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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 21, 2020
 Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. | Joanna Aiken | SWA |
| 2. | Christopher Ayala | Cannongate-Southwoods Resident |
| 3. | Daniel Barone | Cannongate-Southwoods Resident |
| 4. | Jayme Bosio | PBC Library |
| 5. | Judith Bradley | Floral Park Resident |
| 6. | Vivian Brooks | PBC OCR |
| 7. | Judith Davies | Cannongate0Southwoods Resident |
| 8. | Deputy Ellis | PBSO |
| 9. | Deputy Exceus | PBSO |
| 10. | Deputy Forde | PBSO |
| 11. | Deputy Fox | PBSO |
| 12. | Randee Gabriel | 211 Helpline |
| 13. | Bruce Guyton | Palm Tran |
| 14. | Linda Hamilton | Royal Palm Beach Resident |
| 15. | Bonnie Hodges-Leech | San Castle Resident |
| 16. | Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 17. | Mathieu Jean-Baptiste | HECA |
| 18. | Hazel Lucas | Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. (FRLS) |
| 19. | Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 20. | Bill McDonald | Plantation Resident |
| 21. | Randall Miller | Miller Environmental Solutions, LLC |
| 22. | Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR |
| 23. | Fadi Nassar | PBC Engineering |
| 24. | Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 25. | Deputy Plesnik | PBSO |
| 26. | Ike Powell | PBC Youth Services |
| 27. | Casey Pranckun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 28. | David Rafaidus | PBC Community Services |
| 29. | Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 30. | Syheita Rhoden | SunTerra Resident |
| 31. | Leroy Rouse | Gramercy Park Resident |
| 32. | Milroy Senat | Agency for Person with Disabilities |
| 33. | Michael Sklar | PBC DHES |
| 34. | Anna Stewart | Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC |
| 35. | Thomas Totz | Plantation Resident |
| 36. | Charles Vercillo | Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. (FRLS) |
| 37. | William Wynn | PBC OCR |

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, 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. **Department Updates**

Jayne Bosio, PBC Library System

- Ms. Bosio mentioned that the Library system will no longer charge late fines on materials that are overdue. Their mission is to provide open access to information and materials.
- There will still be due dates.
- Library cards are no longer necessary to use the library's computers
- The supervisor of elections will be at the main library on January 22, 2020 @ 6:30p.m. to discuss the upcoming 2020 election and to demonstrate the new voting equipment.

Casey Prankun, PBC Parks & Recreation (P&R)

- Ms. Prankun reported that the Bridgeman Drive Park is under construction, with possible completion within the next two months.
- P&R received a request from Cabana Colony CCRT area residents for lighting installation at the park. P&R is looking into the feasibility of installing lights, which has never been done in the past for neighborhood parks.
- An agenda item will be going to the BCC for the Limestone Creek and San Castle basketball courts in March.

Fadi Nassar, PBC Engineering

- Mr. Nassar reported that the Seminole Manor's resurfacing project is scheduled for the year 2024.
- A traffic study has been done for the intersection of Lantana Rd & Lawrence Rd to hopefully resolve the traffic issues in the Seminole Manor CCRT areas. The results of the study should be available the week of January 27th. Ms. Moguillansky asked Mr. Nassar to provide a copy of the study and Engineering recommendations.

Michael Sklar, PBC Housing Economic Sustainability (HES)

- Mr. Sklar reported that HES is in the process of preparing its Consolidated Plan for the next 5 year period. The Plan will be before the Board of County Commissioners in July of 2020 and submitted to HUD in August.
- HES is also in the process of developing their Action Plan. He indicated to the CCRT members that this is a great time to submit projects to HES for funding consideration.
- Two public meetings will be held in March of 2020. One in central PBC and the other in the Glades area

Helene Hvizd, PBC Attorney's Office

- Ms. Hvizd, Assistant County Attorney, reported that the SWA will be sending out a flyer to the Juno Ridge CCRT area with the new ordinance changes for garbage and trash removal.

Ike Powell, PBC Youth Services (YS)

- Mr. Powell reported that YS Summer Camp Scholarship Program online applications are being accepted from January 20th until March 31st.
- The link to the online application is:
http://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx

David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services

Mr. Rafaidus stated that Community Services will be having its 24-hour Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count during the week of January 20th with the assistance of PBSO. Data collected from

the Point-In-Time count helps pinpoint geographic zones where services are needed and will provide vital information when seeking funding to support homeless programs throughout Palm Beach County.

Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC (DPC)

- Ms. Stewart shared information about the following DPC's programs intended to prevent drowning, near-drowning and other water-related incidents in Palm Beach County:
 - ✓ Free land based water safety presentations for children and adults.
 - ✓ Free and reduced cost swimming lessons for children in need.
- Ms. Stewart mentioned that the DPC has a booth at the 2020 South Florida Fair.
- Ms. Stewart encouraged meeting participants to reach out to her for additional information on their programs and to arrange presentations a presentation at a community meeting or event.

Joanna Aiken, SWA

- Ms. Aiken reported that the SWA has applications for its Recycle Paint Program for exterior painting, and encouraged participants to complete and submit applications for this program.
- There are 203 groups assisting with litter cleanup in Palm Beach County (PBC).
- The Paint Your Heart Out (PYHO) program is still available to PBC residents that meet certain eligibility requirements.
- PYHO & Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches (RTPB) will be applying again this year for funding through the upcoming 2020 NEAT Grant Program.
- The SWA is also working on veterans housing. They are currently working on a project in the Kennedy Estates CCRT area with the Town of Jupiter Police Department and Home Depot.

Audley Reid, PBC OCR

- Mr. Reid reported that OCR is working on the agenda item for the basketball court projects in Limestone Creek and San Castle. Hopefully this agenda will go before the BCC sometime in March of 2020.
- OCR is currently in the petition process for the Seminole Manor speed hump project.

Vivian Brooks, OCR

- Mrs. Brooks mentioned that OCR staff is working on the CCRT Areas Reassessment Study for unincorporated PBC.

Chrystal Mathews, PBC OCR

- Mrs. Mathews provided a brief overview of the NEAT Grant Program.
- The NEAT grant cycle opened on January 8, 2020.
- A mandatory Pre-Application Conference will be on February 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Vista Center (Room 1E 58/59), located at 2300 N. Jog Road, in West Palm Beach.

Ruth Moguillansky, PBC OCR

- Ms. Moguillansky briefly spoke about this year's upcoming back to school event (Back to School PBC!) which will be held on August 1, 2020 at the PBC Convention Center, Village Academy and Palm Beach State College Belle Glade campus. Additional information regarding this year's event will be forthcoming, and volunteer recruitment efforts have already started. She asked participants to let OCR staff know if interested in participating/volunteering for this event.

III. Presentation: Charles Vercillo Esq., Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. (FRLS)

The purpose of Mr. Vercillo's presentation was to promote the FRLS' Client Needs and Community Needs Assessment Survey. The purpose of the survey is to find out the legal needs that are impacting low communities and getting input from community services providers as well as potential clients and applicants in order to determine which legal problems are facing the community and how best the community can be served.

Mr. Vercillo started his presentation with a brief overview of Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. (FRLS) and handed out surveys to all in attendance. The organization was founded in 1966 and provides legal services within thirteen (13) Florida counties. Services are provided to low-income individuals and families, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, senior citizens, and people with disabilities. Focus areas include: housing, family law, public benefits, individual rights, consumer rights, elder law, immigration, education, medical services, farm worker law, labor and employment, domestic violence, victims of crime, and violence against women.

IV. Presentation: OCR Staff, Palm Beach County 2020 CCRT Reassessment Presentation

Ms. Moguillansky reminded the group about the previous assessments conducted, including the original 1997 Community Needs Analysis and Resource Assessment completed in 1997, which led to the creation of the CCRT, and the other two assessments completed in 2003 and 2010. The original assessment identified and prioritized 29 areas of need of County resources and services. In the 2003 Focus Areas Study, emphasis was placed on creating more manageable neighborhoods to concentrate efforts. In addition to prioritizing those areas based on needs/deficiencies and available resources identified by CCRT participating Departments, that report recommended three priority focus areas, Wallis Street West, Kenwood Estates and Canal Point. Additionally, the report identified and categorized all of the areas into groups according to the level of need and redefined boundaries to subdivision level. A total of 104 areas were designated as a result of that study. Later in 2010, a new study was done, and now it is time to reassess these neighborhoods.

Ms. Moguillansky talked about the changes that have occurred in the last 10 years, and how the focus of the CCRT has changed over those years as a result. Palm Beach County has endured several major hurricanes, property values have increased, funding for neighborhood improvements have been very limited, cost of infrastructure improvements have increased. These along with limited staff resources and change in priorities, lead the OCR to refocus its efforts towards investing in and building community capacity, and finding ways to partner with outside organizations to help address community needs. She then asked Mrs. Mathew and Mrs. Brooks to go over the 2020 CCRT Reassessment Study.

Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Brooks provided a detailed presentation on the study. Highlights of the presentation included:

1. The role of the Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) within the County;
2. PBC Strategic Priorities;
3. Policy and Purpose;
4. Minimum Parameters for CCRT Designation;
5. 2020 CCRT Reassessment implementation Schedule (Tentative);
6. Information/Data Needed from CCRT members;
7. Anticipated Outcomes; and
8. Partnerships & Resources.

* The powerpoint presentation is attached

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

A discussion ensued regarding the potential of eliminating some areas that no longer meet the basic parameters for CCRT areas designation, or areas that have improved as a result of the team efforts.

- David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services representative, stated that CCRT areas that have received services and experience improvements, even if they no longer meet the basic parameters for CCRT area designation, should not be removed from the list to help sustain efforts.
- Fadi Nassar, PBC Engineering and Public Services representative, emphasized on the need to keep areas that have experienced improvements. This is key to ensure that revitalization efforts

are sustainable in the long run. Mr. Fadar further explained that infrastructure improvements are important but lessons learned indicate that it is important to sustain what was started. Depending on an area's current conditions, there may be a need for ongoing support from PBSO, code enforcement, and continued community organizing efforts.

V. Questions/Comments:

- Hazel Lucas, FRLS advised that the FRLS provides legal services for non-profits that service low income individuals
- Michael Sklar, HES stated that projects should be the result of neighborhood efforts instead of one or two individuals. Entire neighborhoods should be involved which may give them a better chance to get a positive response for their efforts.
- Bonnie Hodges-Leech, San Castle resident stated her concern is that there are improvement projects scheduled for her community but there is no given timeline for the projects. Ms. Hodges-Leech was advised that timelines are difficult to give when other government entities and outside corporations are involved. However, Mr. Nassar will be obtaining information on upcoming projects and let Ms. Hodges know of anticipated schedule.
- Christopher Ayala, Cannongate-Southwoods resident, stated that residents concern is the paving of some of the neighborhood roads as well as street light issues. Mr. Fadi Nassar will follow up with Mr. Ayala to determine if roads in need of paving are private or County roads, and whether any assistance could be provided. William Wynn, OCR Neighborhood Street Lighting Coordinator, offered to meet with Mr. Ayala regarding streetlights.
- Syheita Rhoden, SunTerra resident, reported on the critical need for a sidewalk along Belvedere Road on the south side of the street once you reach the cross streets of Belvedere Road and Fieldstone Way. There are safety issues with the lack of sidewalks, crossing guards, and traffic signals not being present for students leaving the Sunterra community to walk to school. The limited sidewalk that does exist ends just before approaching Belvedere Rd., which has cars passing by on both east and west directions, with 2 lanes for each direction; in addition to a middle lane for turns. This is a total of 5 lanes to be crossed to reach a sidewalk on the north side of the street. Being that there is no bus stop or crosswalk at the intersection of Belvedere Road and Fieldstone Way the students have to walk east to bus stops located on Caroline Avenue in Lake Belvedere Estates. Ms. Rhoden stated that If there is a need for greater population of the neighborhood to appeal to the commission about this safety issue she is willing to gather residents with children attending nearby schools to share their concern concerning the lack of access to safe sidewalks to and from school and to nearby bus stops. Ms. Rhoden is also willing to meet the appropriate personnel at the site in question to illustrate the exact locations and the points of concern.

PBC Traffic Engineering advised that there is a 1 Cent Sales Tax sidewalk project proposed for this area on the south side of Belvedere Road from 62nd Drive N. east to Haverhill Park. The project design is scheduled for 2021 and the actual project construction will take place in 2023. Ms. Rhoden was notified about this future project.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____

2020 CCRT Areas Reassessment



PALM BEACH COUNTY

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

“Revitalizing communities one neighborhood at a time”.



What is the role of the Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) within the County?

- ▶ Facilitates and coordinates community revitalization initiatives within designated residential neighborhoods in unincorporated PBC.
- ▶ Provides recommendations to the BCC on where to allocate funds to initiate and complete neighborhood improvement projects.
- ▶ Works with other departments in the review of annexations and development proposals for consistency with community revitalization goals.
- ▶ Identifies as well as procures funding for neighborhood improvement projects.
- ▶ Facilitates neighborhood improvement projects and sustainable community initiatives through leadership development training, grant programs, resource referral, and technical assistance to neighborhood , groups, leaders and volunteers.



