

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of August 14, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Hutcheson Building, Hall “B”

Minutes

Present:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Robert Anderson, PBCHD
Patricia Behn, P.B.C. Planning
Deputy J. Browson, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Jorceline Cadet, P.B.C. Housing Authority
Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail Resident
Gerry Carsillo, Sun Court Resident
Tripp Cioci, P.B.C. Property & Real Estate Management (PREM)
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West
Jeff Collins, P.B.C. Fire Rescue
Bryan Davis, PB.C. Planning
Renee Deese, Kenwood Estates
Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Alexa Eidam, Area Agency on Aging
Sgt. Ewell, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Natalie Fazio, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Carlos Fernandez, Lake Worth Corridor
Ed Frazier, Old Trail Resident
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Tim Granowitz, Parks & Recreation Dept. /Plan & Design
Anne Helfant, P.B.C. County Attorney’s Office
Brendhan Horne, Royal Palm Estates
Dept. J.P. Harvey, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Capt. Ed Jablonski, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Deputy J. Johnson, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Edward Kaye, Westgate/Golfview Heights Resident
Terrence Kearney, Abundant Life Fellowship CRC
Kathy King, Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group
Dave Kouns, Roan Lane
Ilene Long, Old Trail
Roy M. McGinnis, PACE EH/DOH

Present (Cont'd)

Deputy R. Mugridge, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy R. Mangold, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Office of Economic Development
Michael Marquis, P.B.C. Engineering Department
Tonda Masson, Lake Worth Corridor Resident
Derrek A. Moore, City of Pahokee
Satu Oksanen, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development (HCD)
Micheal Owens, P.B.C. School District (Planning Dept.)
Deputy Alan Preston, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services
Latoya Ricketts, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Scott Rodriguez, P.B.C. Planning
Craig Spatara, P.B.C. Weed & Seed
Thuy Shutt, Westgate CRA
Major Dan Smith, P.B.C. Office of County Wide Operations
Gail Vorpagel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
John Walker, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building Division
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Deputy C. Zuccaro, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Gloria Zimmerman, Area Agency on Aging

CCRT Members Absent:

Dan Dumas, San Castle Community Leadership, Inc.
Gerry Gawaldo, P.B.C. Palm Tran
Sylvia Jackson –Hamilton, Criminal Justice Commission
Ron Hinkle, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission
Lt. Ed Luty, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Anthony Wint, Zoning Division

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Duane Gainer introduced himself and asked meeting participants to introduce themselves.

II. REVIEW OF FOLLOW -UPS:

Mr. Gainer stated there were no follow-ups from the July 10, 2007 CCRT meeting.

III. PRESENTATION: Weed and Seed – Craig Spatara

Mr. Craig Spatara began by stating that a grant was recently awarded from the Department Of Juvenile Justice for the Gramercy Weed and Seed.

He further stated that Gramercy Weed and Seed is a five-year strategy employed by the Department of Justice to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, drug abuse and gang activity in high crime neighborhoods. The initiative is designed to "weed" out criminal activity in communities and "seed" those communities through revitalization efforts. Local law enforcement and community policing efforts first focus on "weeding out" the violent offenders and drug dealers in the targeted area. These agencies work together daily to implement strategic plans to address the specific crime problems in the targeted area. The second prong of this strategy is the use of prevention, early intervention, and treatment programs, as well as neighborhood restoration efforts to "seed" targeted neighborhoods. (Map attached and distributed at meeting). Focus is placed on increasing availability and delivery of human services in the targeted area through the establishment of a Safe Haven. These services include drug and crime prevention programs, educational opportunities, drug treatment, family services, and recreational activities. It is designed to create an environment where hope, opportunity and empowerment, rather than crime, will thrive.

Four Components of Weed and Seed

1. Law Enforcement
2. Community Policing
3. Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Programs
4. Neighborhood Revitalization

Ms. Moguillansky- De Rose inquired as to what the Neighborhood Revitalization Component entails. Mr. Spatara explained that they evaluate the needs of the community and institute a program such as Community Cleanup. He further stated they work closely with residents to solve neighborhood problems and that community policing provides the bridge that links the Weeding and Seeding efforts. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose stated that she is aware that Weed and Seed is designed to help build the momentum needed for the residents of a community to establish themselves and to steer their community in the direction that they want, and that it would be critical for Weed and Seed to work in partnership with the CCRT so that there are no duplication of efforts. This would also apply to the Health Department PACE Program. By working together, we can build on each other's strengths, share resources and work towards creating a sustainable program for the communities we serve.

