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COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title:	Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator:	William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Minutes Prepared by:	William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time:	May 21, 2024
Location:	2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

MEETING ATTENDANCE

1. Amy Chamberlain	Office of Kelly Skidmore, Florida House of Representative
2. Anitra Moss	Florida Rural Legal Service
3. Bambi Fanto	Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
4. Barbara West	CAM Estates Resident
5. C. Phillips	Riviera Beach Police Dept.
6. Casey Prancun	PBC Parks & Recreation
7. Chrystal Mathews	PBC OCR
8. Claire Clum	Boca Raton Museum of Art
9. Deputy A. Forde	PBSO
10. Deputy B. Cassie	PBSO
11. Fadi Nassar	PBC Traffic Engineering
12. Frederica Anderson	CAM Estates Resident
13. George Schott	PBC OCR
14. Giselle Badillo	PBC OCR
15. Gwynne Gonzalez	Office of Kelly Skidmore, Florida House of Representative
16. Larry Diegert	Plantation Area Resident
17. Michael Owens	School District of PBC
18. Samantha Corr	PBC ERM
19. Sherry McCorkle	South Florida Water Management District
20. Stefania Russell	PBC HED
21. Susan Foley	PBC Behavioral Health Coalition
22. Tanya Bostic	SWA
23. William Wynn	PBC OCR

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. OCR staff introduced themselves.

II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering
 - Three-speed hump projects have been completed.
 - There is one-speed hump remaining to install in San Castle.
 - In Haverhill East, there is an upcoming project for six speed humps.
 - In Homes of Lawrence, there is an upcoming project for five speed humps.
 - In the process of constructing sidewalks in San Castle
- Stefania Russell, PBC HED
 - Foreclosure Prevention, contact the Mortgage and Housing Investments Division, located at 100 Australian Avenue, 5th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL, or by phone at (561) 233-3600 (Receptionist) or Antoinette Prescott (561) 233-3606.

III. OCR UPDATES

- Chrystal Mathews
 - The Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation Grant (NEAT) program application deadline was May 15th. Twenty-one applications were received. FY2025 NEAT Grants recommendation meeting will be at the end of July or early August.
 - Registration for Back to School PBC! 2024 closed on May 8th. The event will be on Saturday, August 3rd. Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in volunteering can register through the volunteer portal, which will be active within the next two weeks. The event will be at four locations throughout the county for students who reside in one of the designated CCRT areas or MHP within unincorporated PBC.
 1. Palm Beach County Convention Center 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach
 2. Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center 7187 Church St., Jupiter
 3. Palm Beach State College-Belle Glade Campus, 1977 SW Campus Dr., Belle Glade
 4. Village Academy, 400 SW 12th Ave., Delray Beach

IV. PRESENTATION

William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner, introduced the presenter **Bambi Fanto, Coordinator with the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County.**

Ms. Fanto began her presentation by giving an overview of the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County. During the presentation, Ms. Fanto discussed water safety and drowning prevention, which included

- The importance of designated water watchers and not jumping in to save someone drowning.
- Information was shared about free swim lesson vouchers for children. Vouchers in coordination with the Children Services Council and Board County Commissioners to distribute to eligible children
- The use of pool noodles, skimmers, or other long objects to reach someone in the water
- The importance of lying down on your stomach to prevent being pulled in by the person in the water.
- The awareness of floaties or armbands being made of plastic is dangerous and gives a false sense of security. They can slide down and restrict movement; parents should throw them away.
- Emphasized the importance of wearing a life jacket while on a boat to prevent accidents and drowning.
- Emphasize the importance of using US Coast Guard-approved life jackets and teach parents how to properly fit them

- Barriers of protection, such as child fences and pool alarms, should be in place to ensure child safety around pools.
- Discussed the importance of having safe pool drains and the need for awareness and upgrades to prevent accidents.
- Filling up tubs with water can be dangerous for children.
- Babyproofing the home and seeking fresh eyes to identify potential hazards is crucial in preventing accidents involving toddlers and babies.
- There is an additional presentation about "How to Escape a Sinking Vehicle". Ms. Fanto stated that she would also love to return and present on this topic.

Questions/Comments

- George Schott, OCR Information Management System Specialist, asked about pool filling before a hurricane. Ms. Fanto replied that the Coalition does not favor filling up pools and tubs because this poses a danger to a child. They recommend getting bins/totes with locking covers to prevent a child from getting into them.

V. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Larry Diegert, Plantation resident stated his concerns about the need for turn lanes at the intersection of Belvedere Rd & Drexel Rd
- Larry Diegert, a Plantation resident stated his concerns about the need for lights at the exit of Haverhill Park
- Barbara West, CAM Estates resident stated her concern about vehicles parking on the street causing issues for other vehicles driving through the community. PBSO and Traffic Engineering responded that this is unfortunate but not illegal unless the vehicles are parked at the corners or turn-blocking site distance. PBSO advised Ms. West to call if she sees vehicles parked illegally.
- Barbara West, CAM Estates resident stated there is also an issue with dump trucks and semi-trucks parking on the street. PBSO advised Ms. West to call. There are now two deputies assigned for this type of complaint.
- Frederica Anderson, CAM Estates resident stated there is constant speeding through the community. PBSO advised they could put a speed trailer to monitor vehicle speed. Traffic Engineering also advised if interested contact OCR and request speed humps for the community.
- Frederica Anderson, CAM Estates resident stated her concern about residents working on vehicles in the community. Ms. Anderson was advised to contact Code Enforcement when she sees residents working on cars in front yards and the street.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Approved by: *Houston L. Tate*, OCR Division Director 