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COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
 Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director
 Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
 Date/Time: February 16, 2021
 Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Jaymie Basio | PBC Library System |
| 2. | Deputy Bickunas | PBSO |
| 3. | Deputy Cassie | PBSO |
| 4. | Samantha Corr | PBC ERM |
| 5. | Adam Davis | PBC Library System |
| 6. | Maura Duenas | Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. |
| 7. | Fernande Elisee-Francoeur | Community Partners of South Florida |
| 8. | Dr. Charlene Ford | |
| 9. | Deputy Forde | PBSO |
| 10. | Randee Gabriel | 211 Helpline |
| 11. | Deputy Gomez | PBSO |
| 12. | Joseph Glucksman | McCurdy Senior Housing Corp |
| 13. | Sgt. Greene | PBSO |
| 14. | Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 15. | Cyndi Longley | PBC Cooperative Extension |
| 16. | Jean Belzer Louis | Urban League of PBC |
| 17. | Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 18. | Bill McDonald | Plantation Area Resident |
| 19. | EJ Miller | |
| 20. | Fadi Nassar | PBC Engineering |
| 21. | Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 22. | Amber Pelish | Country Club Acres Resident |
| 23. | Amy Pettway | Country Club Acres Resident |
| 24. | Maura Plante | Living Hungry, Inc. |
| 25. | Susan Plesnik | |
| 26. | Ike Powell | PBC Youth Services |
| 27. | Casey Pranckun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 28. | David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |
| 29. | Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 30. | Rhonda Rogers | Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc. |
| 31. | Sharon Rose | Elder Services Resources Network |
| 32. | Deputy Russell | PBSO |
| 33. | Vivian Ryland | PBC OCR |
| 34. | Virginia Savietto | PBC Commission District 2 Office |
| 35. | George Schott | PBC OCR |
| 36. | Milroy Senat | Agency for Persons with Disabilities |
| 37. | Bob Smallacombe | PBC Fire Rescue |

38.	Carlton Smith	Legal Aid Society of PBC
39.	Anna Stewart	Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
40.	Houston Tate	PBC OCR
41.	Lauren Veit	
42.	Deputy Woods	PBSO
43.	William Wynn	PBC OCR

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston L. Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and asked the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members and attendees to introduce themselves.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Cyndi Longley, Extension Program Manager, Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service

Ms. Longley provided a detailed presentation on Cooperative Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences: Discipline Areas.

- **What is Cooperative Extension**

Extension is a partnership between federal state, and county government. All 67 counties in Florida have an Extension office, with extension agent disciplines that are relevant to local needs and priorities. The University of Florida, in partnership with Florida A&M University (FAMU), administers the Florida Cooperative Extension program.

Research-based education and expertise is offered by trained professionals and volunteers to provide problem-solving information to Palm Beach County residents. We are supported by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, University of Florida, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As the local UF/IFAS branch, the Palm Beach County Extension Department has access to the latest research and technology on different subjects of interest.

- **Cooperative Extension's Mission Statement**

UF/IFAS is a federal, state, and county partnership dedicated to developing knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences and to making that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.

- **Program Areas**

- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ Environmental Horticulture
- ✓ Family and Consumer Sciences
- ✓ Natural Resources
- ✓ 4-H Youth Development
- ✓ Mounts Botanical Garden

- **Family and Consumer Sciences – Discipline Areas**

- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Financial Management
- ✓ Nutrition

- **Housing: My First Florida Home**

A series of housing topics that explores the home buying process from budgeting and calculating housing affordability to how to be a responsible homeowner. The curriculum helps future homebuyers make the best decision for their financial situation, prepares them for homeownership, and equips them with resources to maintain their home properly once they become homeowners.

- **First Time Home Buyer Program**

- ✓ UF/IFAS Extension is a HUD approved agency (#84875) Future homebuyers learn:
 - ✓ How to budget.
 - ✓ Develop a spending plan.
 - ✓ Calculate their debt-to-income ratio.
 - ✓ The steps to pre-qualify for a home.
 - ✓ How to calculate their housing affordability.
 - ✓ Strategies to reduce debt and improve credit.
 - ✓ Ways to save for future purchase of a home.

- **PBC Extension Housing Data**

- ✓ In 2020, we delivered 14 First-Time Home Buyer classes to 759 participants.
- ✓ Outcomes: 62% of participants (n=473) completed end-of-class evaluations. 97.6% (n=461) of respondents reported learning how to increase credit score, how to determine their debt-to-income ratio, and how to calculate the amount of affordable rent or home purchase price.
- ✓ Outcomes: 62% of participants (n=473) completed end-of-class evaluations. 97.5% of respondents (n=461) reported that learned the process of purchasing a home by attending the class. 97.5% (n=461) also reported that they planned to comparison shop for mortgages using the knowledge of types of mortgages learned in the class.

