

# Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of July 11, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Hutcheson Building, Hall “B”

## Minutes

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### Present:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority  
Christina Bourgault, Dillman Heights Neighborhood Watch  
Bobbi Boynton, P.B.C. Code Enforcement Division  
Willie Brookins, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Jorceline Cadet, P.B.C. Housing Authority  
Capt. Albert Cancia, The Salvation Army  
Don Calocero, Elmwood Estates Resident  
Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail Resident  
Jerry Carsillo, Sun Court Resident  
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth Resident  
Sgt. M. Custer, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Sgt. Rick Dempsey, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Julie DeNicolais, Dillman Heights Resident  
Margaret Doucett, Resident  
Dan Dumas, San Castle Community Leadership Inc.  
Kim Gabel, Elmwood Resident  
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)  
Pinal Gandlin, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development  
Seretha George, City of Greenacres  
Deputy Ken Gray, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Sylvia Jackson-Hamilton, P.B.C. Water Utilities  
Joyce Harrell, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)  
Deputy James Harryton, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Ron Hinkle, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission  
Ken Jackson, P.B.C. Code Enforcement  
Edward Kaye, WGHNA  
Kathy King, Lake Worth West Resid. Planning Group  
Dave Kouns, Roan Lane Resident  
Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident  
Edward Lowery, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)  
Lt. Ed Luty, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Deputy MacLeod, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Michael Marquis, P.B.C. Engineering Department  
Tonda Masson, Lake Worth Corridor Resident  
Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)  
Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)

**Present** (Cont'd)

Bilal Mujahid, P.B.C. Water Utilities Department  
Brenda Oakes, Criminal Justice Council  
Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District  
Ora Owensby, P.B.C. Zoning Division  
David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services  
LaToya Ricketts, Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)  
Ruth Ann Sheffy, Dillman Heights Resident  
Sharon Sheppard, Westgate/Belvedere Homes CRA  
Carol Shumaker, Elmwood Estates Resident  
Barbara Bell-Spence, City of Belle Glade  
Deputy Dwayne Thomas, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Deputy C. Veneziano, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office  
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building Division  
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

**CCRT Members Absent:**

Diana Cunningham, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission  
Gerry Gawaldo, P.B.C. Palm Tran  
Tim Granowitz, P.B.C. Parks & Recreation Department  
Jan Jeck, P.B.C. Property & Real Estate Management  
Tom Lefevre, P.B.C. Health Department  
Don Loutsch, Children Services Council  
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development Office  
Chauncey Taylor, Facilities Development & Operations  
Willy Volk, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development  
Gail Vorpapel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement 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 June 8, 2006 CCRT minutes. There were no corrections to the minutes.

**III. REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UPS:**

Mr. Gainer stated that copies of the follow-ups from the May 9, 2006 CCRT meeting were available on the information table. He asked the group to contact him or Audley Reid, if anyone had questions.

#### **IV. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

##### **Bilal Mujahid, Water Utilities, reported on the following:**

- Donnel Road Project (SE corner of Okeechobee Road & Military Trail) – The project deadline has been extended. As mentioned at the last CCRT meeting, the residents did not support the project very well. There is still some possibility of obtaining the necessary petitions and saving the project.
- Ranch House Road area – He sent an e-mail to OCR requesting additional funds in the amount of \$28,202.42 to expand the Ranch House Road Area CCRT Special Assessment Project. Mr. Gainer commented that he is working on the Agenda Item, which is scheduled to go before the Board on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Sutton Terrace/Dillman Road Project – In the final construction phase of the project. He anticipates water connections in approximately three (3) weeks.

Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose reminded Mr. Mujahid to submit to OCR a letter indicating the cost of providing water to the two (2) residential properties in the Old Military Trail area that were not included in the original water improvement project. Mr. Mujahid commented that he would be responding today.

##### **Sgt. Rick Dempsey, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office, reported on the following:**

- The Sheriff's Office is taking over the City of Belle Glade Police Department. Because of this effort, some areas may be less one Deputy.

#### **V. RESIDENT UPDATES:**

##### **Dan Dumas, San Castle, reported on the following:**

- The Sheriff's Office (Community Policing Officers) – are doing extremely good.
- Code Enforcement Division – Lance & Bruce have made a significant difference.
- Solid Waste Authority – is doing a great job.

Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose commented about funds allocated for the promenade project in San Castle. She stated that a long time ago the San Castle Board expressed the desire to use the funds originally allocated for this project to extend the maintenance period for the streetlights that were installed a couple of years ago. However, a letter from the organization was never received regarding this item. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose explained that in order for OCR to bring this item to the Board to approve the reprogramming of the funds, OCR will need a letter from the organization stating that they are no longer interested in proceeding with the promenade project and would like the funds to be used toward extending the maintenance period for the streetlights.