Someone inquired how other agencies could apply for weed and seed. Mr. Spatara responded it is an ongoing process and mini grants are available for organizations involved with youth services.

Ms. Gail Vorpapel asked about the numbers on each section of the map that was distributed. Mr. Spatara explained that the numbers are the census tracts for the demographics of the area.

Captain Jablonski stated that a Deputy has been assigned to work in Stacy Street, and the PBSO will work with Weed and Seed and the School District to address any issues that may come up.

Tim Granowitz, from Parks and Recreation, talked about the money that has been allocated for neighborhood park in the Gramercy Park CCRT area, and indicated that the main issue with the project is that there are no suitable sites for park development in the area. He further stated that the only site available is the Church site, and that we need to meet with Reverend Padgett to negotiate something with the church.

IV. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Captain Ed Jablonski reported on the following:

- Fifth Annual Putting Kids First event was tremendously successful. Serviced over five thousand (5000) children with backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, and refreshments. He thanked Duane Gainer for coming out to the event and speaking on behalf of *Putting Kids First*. He further stated that this event would not have been possible without the funding from CCRT. Captain Ed Jablonski thanked the schools as well for the donation of the refurbished computers.

Tripp Cioci, P.B.C. Property & Real Estate Management (PREM), reported on the following:

- Watergate Estates Park Project –Funding is in place. The item will be before the BCC on September 11th. Closing should take place soon after that.

Tim Granowitz, P.B.C. Parks and Recreation Department, reported on the following:

- Kenwood Park – Lighting and Electrical Service is delayed due to ongoing problem with the contractors. In the process of getting a new contractor.
- Old Trail Park - They have been waiting for the well being drilled in the Old Trail Park. As soon as the power is on and the irrigation is ready, the park will be completed.

Mr. Granowitz asked whether the funds for the Kenwood Estates Community Center were still in place. Mrs. Moguillansky-De Rose responded by stating that \$250,000 has been allocated for Kenwood Estates and that money is being reserved for the community center project. She further stated that a meeting has been scheduled with Audrey Wolf, from PREM, on August 28th to go over this and other community center projects and to seek direction on how we are going to proceed.

Michael Marquis, Engineering, reported on the following:

- Clinton, Cambridge, and Kidd & McConnell Roads – A public information meeting will be held at the Greenacres Library on August 15th, at 6 p.m. The Public Hearing is scheduled for August 21st at 9:30, and contract awards are anticipated to be before the BCC at its September 11th meeting. Construction is anticipated a few months after that.

Mr. Duane Gainer asked Mr. Marquis to email OCR staff of forthcoming public meetings.

- Royal Palm Estates –Mrs.Moguillansky-De Rose explained that OCR is going to the BCC on August 21st to recommend the allocation of \$ 737,422 from the CCRT Recoup funds to complete the project.

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

- Mr. Rafaidous had a safety concern regarding the recent gunfire in San Castle. He is requesting assistance with this matter. Mr. Gainer asked Captain Jablonski about a contact person for these concerns. Sgt. Ewell met with Mr. Rafaidus after the meeting.
- Mr. Rafaidus informed the group that the next regular Citizens Advisory Committee on health and human services will be held on September 6, 2007, at 8:30 AM, at Community Services Conference Room. The building is located at 810 Datura Street.

Lt. Jeff Collins, P.B.C. Fire Rescue Department, reported on the following:

Lt. Jeff Collins mentioned he has been actively participating in a taskforce in the Glades area that is conducting inspections of residential properties. He stated that a number of safety violations were found, and residents need assistance with getting those violations addressed.

Mr. Duane Gainer commented on the 2008 CCRT meeting dates. He stated that Vista Center Conference Rooms would be able to handle the meetings. Mr. Gainer asked for a show of hands for the Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. The vote was unanimously approved for any Tuesday.

V. RESIDENT/OCR STAFF REPORTS:

Kathy King, Lake Worth West, reported on the following:

- Back to School Bash - event was held on Friday August 10th. The event was a success. The P.B.C. Health Department provided over three hundred (300) immunizations. Children received haircuts, school supplies, food, & etc.
- Board and Staff Retreat – will be held on September 8.
- She is very pleased with what CCRT is doing on behalf of the children.

