

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of January 16, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Hutcheson Building, Hall “B”

Minutes

Present:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Jorceline Cadet, P.B.C. Housing Authority
Gerald Carsillo, Sun Court Resident
Carlton Cartwright, TCCI
Kim Ciklin, Commissioner Koon’s Office
Deputy Jose Claudio, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West Resident
Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Dan Dumas, San Castle Community Leadership Inc.
Ed Frazier, Old Trail Resident
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Deputy Shawn Goodard, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office (Watergate Estates)
Cpl. Hamilton, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office (Kenwood Estates)
Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton, P.B.C. Water Utilities
Joyce Harrell, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Anne Helfant, P.B.C. County Attorney’s Office
Sgt. Jimmy Hightower, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Ron Hinkle, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission
Brendhan Horne, Royal Palm Estates Resident
Capt. Ed Jablonski, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Kai Jones, PACE EH (Watergate Estates)
Terrence Kearney, Abundant Life Fellowship CRC
Kathy King, Lake Worth West Resid. Planning Group
Deputy Kirkham, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office (Concept Homes)
Dave Kouns, Roan Lane Resident
Sgt. LaVigna, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Eric Lewis, City of South Bay
Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident
Roy M. McGinnis, PACE EH/DOH
Michael Marquis, P.B.C. Engineering Department
Tonda Masson, Lake Worth Corridor
Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Deputy Jessie Moreland, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office (Marshal Heights/Glades)
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development Office
Lisa Nora, Area Agency on Aging

Present (Cont'd)

Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services
Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
LaToya Ricketts, Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Deputy Dwayne Thomas, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Old Trail/Schall Circle)
Gail Vorpapel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement Division
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Gloria Zimmerman, Area Agency on Aging

CCRT Members Absent:

Tripp Cioci, P.B.C. Property & Real Estate Management (PREM)
Jeff Collins, P.B.C. Fire Rescue
Diana Cunningham, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission
Gerry Gawaldo, P.B.C. Palm Tran
Tim Granowitz, P.B.C. Parks & Recreation Department
Nancy Hashway, P.B.C. Health Department
Don Loutsch, Children Services Council
Lt. Ed Luty, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Michael Sklar, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development (HCD)
Willy Volk, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building Division

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

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

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Mr. Gainer asked if anyone had corrections to the December 5, 2006 CCRT minutes. Kai Jones had a correction on page 3 – change Pai Jones to Kai Jones.

III. REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UPS:

Mr. Gainer stated that copies of the follow-ups from the December 5, 2006 CCRT meeting were available on the information table. He asked the group to contact himself, Ruth Mogueillansky-De Rose, or LaToya Ricketts, the staff responsible for the follow up this month, if anyone had questions.

IV. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Capt. Ed Jablonski, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office, reported on the following:

- Community Policing Officers – Lt. Alonso has been transferred to Pahokee. They will be replacing his position. He is aware of the shortage of Community Policing Officers. Also the Sheriff's Office has started a Gang Task Force. The Sheriff's Office is in a hiring and training mode.

Deputy Goodard, CPO for Watergate Estates/West Boca, reported that they had a major residential cleanup in Watergate Estates. The resident is physically unable to do the maintenance of his yard. He thanked Joanna Aiken and Heather Levy, from the Solid Waste Authority, inmates of P.B.C. Correction, and We Care for providing the landscaping crew. Approximately three (3) dumpsters were filled. He thanked all of them for their assistance. The resident was also very thankful. It was a very big success.

Mr. Gainer asked Deputy Goodard for the resident information, so that follow-up could be done.

Kathy King reported and thanked Joanna Aiken, from the Solid Waste Authority, for conducting the cleanup of one house in Lake Worth West. Ms. King stated that David Hoyt, LWW resident, is having medical problems and is very sick. David Hoyt is active in attending the CCRT meetings.

Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton, Water Utilities, reported on the following:

- Ranch House Road – Connection letters will be going out on April 27th.
- Coconut Road – Submitted CDBG application for funding. She thanked Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose and Duane Gainer for their help.

Pam Nolan, Economic Development, reported on the following:

- Development Regions Grant – The grant opens on February 22, 2007. The maximum grant amount is \$50,000. Ms. Nolan brought copies of the application for the group. You may also get further information about this program on the website.

V. RESIDENT UPDATES:

Dan Dumas, San Castle, reported on the following:

- Community Policing Officer – Waiting patiently on getting a deputy re-assigned to the neighborhood.
- Solid Waste Authority – Doing an excellent job.
- Code Enforcement – He stated that the code enforcement officers were doing a good job, but he recently noticed some things involving maintenance of property and he requested a neighborhood visit.

V. **RESIDENT UPDATES:** (Cont'd)

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

- On Saturday, they chartered a bus to transport over forty (40) residents for a family day at the Dreher Park Zoo. Afterwards, they went to CiCi's, all you can eat.
- She encourages everyone to enroll for the Resident Education To Action Program. The information received would make a big difference in improving your community. She is on the Steering Committee.
- Yard Sale – will be held at the Community Center on January 20th, 8:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.. She brought flyers for the group; along with the monthly activity calendar.
- 2nd Annual Health Fair – will be held on March 24th.