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

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

- Newsletter – Ms. King distributed copies of the new newsletter to the group.
- Putting Kids First event – They recently hired a new Family Coordinator, Marisol Martise.
- Carpentry Class – Father Ed Beulich, former Sheriff of Palm Beach County, is teaching the class.
- Monthly Community Meeting – next meeting will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The staff from the Emergency Operations Center will be giving a presentation on hurricane awareness. The residents are working on preparing a hurricane survival box, which is to be given away at the meeting.
- Summer Camp – The first week of the camp was called Harmony In The Streets for the kids. The summer camp program has been expanded to include middle and high school age children. The children did a lot of exciting things and went on a lot of trips. One of the trips involved going to Right Notes Studios. The studio is located in the old water building on Congress Avenue. The studio is used for recording music. Ms. King stated that in the studio, the kids had to pick a theme, develop the words and the beat of the music. Ms. King brought a copy of the CD to play for the group. The theme of the song is Put Your Mind To It. The song was very inspirational and motivational for all children. The kids did an excellent job in creating the words and music to the theme. The CCRT group showed by applause that they really enjoyed hearing the CD.

Shirley Cantelo inquired about the cost to purchase the CD. Ms. King will be looking into the selling of the CD for anyone who may be interested. You may contact Ms. King by email at [Kathy@lakeworthwest.org](mailto:Kathy@lakeworthwest.org).

Sylvia Hamilton-Jackson commended the kids for coming up with the words for the song. It has an excellent message for young people. The kids are doing a good job because they are showing a positive attitude.

**Julie DeNicolais, Dillman Heights Resident, reported on the following:**

- On behalf of the community, she commended the contractors hired by Water Utilities Department to do the installation of the water mains for the water connections. She stated that the workers were courteous and did an excellent job with cleanup.

Christina Bourgault of Dillman Heights commented regarding the streetlight project. She stated that they are working on a proposal for speed humps and streetlights, and thanked Ms. Mognillansky-De Rose for all her help. Ms. Mognillansky-De Rose reminded Ms. Bourgault that the streetlight application needed to be kept somehow separate from the speed hump petition.

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

Ms. Cantelo commented that she has had well water for many years. She expressed her gratitude to the Water Utilities Department for connection to County water. Mr. Muhamid responded that he appreciates the compliment and he will relay the compliment to the Department and the contractor.

**VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – The Salvation Army**

Mr. Gainer introduced Captain Albert Cancia with The Salvation Army. His office is located on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard.

Mr. Cancia began by stating that the Salvation Army works side by side with the Red Cross. The organization was created in 1865 by William Bolt, mid eastern preacher. During that time, Mr. Bolt named the organization The Christian Mission and later the name was changed to The Salvation Army. Mr. Cancia stated that The Salvation Army is an organization that transforms men into productive citizens. The organization has a lot of volunteers. He further mentioned that in Palm Beach County, the centers for men are located in Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Lake Worth to Boynton, and West Palm Beach to Jupiter. Also there is a center for rehabilitating men and women off Military Trail in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Cancia distributed brochures showing the different programs or functions of the organization. The program's functions listed are: 1) Focusing on youth through various programs such as Boy's Club, Sunbeans (young girls club), and Teen Girl Guards; 2) Remembering the forgotten and aged (visitation program - League of Mercy); 3) Adult Fellowship; 4) Christmas Sharing; 5) Emergency Disaster Service; 6) The Center of Hope (provide food, clothing, furniture, job referrals, etc.); 7) Serving the family (financial assistance, marital counseling); 8) Correctional Services – pre-release programs for inmates & counseling; and 10) Northwest Community Center (safe haven for children).

Mr. Gainer asked the group for questions or comments.

Someone inquired about the location to drop off donations. Mr. Cancia responded that the center on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard accept donations.

Ms. Cantelo commented that she was involved with The Center of Hope, located on Military Trail several years ago through an anger management program for the children of the families of that facility. She further commented that she really appreciates The Center of Hope and The Salvation Army for what they are doing.

Joanna Aiken commented that years ago The Salvation Army residents did a lot of volunteer work to help out The Solid Waste Authority in doing community improvement projects. She inquired if this type of volunteer help is still being considered. Mr. Cancia commented yes.

Mr. Gainer asked David Rafaidus if The Salvation Army could have a representative at each of the six (6) emergency operating areas. David Rafaidus responded that he would need to relay this to the Emergency Operations Coordinator.

## **VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – The Salvation Army (Cont'd)**

Sgt. Jimmy Hightower expressed a concern with a family being homeless and needing shelter. Sgt. Hightower commented that The Center of Hope does not have a program or shelter that would take the entire family. There are programs that will take men and women. He explained a specific situation he faced with a woman who had two (2) young children and needed shelter. Sgt. Hightower stated that The Center of Hope said they could take the mother but not the two (2) kids. Capt. Cancia responded that losing a big target of the fund raising has caused some of the programs to suffer. Capt. Cancia further commented that he would relay this information at the next meeting.

