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# **Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Title:

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Facilitator:

Duane Gainer, Senior Planner

Scribe (recorder):

Duane Gainer, Senior Planner

Date/Time:

April 8, 2014

Location:

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

# **Meeting Attendance:**

First name	Last	Organization			
Rich	Angelo	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Sam	Boone	Gramercy Park Resident			
Deputy	Butts	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Deputy	Christoffel	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Shayla	Davis	P.B.C. Department of Economic Sustainability/WUD			
Willie	Diejuste	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Deputy	Dudek	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Deputy	Hannigan	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Gail	James	P.B.C. Code Enforcement			
Deputy	Kirkham	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Chrystal	Mathews	P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization			
Shirlon	McCarty	Department of Juvenile Justice			
Bill	McDonald	Plantation Community Resident			
Micheal	Owens	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
Jonasse	Pierre-Louis	Limestone Creek Resident			
David	Rafaidus	P.B.C. Department of Community Services			
Robin	Rance-Hoffman	Commissioner Burdicks' Office			
Sonya	Randell	Penny Lane Resident			
Keith	Russell	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			
John	Sawyers	Westgate/Belvedere Homes Resident			
George	Searing	P.B.C. Sheriff's Office			

Terrina		Shahid		P.B.C	. Sheriff's	Office

Gloria Stern P.B.C. Animal Care and Control
Wesley White P.B.C. Animal Care and Control
Ken Wilson Florida Department of Health

William Wynn P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

## **Meeting Minutes**

I. Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Gainer called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.

#### II. Department Updates:

#### Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District representative, reported on the following:

- The Starlight Cove overgrowth issue is being handled by placing a bid out for the job of landscape work; it should be done within a month.
- The FAU Clinic near Westgate Elementary traffic issues have been discussed in several meetings. The access for the clinic is on Osceola but that access has been closed. The clinic is using the school's property for access, this is illegal. There is a meeting this afternoon to see what can be done.

Mr. Gainer asked Mr. Sawyer if he was satisfied with Mr. Owens response. Mr. Sawyer replied yes.

#### Casey Pranckun, P.B.C. Parks & Recreation representative, reported on the following:

- The Parks funding "wish list" that was submitted contained 3 projects; 1) asphalt pathway repairs (\$28,000 to resurface in Old Trail and Cabana Colony); 2) land acquisition (\$150,000 to acquire land for a neighborhood park in Plantation Community); 3) resurfacing at Old Trail and Cabana Colony (\$24,000)
- Parks is also supporting Palm Springs request for park annexation (Lakewood), providing Palm Springs takes over all costs. They are working with PREM and making a deed to ensure they keep it open to the public and keep it maintained

Mr. Gainer asked Ms. Pranckun if this is this an OCR park?

Ms. Pranckun replied yes, Ms. Moguillansky is working with them.

Mr. Gainer briefed the group on the background of Ms. Pranckuns' report by saying that CCRT members were asked to think about a project(s) that they would like to get implemented and OCR will present them to the Board for funding consideration.

# Ms. Shayla Davis, Department of Economic Sustainability/WUD representative, reported on the following:

• A County initiated capital project will be presented to the BCC on 04/15 for CDBG, ESG and the Home programs.

#### David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services representative, reported on the following:

• Attended a meeting at the Health Department that dealt with Human Trafficking and he wanted to know if CCRT ever had a presentation on trafficking.

Mr. Gainer responded yes, we brought in a FBI agent a while back.

Mr. Rafaidus also asked if CCRT had something recent about seniors.

Mr. Gainer responded that we have had people from the Department of Senior Services and the Area Agency on Aging but that he would contact someone to present again.

Mr. Rafaidus stated that he is trying to get information for specific geographical areas.

#### Lt. Wesley White, P.B.C. Animal Care & Control representative, reported on the following:

- Wanted to repeat that the Drexel area is eligible to receive free spade/neutering for cats;
- The free program has been expanded by the Peggy Adams Rescue League; he passed out flyers with the appropriate specific zip codes for the program; (Lake Worth 33560-free domestic and feral cat surgery through Dec. 2014, Lake Worth 33561-free domestic and feral cat surgery through Aug. 2014, and Lake Worth 33563-free domestic and feral cat surgery through Dec. 2014).

# Special Presentation - The Roadmap to System Excellence, Shirlon McCarty, Reform Specialist, Department of Juvenile Justice

The Roadmap to System Excellence is a strategic plan developed in 2012 by Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary, Wansley Walters. The plan focuses on the policy and procedure changes that are currently in progress in the Department to improve the ability for staff members to effectively work with youth and their families currently in the juvenile justice system and also create opportunities to prevent youth from entering the system. Secretary Walters enlisted the support of the youth, parents/guardians, judiciary members and community stakeholders when developing this plan to

ensure that all voices were heard and considered when making the necessary changes to increase success with the youth in our communities. Ms. McCarty showed a very informative slideshow.

Mr. Rafaidus requested a copy of the power point presentation and asked if Youth Empowerment Centers are involved with the program.

Ms. McCarty replied that they do refer people to those centers.

Mr. Rafaidus asked if Ms. McCarty had access to the statistics by neighborhood.

Ms McCarty stated that she can get that from Tallahassee.

Mr. Jonasse Pierre-Louis, Limestone Creek resident, asked for assistance from Ms. McCarty with his 22 year old son who was recently arrested in Jupiter.

Mr. Gainer added that if he resides in Limestone Creek, he should familiarize himself with the neighborhood group working there; Mrs. Darlene Hatcher and Mrs. Edna Runner are two of the leaders.

#### **III.** OCR Staff Reports:

## Mrs. Chrystal Mathews reported on the following:

 OCR had a wonderful 3-day workshop at the Clayton Hutchinson AG Center featuring John McKnight and Mike Greene from the ABCD Institute; 277 registered; 148 attended 1<sup>st</sup> sessions; 102 attended 2<sup>nd</sup> session; and 72 attended 3<sup>rd</sup> session.

Mr. Gainer thanked all the people from various County Departments for helping and thanks to all of the volunteers.

#### IV. Resident Comments:

### Mr. John Sawyers, Westgate/Belvedere Homes resident, reported on the following:

- Held a recent meeting with PBSO and CE. PBSO/CE took a proactive approach to help the neighborhood;
- The CRA is having their annual picnic at the civic center this Saturday.

Mr. Gainer stated that he received a "wish list" from Westgate/Belvedere Homes CRA.

Sonya Randall, Penny Lane resident inquired about the status of road repair. They have had surveyors out there but nothing else has been said or done.

Mr. Gainer stated that he would follow-up on the issue and that someone would contact her within the next 2 weeks.

Ms. Robin Rance-Hoffman, Commissioner Burdick's office wanted to inform the group that the Solid Waste hearing will be tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste building.

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Mr. Gainer asked if there were anymore comments or questions from the group.

There were none.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director