David Rafaidus inquired about the Health Fair event. He stated that he is interested in having a booth at the event. Ms. King asked him to contact Hilda at the Community Center.

Gerald Carsillo, a resident from Sun Court (Elmwood Estates/Roan Lane area), inquired about the status of the interim petition submitted to Commissioner Karen Marcus for water, paving and drainage improvements. The area is outside of the Palm Beach County Water Utility Service area and, therefore, under the purview of Engineering for both water and road improvements. Michael Marquis, from Engineering, responded that at this point all new MSTU projects are currently on hold, there is no funding, and he cannot send out petitions for new projects. He stated that the MSTU program does fund CCRT projects. He further commented that MSTU is Municipal Services Taxing Unit. This is for when Engineering does a project and assesses the property owners for improvements that are done. The assessment values are offset by OCR funding or other funding sources. He further talked about the normal cost per foot before OCR and other funds offset this cost.

Mr. Carsillo further inquired if the petitions already submitted were official. Mr. Marquis responded that the petitions submitted were not the official petitions. The petitions submitted were to indicate residents' support and desire for the project. The official petitions will have to be done after he gets an approval to do petitioning. Mr. Carsillo asked if there were any funds allocated. Mr. Marquis responded there is no money allocated at this point. Mr. Gainer further commented that this is not only the case for Sun Court. There is no money allocated to, or available in, the MSTU program. Ms. Mognillansky-De Rose further commented that there are a few paving improvement projects already approved by the Board, which cannot move forward due to the lack of funding. Ms. Mognillansky-De Rose stated that OCR would follow up on this issue and will notify Mr. Carsillo on any updates on the project and when the funds become available.

Dave Kouns, from the Elmwood Estates/Roan Lane area, discussed an incident that started in January involving some young kids in his neighborhood. He appreciates the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in the community with these issues. Mr. Kouns also commented that he was finally able to coordinate a meeting with the residents. The meeting is scheduled for January 25th, 7:00p.m., at the church, and invited the group to attend. Mr. Kouns mentioned several things to be addressed at the meeting: the County allowing overcrowding of apartments to be built on such small pieces of property in the neighborhood; hotel that

inquired about purchasing the land on the corner of Roan Lane; septic/sewer system is not capable of handling this amount of people; and the lack of fire hydrants in the community.

Deputy Jessie Moreland, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office, reported on the following:

- Glades Communities Celebration – An event is scheduled for February 17th. They are putting together a parade on behalf of all the local high schools. This is the first time in state history and the nation that three (3) local high schools, located within 10 miles of each other, won State Championships. The Sheriff's Office has been meeting with all the Glades cities officials. Among the various organizations that will be attending are: Guinness Book of World Records and the Florida Sunshine Network. In addition, they are looking into doing another recognition at the Super Bowl. He further mentioned that a movie is being worked on regarding this history made in the Glades.

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

- He announced that he is the new community leader and is replacing Janel Horne.
- Code Enforcement – He is requesting code enforcement representation at the monthly community meetings.
- Park completion (Caroline Drive) – He spoke with someone named Dale and was told about a budget transfer that took place the beginning of this year, which held up the project. Concrete was poured in December '06. Mr. Horne asked for a completion date for the park. He commented that in April it would be one (1) year since the park project started.
- Paved Roads (eastside of the canal) – Inquired about request for roads to be paved.
- Community Policing Officers – The deputies of this area are constantly being reassigned. Therefore there is no visual of a deputy in the neighborhood, except for the monthly community meetings.
- Street Lighting – This has been an ongoing problem because FP&L will not release the plans to him, the Sheriff's Office or anyone else in authority. He stated that he would be visiting FP&L within the next couple of days.

Gail Vorpapel asked when are the monthly community meetings held. Mr. Horne responded that the community meetings are the 1st Monday of the month, at the Azelea Nursing Facility. She stated that the community support team consists of seven (7) code enforcement officers. Ms. Vorpapel brought a report showing the code enforcement officers and their assigned areas. Mr. Horne stated that since the code enforcement officers are assigned to specific streets, he is requesting one (1) contact person the community can work with when there is an issue. Ms. Vorpapel is looking into how to resolve this issue.

Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose inquired about the issue with FP&L regarding the streetlights. Mr. Horne stated that FP&L has the plans of where all the power poles are on the streets. He needs the plans to indicate what poles they would like the streetlights placed on. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose asked Mr. Horne to contact the OCR so that a meeting can be scheduled with the residents to see what assistance is needed for the group to complete and

submit an application. She asked Audley Reid to schedule an appointment for herself, and him to attend the next community meeting.

Deputy Ed Jablonski commented that he would give Mr. Horne an update on the names of the deputies assigned to his community. The crime has reduced in this community and he commended Deputy Diejuste for his work in the community.

Ilene Long, Old Trail, commented that they are doing a cleanup on January 27th. She inquired about getting supplies (garbage bags, gloves, and pickers). She will contact Joanna Aiken or Heather about the supplies and information. Ms. Long thanked Roads & Bridges, as well as Code Enforcement for all the work that they have done this past year.

Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton, resident in Palm Beach County/Assoc. Pastor of New Hope Deliverance Missionary Church, thought it was great that the Sheriff's Office was putting together a Gang Task Force. She is trying to get a coalition of the cities to come together to come up with activities for the youth. She is looking to identify buildings in Palm Beach County that can be dedicated for youth activities (skating, bowling, entrepreneurship training, reading centers). There will be a Board and she is looking for volunteers to serve on this Board. She mentioned several departments that have grants available. Ms. Jackson-Hamilton would like suggestions to help her move forward with this venture.

Kim Ciklin said that recently the Board of County Commissioners allocated \$2 million dollars to the Criminal Justice Commission for its Youth Violence Task Force for youth empowerment centers. She suggested that Ms. Jackson-Hamilton contact Diana Cunningham, of the Criminal Justice Commission.

Lisa Nora suggested that she contact Lonnie Lovett, Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Center. He is doing wonderful things for the youth.

David Rafaidus informed the group that Diana Cunningham had retired. He also suggested looking into having some collaborative efforts with the private sector to get some additional funding, such as Lowes or Home Depot.

Deputy Thomas suggested looking into the old King's Academy School building. The contact person would be Audrey Wolf's office, PREM.

VI. OCR STAFF UPDATES:

LaToya Ricketts, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Resident Education To Action Program - This is OCR's 4th year having REAP. REAP is a six (6) week educational program. The course will teach the community and resident groups how to organize their neighborhoods. Participants will have the opportunity to apply for a grant for up to \$5,000 to do a neighborhood project. There will be the following presentations: the Sheriff's Office will be making a presentation on public safety and neighborhood crime watch; the EOC will be talking about hurricane preparation and the SEARCH program; and there will be presentations on

how to prepare a budget, how to recruit volunteers and obtain community and county resources. This course will be very beneficial to the neighborhoods.

VI. OCR STAFF UPDATES: (Cont'd)

LaToya Ricketts, OCR Staff, reported on the following: (Cont'd)

The 1st REAP session will be in the Glades, starting January 25th – March 1st, Thursdays, 6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m., at PBCC campus, and dinner will be provided at each class. The 2nd session will be on the coast, starting March 13th – April 17th, Tuesdays, 6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m., and dinner will be provided at each class.

Mr. Gainer commented that the Palm Beach County School District is about to build another elementary school near one of the CCRT areas (Stacey Street/off Haverhill). They need residence or business owners to serve on the committee for this project. Mr. Gainer asked that you contact OCR, if anyone is interested or you may refer someone to OCR if they are interested.

Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose reported on the following:

- OCR Agenda Items – Going to the Board on February 6th: 1) Home Beautification Program to include homesteaded properties as another eligibility requirement for the program; 2) Agreements for the City of Belle Glade, South Bay, and Pahokee, the Sheriff's Office Putting Kids First Program, and an agreement for Abundant Life Fellowship for providing funds approved by the Board as part of the FY '06/'07 funding recommendations. The actual funding for these projects was approved by the Board on November 21st.
- OCR Gazette –The gazette is being reviewed and we anticipate publishing the gazette within the next month.
- Street Lighting – She commented regarding an update from Greg Cope, FP&L. Both projects in Old Trail and Golfview Heights, in Westgate, are being designed. At this point, FP&L is preparing the final design layout for the streetlights. OCR has received the layout for streetlights planned for Sun Court. She will be meeting with residents and staff to go over a few revisions that have been made to the locations by FP&L to make sure that residents are in agreement with the changes.
- Home Beautification Program – William Wynn is handling this project. He has been working diligently with PREM in making improvements to single-family homes in both Juno Ridge and in the Glades. She requested that Mr. Wynn bring before and after photos at the next CCRT meeting for the group to see the work that has been done.

Mr. Gainer asked Ms. Jackson-Hamilton to check on a water utilities project number X016. This is a Stacey Street Project.

Mr. Rafaidus commended the Sheriff's Office for their representation at the South Florida Fair. They have two (2) or three (3) booths. Also Fire Rescue, Parks & Recreation and some other departments are very well represented. He encourages everyone to take a look and see

what the government agencies are doing. Capt. Ed Jablonski commented that they would also have the Beat The Heat car at the South Florida Fair.

Ms. Long inquired about the starting date for the installation of the streetlights. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose responded that Audley Reid, Program Coordinator, would let her know as soon as FP&L provides him with an update.

Audley Reid, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Canal Point Community Visioning Workshop – will be held on January 27, 2007, 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m., at Canal Point Elementary School. He encourages Canal Point residents and business owners to attend and discuss what improvements are needed.

VII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

- The next CCRT meeting will be held on February 12, 2007, (Monday), from 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m., at the Clayton Hutcheson Building. The next GTAC meeting will be held on January 25, 2007 in Belle Glade.
- The Office of Community Revitalization will be providing the refreshments for the next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

Joyce Harrell, OCR Secretary

* **Note: In reference to the Activity Calendar for February & March, you may contact Joyce Harrell at 233-5311 or make an announcement at the next CCRT Meeting. Thank You.**

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