior Planner

Date/Time:

November 08, 2016

Location:

2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

1. Joanna Aiken Solid Waste Authority

PBC Asst. County Administrator 2. Fave Outlaw

3. Carrie Craig **PBC Fire Rescue** 

4. Lisa Williams-Taylor **CSC Palm Beach County** 5. Michael SKlar **PBC Economic Sustainability** 

6. Kristine Frazell-Smith **PBC Engineering Department** PBC Sheriff's Office 7. Sargent James Hightower

8. Michael Owens PBC School District

9. David Rafaidus **PBC Community Services Department** 

10. Suzette Harvey Prime Time Palm Beach County

11. Captain Kirschner PBC Sheriff's Office 12. Wesley White **Animal Care and Control** 

13. Kenny Willson Florida Department of Health Palm Beach

14. Deputy Sauers PBC Sheriff's Office 15. Sergeant Angelo PBC Sheriff's Office 16. Captain Lindskoog PBC Sheriff's Office 17. Deputy Delaura PBC Sheriff's Office 18. Deputy Landa PBC Sheriff's Office

19. Deputy Cullen PBC Sheriff's Office 20. Deputy Harper PBC Sheriff's Office 21. Deputy Rouzeau PBC Sheriff's Office 22. Sergeant Hightower PBC Sheriff's Office 23. Sergeant Searing PBC Sheriff's Office

24. Sam Roman PBC Sheriff's Office PBC Sheriff's Office 25. Robert Quinones 26. Isabelle Philippe-Auguste Florida Department of Health

27. Ontario Johnson San Castle Community 28. Randy Palo **CSC Palm Beach County** 29. Dawn Wynn PBC Attorney's Office 30. Bill McDonald **Plantation Community** 

Lee Crossing/Homes of Lantana Community 31. Mary Johnson

32. Sarah Vizcarrondo **Light House of Hope** 33. Bill McDonald **Plantation Community CSC Palm Beach County** 34. John Bartosek 35. Lana Martinez San Castle Community

36. Stessy Cocerez PBC Community Services Dept. 37. Robin Rance-Hoffman
 38. John Sawyers
 39. Audley Reid
 40. William Wynn
 41. Chrystal Matthews
 Commissioner Burdick's Office
 Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community
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#### **Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**: Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.

# II. Presentation- Dr. Lisa Williams-Taylor, CEO, Children's Services Council Palm Beach County

After an introduction by Mr. Tate, Dr. Williams-Taylor proceeded to inform the group about her role as CEO of CSCPBC, and to explain the goals, accomplishments, and highlights of the work being done by the CSC. In addition, John Bartosek, Chief Communications Officer for the CSC also provided information to CCRT attendees. Dr. Williams-Taylor and Mr. Bartosek presented via Powerpoint and a copy of their presentations is available from OCR upon request.

Following the presentation, attendees offered questions and comments; the responses are as follows from the presenters:

- Communication with your child is important, by the age of 5, there is a 30 million word gap between children from low-income families and children from middle –income families.
   The CSC is working to provide guidance and programs that can close that gap within the early grades of a childes education.
- We must provide more after school programs for children above 12 years of age. Many programs for older children are not available and there is a great need for services that keep young teenagers active and busy.
- The PBSO Youth Ranch, and Police Athletic League are invaluable resources for providing productive outlets for young people. There may be PAL centers opening up in some CCRT areas in the future and PBSO personnel, including Captain Kirschner, will keep this group apprised.
- The FAU Summer Youth Council is one forum that is available that teaches young people valuable life skills to young teenagers. This is something parents should look into.

#### III. Presentation-Ms. Suzette Harvey, President/CEO Prime Time Palm Beach County

A second presentation was provided by Ms. Suzette Harvey. Ms. Harvey discussed the work that is being done by Prime Time and her Powerpoint is also available from OCR upon request.

#### IV. Department Updates

#### **David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services Department:**

• On January 19<sup>th</sup>, the CSC Steering Committee on Behavioral Health and Special Needs will be meeting from 8 am to 5 pm.

### Sgt. R. Angelo, PBC Sherriff's Office:

• Starting Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Dalia Sowers will be the new District 1 representative. Sgt. Angelo will continue his leadership in the Glades region.

#### V. OCR Staff Report(s)

#### Houston Tate, OCR Director, reported on the following:

- Morgan Stanley is offering a online life skills program for kids delivered as an after school program. The first meeting took place in September. The San Castle neighborhood is utilizing it.
- The Community Learning Institute is an initiative that San Castle is involved with. Eight people from San Castle serve in the CLI which involves 12 total classes. PBSO also attended the Institute.
- Mr. Tate also acknowledged and introduced to CCRT attendees Faye Outlaw, Assistant County Administrator PBC.

#### Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, reported on the following:

- The Community Back to School Bash has set a date of July 29<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- OCR is continuing to build on the ACI initiative by working with the National Asset-Based Institute.
- On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the BCC approved the agenda item for converting streetlights in Limestone Creek to LED lights.

### Chrystal Matthews, OCR Senior Planner, reported on the following:

• The REAP flyer is now available. The Glades PBC segment of the class is scheduled for late January 2017, while the Central PBC segment is scheduled for March 2017.

#### VI. Residents Comments

#### Bill McDonald, Plantation community representative, reported the following:

- The community connectors for ACI may require laptops. Has there been any more information on this request?
- Mr. Tate responded that the request has been noted and is in process. There is also an
  effort to provide relevant software for laptops for community connectors. At the next ACI
  conference call, more information will be provided and shared with connectors on these
  issues.

#### VII. Follow-ups N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director