PBC Strategic Priority: Economic Development

- REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES THAT WILL RETAIN AND ATTRACT HOMEOWNERS AND ELIMINATE BLIGHTED CONDITIONS.
- EMPOWER RESIDENTS TO INVEST IN NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY.



Policy and Purpose

POLICY 1.2.1-B OF THE PBC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ORDINANCE, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT:

- Requires a periodic review and update of the Community Needs Analysis.

The last CCRT Areas Reassessment was approved by the BCC in January 2010.



Policy and Purpose

EVALUATE

- All existing CCRT areas to ensure they are in need of assistance;

IDENTIFY

- Which areas, if any, need to be removed from the original list of designated areas or if boundaries need to be redefined;

IDENTIFY

- Other potential areas in need of assistance within unincorporated Palm Beach County; and

PRIORITIZE

- Which areas should be the focus of a concentrated revitalization effort.

Minimum Parameters for CCRT Designation

- ▶ Be located in unincorporated Palm Beach County
- ▶ The land use is primarily residential
- ▶ 51% of households are low-to-moderate income
- ▶ Have a high need for law enforcement
- ▶ Have a high volume of code violations



Minimum Parameters for CCRT Designation

UNINCORPORATED
PBC OR GLADES
ECONOMIC
OVERLAY

PRIMARILY
RESIDENTIAL

51% OF
HOUSHOLDS ARE
LOW/MODERATE
INCOME

LOW PROPERTY
VALUES

HIGH NEED FOR
LAW
ENFORCEMENT

HIGH VOLUME OF
CODE VIOLATIONS

2020

CCRT Reassessment implementation Schedule (Tentative)

Task/Event	Timeframe
Data and Map Request from agencies and County Departments (due by 3/30/2020)	December 2019-March 2020
Analyze maps and data to determine if existing/new areas meet minimum parameters	March 2020-April 2020
Develop parameter/indicator checklist	March 2020
Conduct Windshield Surveys of all qualifying areas including photos of each area (minimum 5 photos for each area)	April 2020-June 2020
Work on reassessment outline, new and existing areas analysis, outcomes and recommendation.	June 2020-September 2020
Present preliminary findings to County Administration and draft Agenda item	October 2020
Agenda Item due to OFMB	November 3, 2020
BCC approval	December 8, 2020

INFORMATION/DATA NEEDED

AGENCY	DATA	WHATS NEEDED
PBSO	Requested Information - Areas with high level of law enforcement service need.	<u>DATA FOR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE HIGH LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE NEED:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SERVICE CALLS• VIOLENT TRAUMA CALLS• REPORTED CRIMES FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS

INFORMATION/DATA NEEDED, cont'd

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	DATA	WHATS NEEDED
CODE ENFORCEMENT	Requested Information - Areas with high levels of code enforcement violations	<u>DATA FOR AREAS THAT HAVE HIGH CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMPLAINTS• VIOLATIONS• CODE LIENS FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS

INFORMATION/DATA NEEDED, cont'd

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	DATA	WHATS NEEDED
ENGINEERING	Requested Information AREAS OF THE COUNTY THAT NEED ROAD REPAIR, SIDEWALKS AND STREETLIGHTS	GIS shapefiles showing locations of roads that have been repaved or are scheduled to be repaved in the current CIP Shapefiles showing locations of streetlights Shapefiles showing locations of sidewalks and proposed sidewalks in the current CIP

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES



- ▶ Identify CCRT areas that **no longer** meet the minimum parameters;
- ▶ Identify **portions** of CCRT areas that no longer meet the minimum parameters;
- ▶ Identify **new areas** that meet the minimum parameters;
- ▶ **Prioritize** areas based on their composite score and need; and
- ▶ Develop an **implementation plan** for priority areas.

PARTNERSHIPS & RESOURCES

- ▶ **Neighborhood Parks and Open Space** – Grants, Parks & Recreation, OCR
- ▶ **Roadways and Sidewalks** – Engineering, Housing & Economic Sustainability, OCR
- ▶ **Streetlights & Speed Humps** – OCR
- ▶ **Housing Rehab** – SWA, OCR, Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity, Code Enforcement
- ▶ **Code Issues** – Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Leadership
- ▶ **Crime** – PBSO and Neighborhood Leadership