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**COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM  
MEETING MINUTES**

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Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston L.Tate, OCR Director  
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner  
Date/Time: January 16, 2024  
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

1. Alan Black YouthBuild Program Palm Beach County Housing Authority
2. Audley Reid PBC OCR
3. Casey Pranckun PBC Parks & Recreation
4. Chilondra Sheppard Boys & Girl Clubs of PBC
5. Deputy Cassie PBSO
6. Deputy Forde PBSO
7. Deputy King PBSO
8. Deputy Plesnik PBSO
9. Deputy Russell PBSO
10. Deputy Williams PBSO
11. Deputy Woods PBSO
12. George Schott PBC OCR
13. Giselle Badillo PBC OCR
14. Houston Tate PBC OCR
15. J B
16. Jean-Marie Moore PBC Community Services
17. Jennie Carter Family Impact
18. Katharine King CAM Estates Resident
19. Laura Hanley PBC District 3 Commissioner's Office
20. Linda Shaifer Epilepsy Alliance Florida
21. Liz Figueroa National Wildlife Refuge Association
22. Michael Owens School District of PBC
23. Mike Moore CAM Estates Resident
24. Milroy Senat Agency for Persons with Disabilities
25. Nicole Davis PBC OEBO
26. Nicole Prieto U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
27. Rae Milmore U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
28. Richard Padgett PBC Code Enforcement
29. Rick Torrance PBC Code Enforcement
30. Samantha Corr PBC ERM

31. Sara Perez Commissioner, City of Pahokee
32. Shanna Walker Cabana Colony Resident
33. Sharon Kavney Cabana Colony Resident
34. Stefania Russell PBC HED
35. Stephanie David YouthBuild Program Palm Beach County Housing Authority
36. Steve West The IN-CROWD
37. Susan Foley PBC Behavioral Health Coalition
38. Twiler Smith West Palm Beach Resident
39. Vanessa Williams Pahokee Housing Authority
40. William Wynn PBC OCR
41. Ysis Figueroa Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County

## MEETING MINUTES

### I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston L. Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Tate introduced the presenter **Stephanie David, YouthBuild Program Manager, with Palm Beach County Housing Authority (PBCHA)**

### II. PRESENTATION

**Stephanie David** began her presentation by thanking the CCRT for inviting her to talk about the PBCHA YouthBuild Program.

- YouthBuild Program
  - In 1978, Dorothy Stoneman asked the young people she worked with as a teacher and organizer in East Harlem, New York, how they would change their community if they had adult support. “We’d rebuild the houses. We’d take empty buildings back from the drug dealers and eliminate crime,” they answered.
  - YouthBuild believes that the goals, dreams, and aspirations of every young person are real. They are important, and they are achievable. Young people do not need fixing; they need champions who see them for who they are, and who they can become. Every young person possesses the potential to become a community leader and should have the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- What is offered through the PBCHA YouthBuild Program
  - Free GED Prep Instruction & Testing
  - Money Incentive
    - Weekly Attendance
    - Graduation Bonus
    - GED Completion Bonus
    - Career Training Bonus
    - Tuition Assistance
    - ETC
  - Community Engagement /Leadership
  - Construction Certification
    - OSHA 10/30

- Nation Center Construction Education and Research(NCCER)
- CPR Certification
- Hands-On Learning
- Vocational Credits
- Transportation Assistance
- YB Family Support
- Community Partners Support/ Community Resources
- Career Placement
- Life-Long Learning Experiences

### **PBCHA YouthBuild Program Contacts**

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\* A copy of the full presentation is included as an attachment.

### **Questions/Comments**

- Deputy Williams with PBSO asked if YouthBuild would be posting their sessions. Ms. David replied yes.
- Sara Perez, Commissioner of, the City of Pahokee asked if the YouthBuild program had plans of going to western PBC. Ms. David replied the plan is to venture out west to serve that area because there is a big need out there. The staff is still thinking about the logistics and transparency and how that would work.
- Houston Tate, OCR Director stated that he would like Ms. David to make the same presentation to the Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC) on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Sara Perez, Commissioner of, the City of Pahokee asked if transportation is provided. Ms. David replied that they are looking into getting a vehicle for those without transportation. Ms. Perez stated it is a great program and is needed in the Glades. Ms. David stated that there are discussions of having a satellite location in the Glades.
- Rae Milmore with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge asked how would you identify and find partners for the internship portion of the program. Ms. David replied there are some partners and there will be a job developer coming on staff. YouthBuild has a construction trainer that focuses on construction and a job developer whose sole responsibility is to find job opportunities. Some great partners are supporting the program.
- Houston Tate, OCR Director asked are the students coming from traditional schools or charter schools. Ms. David replied that school enrollment comes from a combination of community partners referring students to the program and students who heard about the program by word of mouth and figured out that the traditional school environment was not for them.
- Houston Tate, OCR Director asked what are the criteria to become eligible for the YouthBuild. Ms. David stated that the individual 1.) Has to be between the ages of 16 and 24. 2.) Be a member of a low-income family, foster care youth, a court-involved youth, a youth with a disability, or a child of an incarcerated parent 3.) Have dropped out of school and do not have received a high-school diploma. Must complete the Mental Toughness Week assessment of the program to school eligibility. Students are obligated to determine if they are going to remain at their current school and or drop out of school. Students electing to drop out of regular school and are considering enrolling in the YouthBuild Program, must complete a personal assessment and agree to remain in the YouthBuild Program. Newly admitted students will receive hands-on assistance navigating through the Mental Toughness Week of the program. Students will not be admitted into the program unless completing the mental

