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## Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting  
Facilitator: Chrystal Matthews, Senior Planner OCR  
Minutes Prepared by: Audley G. Reid, Senior Planner OCR  
Date/Time: February 10, 2015  
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

### Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Joanna Aiken               | Solid Waste Authority                                     |
| 2. Carol Clinton              | Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc.             |
| 3. Shayla Davis               | Department of Economic Sustainability and Water Utilities |
| 4. Sargent James Hightower    | PBC Sheriff's Office                                      |
| 5. Casey Prackun              | PBC Parks & Recreation                                    |
| 6. Michael Owens              | PBC School District                                       |
| 7. David Rafaidus             | PBC Community Services Department                         |
| 8. Debbie Bester              | Memory Trees Corp   |
| 9. Rudi Bester                | Memory Trees Corp   |
| 10. Sergeant Angelo           | PBC Sheriff's Office                                      |
| 11. Deputy Landa              | PBC Sheriff's Office                                      |
| 12. Deputy Rouzeau            | PBC Sheriff's Office                                      |
| 13. Isabelle Philippe-Auguste | Florida Department of Health                              |
| 14. Quinn Hayes               | Florida Department of Health Palm Beach                   |
| 15. Bill McDonald             | Plantation Community                                      |
| 16. Mary Johnson              | Lee Crossing/Homes of Lantana Community                   |
| 17. Bob Hamilton              | PBC Parks & Recreation                                    |
| 18. Bill McDonald             | Plantation Community                                      |
| 19. Bevelyn Jackson           | PBC Consortium  |
| 20. Laura Martinez            | San Castle Community                                      |
| 21. Marisele Richter          | LSF – Head Start  |
| 22. Inger Cheves              | Community Partners  |
| 23. Ilene Long                | Old Trail Community                                       |
| 24. Robin Rance-Hoffman       | Commissioner Burdick's Office                             |
| 25. John Sawyers              | Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community                        |
| 26. Audley Reid               | PBC Office of Community Revitalization                    |
| 27. William Wynn              | PBC Office of Community Revitalization                    |

### Meeting Minutes

**I. Welcome and Introductions:** Mrs. Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.

### **II. Department Updates**

**David Rafaidus PBC Community Services Department representative, reported the following:**

- There will be a symposium on domestic violence on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. It will take place at Community Services.

**Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group representative, reported the following:**

- The new LWW playground is complete. A variety of partners worked with LWWRPG on Build Day, including the KaBOOM group, Parks and Rec. Dept., OCR, PBSO, and over 100 volunteers from the community. Feel free to visit LWW and view the playground.
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**Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority representative, reported the following:**

- There will be a Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches/SWA Soiree Resource Depot/SWA Run Away 5k Run and Shred-a-Thon. Organizers are still looking for vendors and sponsors. It will be held on April 11, 2015 and the 5k run starts at 8am at the Solid Waste Authority Administration building.
- **Casey Prankun, PBC Parks and Recreation Dept. representative, reported the following:**
- The Gramercy Park project is under construction. A preconstruction meeting took place last month.
- Westgate Park is 75% complete; however, there may be further delays as a portion of the property is not owned by PBC.
- Following Tim Granowitz, who retired from the County, Bob Hamilton is now the Director of Planning, Research and Development for PBC Parks and Recreation.

**Tammy Fields, PBC Department of Youth Services representative, reported the following:**

- A new department, the Dept. of Youth Services is now up and running. The Department has a Facebook and Twitter account.
- Summer camps scholarship will become available next week. Acceptance will be on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis.

### III. 2015 Community Focus

**Jon Burstein and Amy Gyau-Moyer, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County**

Mr. Burstein and Mrs. Gyau-Moyer talked about the mission and goals of the CSC which is focused on enhancing the lives of children and their families. Individual life examples were provided during the discussion of the programs and services of the CSC.

### IV. OCR Staff Reports

There were no reports at the February meeting.

### V. Residents Comments

- Rudi Bester of Memory Trees Corp commented that Loreman Park, a West Palm Beach city property, is in need of clean-up asked Joanna Aiken of Solid Waste Authority if they could assist in order to move forward with a planned planting program for the park.
- The PBDSB Wellness Task Force reserved start-up funding for mentally challenged children at Boca Middle school and Olympic Heights. In addition, Grove Elementary in Belle Glade has also been funded.
- Mary Johnson of Lantana Homes expressed Thanks to Joanna Aiken SWA for her groups' assistance in cleaning up an area spill. Ms. Johnson also Thanked Mr. Houston Tate, Director OCR, William Wynn, Senior Planner OCR, and Mrs. Robin Rance-Hoffman, representative of Commissioner Burdicks' office for attending the Lantana Homes recent association meeting.

**VI. Follow-ups – None.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

