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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time: January 10, 2017
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Brian LaMotte | WGI |
| 2. Madelyn Swede | WGI |
| 3. Dawn Wynn | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 4. Deputy Ellis | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 5. Larry Diegert | Plantation Community |
| 6. Michael Sklar | PBC Economic Sustainability |
| 7. Rudi Bester | Memory Trees |
| 8. Anna Stewart | PBC Drowning Prevention |
| 9. Sgt Sauers | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 10. Sgt Searing | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 11. Michael Owens | PBC School District |
| 12. Kenny Wilson | Florida Department of Health Palm Beach |
| 13. Deputy Rouzeau | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 14. Sam Roman | PBC Sheriff's Office |
| 15. Bill McDonald | Plantation Community |
| 16. Jonasse Pierre-Louis | Limestone Creek Community |
| 17. Robin Rance-Hoffman | Commissioner Burdick's Office |
| 18. Wesley White | PBC Animal Care and Control |
| 19. William Wynn | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 20. Chrystal Mathews | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 21. Inger Harvey | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 22. Ruth Moguillansky | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 23. Houston Tate | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves and the mission/purpose of their respective organizations.

II. Presentation- Brian LaMotte, VP/Chief Marketing Officer, Wantman Group Inc, (WGI).

Mr. Tate introduced Mr. LaMotte and informed the group about his education and his background, as well as his role as VP/Chief Marketing Officer, Wantman Group Inc, (WGI). Mr. Tate stated that Mr. LaMotte is responsible for all aspects of business development and marketing for WGI, a 340-person engineering, surveying, architectural, land planning, landscape architectural and environmental firm. Mr. LaMotte presented via PowerPoint. Mr. LaMotte illustrated the above referenced WGI areas of expertise and the various types of projects that have been, and are being undertaken by the company.

Mr. LaMotte explained that many people don't truly know what being an Engineer's responsibilities entail. He explained that Engineering is the application of mathematics and scientific, economic, social, and practical knowledge in order to invent, innovate, design, build, maintain, research, and improve structures, machines, tools, systems, components, materials, processes, solutions, and organizations. WGI's areas of expertise and some of the projects highlighted are provided below.

- **Transportation**
I-595 Turnpike Exchange, I-95 Weigh-in Motion Station, Big John Monahan Bridge
- **Structures**
Flagler Seawall, Downtown Disney Bridge, FPL Riviera
- **Environmental**
Wetlands, Protected Species, Water Quality, Contamination Assessment
- **Survey & Mapping**
All Aboard Florida, PBIA Runway, Staff Gauges, WGI Alligator Cage
- **SUE**
FPL Gas Pipeline, FAU, Flagler Memorial Bridge
- **Planning/Landscape Architecture**
St. Lucie County, Broken Sound, Frenchman's Reserve, Woodfield Country Club
- **Water Resources Creative Design**
Raydon Advertising, MSI Web Design, Country Club of Florida, WGI Branding and Advertising
- **Social Media**
Twitter, Instagram

He also stated that as a result of the passing of the Penny Sales Tax, both Engineers and Surveyors will need to be utilized for these types of projects:

1. Street Improvements
2. Roadway Resurfacing
3. Sea Level Rise
4. Upgrading Utilities
5. Bridge Rehabilitation & Drainage Repairs
6. Parks
7. Fire Stations and Municipal Buildings
8. Canal Restoration and Drainage Improvements

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

Following the presentation, attendees offered questions and comments which are summarized below:

- Ruth Moguillansky asked whether WGI was currently involved with any infrastructure projects within unincorporated Palm Beach County. Mr. LaMotte responded that WGI has four county bridge reconstruction projects in Palm Beach County through FDOT.
- Deputy Ellis stated that after infrastructure projects such as bike lanes and beautification are completed they are not maintained.
- Sam Roman invited Mr. LaMotte and WGI to make a similar presentation at “Experience Florida”, an event that will be held from May 14th-19th. This event will have diplomats from all over the world in attendance.
- Houston Tate asked Mr. LaMotte if he could please inform OCR whenever job opportunities and different educational opportunities arise so OCR can share this information with residents.

III. Department Updates

Anna Stewart, PBC Drowning Prevention Coalition:

- Announced that the South Florida Fair begins on Friday, January 13th. The Coalition will have a booth at the fair through the entire fair.

Wesley White, PBC Animal Care and Control:

- Announced that Animal Care and Control will also have a booth at the South Florida Fair. The theme for their booth will be “The Mardi Gras”.

IV. OCR Staff Report(s)

Houston Tate, OCR Director, reported on the following:

- Announced that communities have asked for OCR to have CCRT meetings in the evening given that most of the CCRT area residents have jobs and can't make the 10:00 a.m. meeting. OCR agreed to have an evening meeting once a quarter. The first evening meeting will be held on February 15th @ 6:00 p.m. Mayor Burdick will be in attendance at this meeting. Mr. Tate asked that committee members give a 2 minute overview of their organization at this meeting. Ms. Moguillansky further asked CCRT members to specifically go over the services they provide for those who reside in CCRT communities, and bring brochures and information about programs and/or grants currently available.
- Dr. Avossa has agreed to be a partner with the Back to School Bash by assisting with getting children registered. OCR will be making every opportunity to make sure every child in the CCRT communities have a chance to register for the Back to School Bash.

V. Residents Comments

Larry Diegert, Plantation community representative, reported the following:

- Mr. Diegert would like to know who is the FPL coordinator for Asplund and would like that person to attend a meeting. Mr. Tate suggested setting up a meeting with FPL to address community concerns and issues.

Bill McDonald, Plantation community representative, reported the following:

- Mr. McDonald asked about the CDBG grant for the park that was mentioned 4 or 5 months ago. He stated there has been no activity since the grant was mentioned. He also advised that a portion of the \$600,000 that is needed has already been approved.
- Ruth Moguillansky stated that a portion of the funds needed for the project was allocated by DES (\$325,000), but additional funding is needed. In addition, she mentioned that she had tried to reach Ms Rose, the property owner of the abutting property but without any luck. She also stated that she had volunteered to meet with the owner and Mr. McDonald. Mr. McDonald agreed to contact Ms. Moguillansky regarding this item. She deferred this item to Mr. Tate for further information.
- Mr. McDonald then asked if the money allocated for the park can be used at an alternate location within the community. Mr. Tate suggested setting up a meeting for discussion. Mr. Tate met with Mr. McDonald after this meeting.

Deputy Rouzeau, from PBSO, reported the following:

- Color of Hope, Inc. announced the 7th Annual “Save Haiti Bike Ride” on January 14th. The event will begin in Broward and end at Bryant Park, in the city of Lake Worth. The event will serve as the official kick-off for the “I Stand With Haiti” campaign.

Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, reported on the following:

- Ms. Moguillansky thanked Sgt Searing for all PBSO help with the toys for the families that were in need.

Sam Roman, PBSO representative, reported the following:

- The Sheriff’s office has Community Advisory Committee meetings monthly. There are four groups (North, West, Central and South) that meet throughout the county at a different location every month. OCR is welcome to attend these meetings.

**VI. Follow-ups
N/A**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____