toughness aspect of the program.

- Michael Owens with the School District of PBC asked if the YouthBuild program has a relationship with a school, like Turning Points. Turning Points is the last opportunity for students with academic and behavioral issues to stay in the public school system. Ms. David replied that she has been working with different alternative schools and has been trying to get in contact with Turning Points. Mr. Owens replied that he would put Ms. David in contact with the principal of Turning Points. Mr. Owens's contact information was forwarded to Ms. David.
- Jennie Carter with Family Impact PBC asked if there was any way she could get a copy of the presentation. A PDF copy of the presentation was forwarded to Ms. Carter. Ms. Carter's contact information was also forwarded to Ms. David.
- Sara Perez, Commissioner of, the City of Pahokee asked if there was any indication as to when the program will be offered in the Glades. Ms. David replied that the Glades is currently in discussion.
- Ms. David asked if the YouthBuild program had been in discussion with Project LIFT located in Belle Glade because they serve the same population. They have a woodshop and they do construction skills and learning there.

### III. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Katharine King, CAM Estates Resident asked for an update on the following:
  - About the issue with the light pole at the community's main entrance. Houston Tate, OCR Director advised that no one is willing to take ownership of the pole. Mr. Tate advised that OCR and Traffic Engineering would have to figure out a solution. Houston Tate advised that he would have staff take photographs.
  - About the front entrance lawn on county property. Houston Tate advised that OCR would follow up.
  - Inquired about the sidewalk damage on the west side of Brian Way from Fernlea Dr. to Belvedere Rd. Houston Tate, OCR Director advised that he has been in contact with the current superintendent at the church related to this issue and he is also waiting on a video of the site from Johnny Gillins a CAM Estate resident. Houston Tate advised that he would have staff to take photographs.
  - About the dead tree in the center median, north of Fernlea Dr. on Brian Way that needs to be removed. Houston Tate advised that he would have OCR staff take photographs.
  - A large tree by the main entrance possibility on county property needs to be trimmed or removed. Houston Tate advised that he would have OCR staff take photographs.
  - Inquired about a traffic light being installed at Brian Way and Belvedere Rd. Fadi Nassar, Traffic Engineering advised that a traffic study would have to take place before any decision can be made. In past studies, this intersection did not meet the standards for a traffic light.
- About all the above issues Mr. Tate advised that OCR staff and Traffic Engineering staff would meet with Ms. King on site no later than the January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Rae Milmore with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge shared information about Everglades Days being held from February 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at the Arthur R. Marshall Wildlife Service Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33473

### IV. OCR UPDATES

- NEAT Grant
  - Houston Tate, OCR Director gave a brief overview of the grant program and advised that the new grant cycle will be coming up soon. Chrystal Mathews, OCR Senior Planner will provide more information.
  - Houston Tate, OCR Director gave a brief overview of the Back to School PBC event.
  - George Schott, OCR IMMS advised that the Back to School PBC event registration is upcoming

## V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Samantha Corr, PBC ERM
  - Natural Areas Festival February 17<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Winding Waters Natural Area, 6161 Haverhill Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33407
- Stefania Russell, PBC HED
  - HED announces the availability of approximately **\$4,000,000** in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) First Mortgage Loan Assistance Program.
  - PRE-APPLICATION ORIENTATION: Before applying, applicants may attend one of the virtual pre-application orientations listed below:
    1. Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 2:00 pm
    2. Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:30 am
    3. Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 4:00 pm
  - The Pre-Application Orientation Meeting WebEx link is:  
<https://pbc-gov.webex.com/pbc-gov/j.php?MTID=m7149b8c00d50308001233ec7f4e26dbc>  
[\[pbc-gov.webex.com\]](https://pbc-gov.webex.com)

*The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.*

Approved by: *Houston L. Tate*, OCR Director \_\_\_\_\_