Brendhan Horne, Royal Palm Estates Leader, reported on the following:

- He thanked Gail Vorpagel and the Code Enforcement Team for doing an excellent job; it made a significant difference.
- Thanked Tim Granowitz and stated that residents are extremely appreciative for the park
- The Sheriff's Office (Community Policing Officers)- Very pleased with the immediate response to graffiti issues.
- Commented on the community support for the proposed BP Gas Station at Wallis and Haverhill, and shared his concern with not being able to attend the Adoption Hearing, scheduled for August 23rd, at 9:30 am. He further stated that while he agreed with staff's analysis of the potential impact of the project, residents are in support of the project. Neighborhood type businesses are badly needed in the neighborhood, and this may be the only opportunity they may have.

Mrs. Moguillansky-De Rose suggested Mr. Horne to let his neighbors know about the meeting. It would be important that he or someone from the community be in attendance to provide comments on the project. As an alternative, she suggested that a petition be initiated to obtain community consensus on the proposed project.

Mr. Bryan Davis, from P.B.C. Planning, discussed Mr. Horne's concerns as presented at the Previous CCRT Meeting. Mr. Davis further stated that the Urban Redevelopment Area (URA) Master Plan does not propose redevelopment for the entire URA. It rather focused on the Military Trail and Congress Ave corridors. and other areas within the URA where future redevelopment is appropriate. Mr. Davis then explained why the Planning Division did not support the requested land use amendment for the BP Station.

Mr. Dave Koons, from the Elmwood Estates/Roan Lane area, mentioned that his community is concerned about the new proposed "Extended Stay" hotel at the church property (Northlake-Roan Commercial amendment). He received a letter in the mail regarding the new hearing date for this amendment. He mentioned that according to the letter, the Land Use Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for Friday, September 7th at 9:00 am at the Vista Center.

Ms. Shirley Cantelo, Old Military Trail resident, thanked Mr. Tate and Mrs. Moguillansky-De Rose for meeting with her to discuss the flooding and drainage issues in the area.

Carlos Fernandez, from the Lake Worth Corridor area, requested assistance regarding juveniles engaging in criminal activity in the area between Canal Rd, Gulf Stream, and Coconut Rd. Captain Ed Jablonski asked for Mr. Fernandez's phone number to pass this disturbance on to the district and his team.

Pastor Kearney, from Abundant Life, stated that the summer bash of Riviera Beach was a successful event, and he appreciates the support of the CCRT. Mr. Gainer mentioned the CCRT funded Project Exodus offered by the Abundant Life Fellowship Community Resource Center. He further stated through funding allocated from the CCRT program, Project Exodus was able to purchase a van, and children have been taken on tours to numerous Florida colleges.

VI. OCR STAFF UPDATES

Mrs. Moguillansky-De Rose requested Audley Reid and LaToya Ricketts, from OCR, to provide an update on the street lighting program and REAP.

Audley Reid, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Golf View Heights –Lights have been installed and he will find out why they are not working.
- Sun Court –Will submit a request to FPL to start with the design of the street lighting project, after signed assessments forms are received.
- Gramercy Park- 120 Easements are required; he recently attended a community meeting to go over the design layout and give residents an update on the requirements to initiate the project.

LaToya Ricketts, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Announced the Resident Education to Action Program (REAP). She is planning the upcoming year, asked for volunteers for the steering committee, and welcomed back old members.

VI. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Gloria Zimmerman, from the Area Agency on Aging stated that Public Forums will be held on September 4th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm., and September 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. to seek input on the Area Agency on Aging programs. For information on these meetings, please contact Gloria Zimmerman, Emergency Readiness Coordinator with the Area Agency on Aging Inc., at 561-684-5885.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

- The next GTAC meeting will be held on August 23rd at Canal Point. The next CCRT meeting will be held on September 11, 2007, (Tuesday), from 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. At the Clayton Hutcheson Building (Exhibit “B”).
- The Office of Community Revitalization will be providing the refreshments for the next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

Natalie R. Fazio, OCR Temp Secretary

* **Note: In reference to the Activity Calendar for September & October, you may contact Duane Gainer at 233-5318 or make an announcement at the next CCRT Meeting. Thank You.**

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