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COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title:	Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator:	Houston Tate, OCR Division Director
Minutes Prepared by:	William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time:	September 10, 2024
Location:	2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

MEETING ATTENDANCE

1. Alondra Colon	Florida Community Health Center
2. Andrell Jones	Gramercy Park Resident
3. Anna Stewart	Drowning Prevention of PBC
4. Casey Prancun	PBC Parks & Recreation
5. Chrystal Mathews	PBC OCR
6. Cleidy Anghelia	PBC OCR
7. Debra Marcelle-Coney	Community Faith Outreach
8. Deputy R. Woods	PBSO
9. Deputy S. Plesnik	PBSO
10. Fadi Nassar	PBC Traffic Engineering
11. Frank Schrola	Paul Davis Restoration
12. George Schott	PBC OCR
13. Houston Tate	PBC OCR
14. Ike Powell	PBC Youth Services
15. James Getty	Melaleuca Avenue-Pine Air West Resident
16. Jasmin Baker	Foundcare, Inc.
17. Jennifer Brown	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
18. Johnny Gillins	CAM Estates Resident
19. Katharine King	CAM Estates Resident
20. Lana Blackman	SWA
21. Larry Diegert	Plantation Area Resident
22. Liz	Stanley Steemer
23. Michael Gauger	PBSO Retired
24. Michael Owens	School District of PBC
25. Mike Moore	CAM Estates Resident
26. Milroy Senat	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
27. Niccole Smith	Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.
28. Nicole Prieto	ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
29. Paul Pickett	PBC Code Enforcement
30. Rae Milmore	ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
31. Rick Torrance	PBC Interim Contractor Regulations Director
32. Richard Padgett	PBC Code Enforcement

33. Robert King	CAM Estates Resident
34. Samantha Corr	PBC ERM
35. Sandra Cuellar	William Raveis Realty
36. Stefania Russell	PBC HED
37. Stessy Cocerez	PBC Office of Resilience
38. Steve West	The IN-CROWD
39. Virginia Savietto	PBC District 2 Commissioner's Office
40. William Muth	Palm Acres Estates-Congress Meadows Resident
41. William Wynn	PBC OCR
42. Youtham Indraws	PBC Traffic Engineering

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston Tate, OCR Division Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. CCRT members, OCR staff and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
 - The coalition provides a free educational program. A minimum of ten people is needed to have a class. The coalition will come to community, HOA, or business meetings to give a presentation. The coalition is having a big marketing push on how to escape a sinking vehicle that goes into a body of water. It is one of the leading causes of drowning in PBC.
- Stefania Russell, PBC HED
 - Anyone facing foreclosure, can contact the Mortgage and the Housing Investments section at 561-233-3600. Assistance is provided up to \$20,000. For affordable and workforce housing more information can be found at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/HED/Pages/Housing-Programs.aspx>
 - HED will begin working on their 5-year consolidated plan in the coming months.
- Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering,
 - Traffic Engineering is currently working with OCR on several speed hump projects
 - Traffic will be making adjustments to the sidewalk plan in San Castle
- Casey Prankun, PBC P&R,
 - P&R is currently in the planning process for Paulette Burdick Park in CAM Estates
 - A new playground has opened at Glades Pioneer Park
- Samantha Corr, PBC ERM
 - ERM's Fall Guided Hikes have begun. FREE naturalist-led events that will provide a one-of-a-kind learning experience while getting outdoors hiking, photographing nature, paddling, cycling, and much more! These events are open to the public on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations are required and events are subject to change due to weather conditions. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/pbc-dept-of-environmental-resources-mgmt-erm-11041382410>

III. OCR UPDATES

- Chrystal Mathews
 - NEAT grants for the 2025 fiscal year will be going before the BCC for approval on

October 22nd

- The closeout for the 2024 grants will be at the end of the 2024 fiscal year.
- George Schott
 - The Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) is partnering with Family Impact PBC in their Hispanic Heritage Celebration event on Saturday, September 28th from 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM (The actual event runs from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM) at Bethel Assembly of God Church, 4320 S. Congress Ave Palm Springs, FL, 33461
 - There will be a different table to represent each of the Latin American countries, and there will be different samplings from each of the countries, such as a piece of tres leche cake, or agua de horchata, etc. so that you can become immersed into each country's culture.
 - The event is free to attend!