- **Upcoming Housing Workshops**

Upcoming Workshops: Housing

Date	Time	Class
March 4	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Part 1: Homebuyer Education Class
March 11	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Part 2: Homebuyer Education Class
April 16	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Part 1: Homebuyer Education Class
April 23	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Part 2: Homebuyer Education Class
May 13	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyer Education Class (Full Day)
May 17	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Part 1: Homebuyer Education Class
May 18	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Part 2: Homebuyer Education Class
June 18	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Part 1: Homebuyer Education Class
June 25	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Part 2: Homebuyer Education Class

- **Financial Literacy**

- ✓ A series of financial management topics include:
 - understanding credit
 - strategies to decrease debt-to credit ratio
 - how to budget and save
 - develop a spending plan
 - understanding consumer rights with debt collectors, and successfully dispute a negative report

- On your credit report (i.e. identity theft, debt collections).
- ✓ Participants engage in interactive activities and group discussions that reinforce the educational materials taught.

Upcoming Workshops: Financial Literacy

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY SERIES

\$10 WEBINARS

Learn steps to increase your credit score and create a spending plan to meet your financial goals and so much more.

 **SELECT THE LINK TO REGISTER.**
Registration Required to receive the Zoom Link

<https://FRMParks.eventbrite.com>

- Wednesday, February 10th, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Savings
- Wednesday, February 10th, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Credit Repair
- Wednesday, February 17th, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Budget
- Wednesday, February 17th, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Credit Repair- Remove Collections
- Wednesday, February 24th, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Boost Your Credit Score
- Wednesday, February 24th, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Financial Counseling



- **Nutrition and Food Safety**

- ✓ Nutrition and Food Safety: Nutrition and food safety topics vary based on the need identified by our Palm Beach County residents and/or Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agents.
- ✓ Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP): The EFNEP provides nutrition education to low-income families, particularly those making food-buying decisions for young children (birth-18). The EFNEP classes are series-based and consist of 6-8 week classes.
- ✓ Contact: Danielle De Vries-Navarro; Program Agent; DDeVriesNavarro@pbcgov.org
- ✓ Family Nutrition Program (FNP): The FNP in Palm Beach County works with low-income families. The FNP provides one-time and series-based nutrition education classes to seniors as well as series-based nutrition education to youth.
- ✓ Contact: Heidi Reeve; Program Manager; hreever@ufl.edu

- **Program Impacts: Nutrition Education**

- ✓ EFNEP FY2019: The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) reached,
 - ✓ 4,362 Palm Beach County residents;
 - ✓ Outcomes: 93% showed improved diet quality indicators, 81% increased physical activity, 77% adopted food safety practices, 79% adopted recommend food resource management practices and 51% are more food secure.
- ✓ EFNEP FY2020: Taught 17 virtual events reaching 175 participants. Topics included: basic nutrition, food safety, food resource management, and promotion of physical activity.

- ✓ Outcomes: 596 program graduates with 95% improvement in one or more basic nutrition practice, 76% improving food safety practices.
- ✓ FNP FY2019:
 - Reached 6,675 unduplicated individuals.
 - FNP implemented Smarter Lunchrooms in 15 public schools.
 - FNP installed 6 gardens in various community settings.
 - FNP implemented a healthy vending machine and food recovery/food access rack at one site.
- ✓ FNP FY2020: 834 classes taught.
 - Outcomes: 4,248 youth taught reached, 344 adults, and 38 Policies, Systems, and Environmental Changes (PSEs) implemented.

- **What can Cooperative Extension do for you?**

- ✓ Provide research-based education.
- ✓ Create solutions to critical issues impacting county residents.
- ✓ Work collaboratively with community partners to enhance current education needs in the community.
- ✓ Access the immense resources across the University of Florida, other land grant institutions, and USDA for the benefit of county residents.
- Sharon Rose of Elder Services Resources Network, asked if the Cooperative Extension’s Family and Consumer Sciences classes were posted on social media. Ms. Longley replied that they’re on the Cooperative Extension’s Instagram, Facebook, and e-newsletter.

* A copy of the entire presentation is available from OCR upon request.

III. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Casey Pranckun, PBC Parks & Recreation:
 - The Limestone Creek basketball court is complete.
 - Limestone Creek applied for and received NEAT in combination with Parks receiving the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful UPS grant for more landscaping at the Limestone Creek park
 - San Castle basketball court project is under construction and should be complete within the next two months
- Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC:
 - The application process for the free/reduced cost swimming program opens April 1, 2021 for children ages 2-12 apply at www.pbcgov.org/dpc
 - Caregivers now can also receive swimming lessons.
 - Free, virtual land based presentations are also available. To register for a presentation apply at www.pbcgov.org/dpc
- Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering:
 - Engineering is working with OCR on a potential speed hump project in the Cannongate CCRT area
 - Engineering replaced signs in Cannongate
 - San Castle speed hump project completed.
 - Requested the current CCRT areas map. Map was provided by OCR.
- Ike Powell, PBC Youth Services:
 - Summer camp scholarship program is now open. Applications will be open until April 2, 2021 https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx

- The 2021 Summer Camp Scholarship Program is scheduled to begin on June 21. At this time, the only camp option for summer 2021 will be in-person attendance.
 - Youth Services will offer extended hours to assist with applications on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7 pm throughout the application period. In addition to extended hours, Youth Services will hold two outreach events to assist with applications.
 - The first outreach event will be on Wednesday, March 3, from 10 am – 7 pm at the Belle Glade Library, located at 725 NW 4th St., Belle Glade. The second event will be held on Friday, March 26, from 4:30 - 7 pm. at the Youth Services Department's main office, located at 50 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach
 - There are more than 133 approved camp sites for the summer
 - Birth to 22 Community Conversations: February 18th at 5:30pm will be the next virtual meeting about ensuring safety and justice and economic access. February 23rd will be the final meeting. <http://pbcirthto22.com>
 - Maura Plante of Living Hungry, Inc. inquired about the kid's wellbeing during this time. Mr. Powell replied that there are a lot of organizations to work with kids to discover what their problems are and how to mitigate them. Some of the kids are burnt out by virtual meetings. Hybrid services are being offered in accordance with the CDC guidelines
- Samantha Corr, PBC ERM:
 - From March 17 – 24 ERM will be hosting guided hikes, focused on bird watching, reptiles, and kayaking adventure. This will be held at Limestone Creek, Winding Waters, and Hypoluxo. They hikes are free, but you must register.
- Michael Owens, School District of PBC:
 - There's an upcoming school modernization at Melaleuca Elementary school, on Gun Club Rd.
 - The district is continuing hybrid education with distance learning for students
 - New high school being built in unincorporated PBC south of Lake Worth Road, on Lyons Rd, scheduled to open August 2023.
- Jayme Basio, PBC Library System
 - Libraries are now open to the public, with access to computers.
 - The Library will be partnering with the Palm Beach County Food Bank to offer assistance with SNAP benefits. Benefits specialists from the PBC Food Bank will assist with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application process and conduct the food stamp interview. Applicants must call a benefits specialist to schedule an appointment.
<http://www.pbclibrary.org/food-service-program>
 - Digital activities for kids and adults. The library is now offering activities to attend online. <http://events.pbclibrary.org/events/digital-activities>

IV. OCR UPDATES

- Chrystal Mathews advised that applications are being accepted for the Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program.
- Potential applicants must log/dial into the mandatory virtual pre-application conference on February 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Confirmation of attendance must be received no later than February 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. to receive log-in instructions and have your name on the confirmed list. Please reserve and confirm attendance by registering online at <https://2022ocrneatgrant.eventbrite.com>.

- Letters of Intent are due on March 18, 2021
- NEAT Applications are due on April 27, 2021
- Learn about NEAT at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/ocr/Pages/NEAT-Program.aspx> or contact Chrystal Mathews, Program Manager at cmathews@pbcgov.org.

V. RESIDENT COMMENTS

- Joseph Glucksman gave updates on McCurdy Senior Housing Corp. The Quiet Meadows project received awards which will allow them to move forward with 132 affordable rental properties for seniors and disabled adults. The project will be located on the same campus as the Quiet Waters Senior Living apartments at 306 SW 10th St., Belle Glade, FL. The final award received from the Florida Housing Finance Corp. will guarantee that the new 34.5 million dollar project will be fully funded. Underwriting for the project will begin once a letter of invitation is received from the state of Florida. Within a year of receiving the invitation ground breaking should begin. This project is a partnership with the PBC Housing Authority. All residents of Quiet Meadows will receive a subsidy voucher. PBC Housing Authority is reopening the waiting list for residency for Quiet Waters. The waiting list will be open on Wednesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 18th from 9am-4pm only. Mr. Glucksman stated that he will be sending information through Houston Tate for general circulation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____