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Houston Tate, OCR Division Director introduced the presenters **Rae Milmore, Community Engagement Specialist**, and **Nicole Prieto, Urban & Community Engagement Fellow** with the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

Ms. Milmore began her presentation by introducing herself and thanking the CCRT for allowing them to present

URBAN & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

- **Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge**
 - Established in 1951 under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act
 - Northernmost part of the remaining historic Everglades.
 - Over 145,188 acres of Everglades's ecosystems.
- **Mission:**
 - "Working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people."
- **What is a National Wildlife Refuge**
 - Refuges are for wildlife, parks are for people
 - Originally established to conserve waterfowl.
 - Over 570 National Wildlife Refuges in the U.S. with over 850 million acres of land.
- **Wildlife on the Refuge**
 - Over 250 bird species
 - 60 reptiles & amphibians
 - 40 species of butterflies
 - 20 types of mammals
- **PROGRAMS**
 - Urban Wildlife Refuge Program
 - Work to dismantle historic barriers to access & make all visitors feel welcome.
 - Co-create equitable & accessible programs with local communities.
 - Aim to connect people to nature and conservation.
 - General Outreach Programs
 - Ranger Talk Programs
 - Career Fairs
 - Field Trips
 - Classroom Visits
 - Community Events & Celebrations
 - Community Engagement Programs
 - Pocket Refuge Program
 - Conservation Ranger Camp
 - Floating Wetlands Program

- **Contact Information:**
 - Rae Milmore
 - rae_milmore@fws.gov
 - Cell: 561-523-6011
 - www.fws.gov/refuge/arthur-r-marshall-loxahatchee

* A copy of the full presentation is included as an attachment.

Questions/Comments

- Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention of PBC
 - Her daughter attended the Youth Everglades Conservation Camp. This camp is from Sunday to Friday. This is an excellent and inexpensive sleep-away camp. This camp also provides community service hours for students who are chosen to be camp counselors.
- Michael Owens, School District of PBC
 - His fraternity has a partnership with the Wildlife Service. The fraternity's youth group attends the facilities.
- Debra Marcelle-Coney, Community Faith Outreach
 - Inquired about the culinary/community garden program and would like to have more information

V. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- William Muth, Palm Acres Estates-Congress Meadows Resident
 - Following a noise complaint a neighbor has bright lights shining on his car and in his house where he sits. The neighbor advised he would take care of the problem but never did. Mr. Muth advised that he does not have the money to get a lawyer.
 - Mr. Muth advises that there is constant loud music from his neighbors mainly on the weekends until late hours in the night.
 - Mr. Muth stated that one of his neighbors has a camper parked in the rear of the home with several individuals living in the camper.
 - When one of the neighbor's septic tank fills up the neighbor is releasing the raw sewage into his hedges instead of getting the septic tank pumped.
 - Richard Padgett with Code Compliance advised that he would meet with Mr. Muth following the meeting to get more specifics and the exact addresses of the complaints. He will then have the issues followed up on.
- Katharine King, CAM Estates resident gave an update on the following concerns.
 - Katharine King, CAM Estates Resident gave an update that the box truck parked at 1021 Cameo Circle is no longer there.
 - Fadi Nassar advised that PBC Road and Bridge has added the mowing of the right of way to the lawn maintenance schedule
 - Houston Tate advised the preliminary plans have been done for the extension of the sidewalk for students and pedestrians.
 - Ms. King advised there are traffic issues in the community because the students of the elementary school are being bussed to another location while their school is being modernized.
 - Houston Tate advised there needs to be a meeting about the installation of speed humps in the community.
 - Ms. King gave an update on 1148 Cameo Circle. The homeowner has removed the debris that was in the front yard.
 - Ms. King advised that the box truck at 1021 Cameo Circle has been moved
- James Getty, Melaleuca Avenue-Pine Air West Resident presented the following concern.

- Mentioned the ongoing traffic concerns around Berkshire Elementary on Kirk Rd. He advises the enforcement actions taken to clear the rights-of-way on Collin Dr., have caused parents to begin parking over the sidewalks down Chukker Drive. Richard Padgett, PBC Code Compliance forwarded the concern to Captain Mugridge with PBSO. Captain Mugridge advised that he will have enforcement to monitor the areas.
- Michael Owens, School District of PBC, stated that he spoke with Mr. Getty after the CCRT meeting to discuss the issues he has engaged School District staff and is looking to set up a meeting at Berkshire Elementary in a week or so.
- Larry Diegert, Plantation Resident
 - Would like turning lanes at the intersection of Belvedere Rd & Drexel because of the difficulty in turning without the turning lanes. Fadi Nassar advised that certain criteria must be met before turning lanes can be installed. Traffic Engineering will evaluate this area. Evaluations are done once a year.
- On September 19th Code Compliance received a complaint from Judy Smith, CAM Estates resident. She states the construction at Wynnebrook Elementary awakened her shortly after 4:00 am. Richard Padgett explained the county ordinance for construction hours, is 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM, Monday - Saturday. He also explained the school district is a self-governing entity, exempt from local building ordinances. Michael Owens forwarded the complaint to the modernization project team.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____