Edward Lowery addressed the issue with families needing shelter to Mr. Rafaidus. He inquired who would provide the services for taking in a family. Mr. Lowery also inquired if the Department could develop a referral list of active programs or agencies that provides this type of service. Mr. Lowery also mentioned that there are agencies that provide vouchers that could be used at hotels, etc. to address this type of immediate need. Chrystal Mathews shared information on using 211 for help. Ms. Mathews also mentioned that on-line INR.org lists all types of social service organizations. Mr. Lowery commented that OCR would look into finding agencies that will take in families and requested staff to coordinate a meeting between staff representatives from Community Services and Housing and Community Development.

Ron Hinkle commented that at the Criminal Justice Service Center, they have had families come into the center requesting assistance with shelter. He confirmed that they have had an issue with agencies/organizations that take in children, women, or men but there is a problem in placing families. He mentioned several agencies that do take in families but the problem is space availability.

Mr. Gainer suggested that maybe the CCRT group could develop some recommendations for family-oriented facilities in residential neighborhoods. The group thought this was a good suggestion.

Barbara Bell-Spence commented that there is a gap in service with assisting people who are homeless and in need of immediate shelter. She stated that she called the number 211, and they first try to schedule an appointment for assessments. This needs to be addressed in order to assist people who are already homeless.

David Rafaidus informed the group about an agenda item being presented to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the allocation of funds to programs that address this issue specifically. He would like to be made aware of other gaps in service that may affect the entire family. He further commented that Community Services could develop a referral list of active programs for the Sheriff's Office and other agencies to use.

## **VII. OCR STAFF UPDATES:**

### **Duane Gainer, OCR Staff, reported on the following:**

OCR office is officially moving to the new location on tomorrow: Vista Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – East Wing; 2300 N. Jog Road; West Palm Beach, FL 33411.

### **Edward Lowery, OCR Staff, reported on the following:**

- OCR's Website – The website is up and running (pbcgov.com/ocr).
- Newspaper Article – The Sheriff's Office will be taking over policing responsibilities for the City of Belle Glade.
- Putting Kids First Program (Glades Area) – The Sheriff's Office is sponsoring the activity in the Glades area. The first Putting Kids First Program was kicked-off by Kenwood Estates and Lake Worth West. The Putting Kids First activity for the Glades Area (Glades Central High School), and the Eastern Area (Okeehetee Middle School) are both scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 3:00pm. OCR allocated funding for both events.
- BCC Agenda (Budgeting Process) - OCR is hoping for a budget increase.
- Street Lighting Program – OCR is seeing an increase in applications. The Sheriff's Office is working with the communities to identify the areas impacted by a lack of appropriate street lighting.
- Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPG) – There was an increase in the number of applications submitted. He mentioned that he was excited about the application from Lantana Homes requesting a substation.
- Emergency Operations Center – OCR staff is assigned to work at the various locations during a hurricane or disaster.

Ms. Bell-Spence announced that the Emergency Operations Center would be sponsoring a barbecue on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 3:00pm, at the Belle Glade Marina. One of the topics will be evacuation. Ms. Bell-Spence also announced that on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 1:00pm, representatives from the Department of Community Affairs will be at PBCC in the Glades.

Chrystal Mathews announced that on July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am, the NPG Review Committee is scheduled to meet. Ms. Mathews also commented on the CCRT Focus Study that she is currently working on. She stated that the Departments would be receiving via email, within the next two (2) weeks, a ranking form to complete the reassessment of CCRT areas.

Audley Reid commented on the street lighting program. He stated that OCR staff has been providing technical assistance to several community groups in their efforts to complete an application. He also commented that he and LaToya Ricketts recently met with representatives from Gramercy Park to help them reach consensus on desired streetlight locations.

## VIII. QUESTIONS/COMMENS:

Kathy King commented that she had prepared a hurricane list in English and Spanish. If anyone would like for her to provide a copy of that list to please contact her at [Kathy@lakeworthwest.org](mailto:Kathy@lakeworthwest.org).

Sgt. Hightower asked if someone could look into the power being out at 328 Urquhart Street (CPO substation). The power has been out since the hurricane. Mr. Lowery commented that OCR would look into this issue.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT:

- The next CCRT meeting will be held on August 8, 2006 (Tuesday), 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m., at the Clayton Hutcheson Building. The next GTAC meeting will be held on July 27, 2006 at South Bay.
- The Office of Community Revitalization will be providing refreshments for the next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Joyce Harrell, OCR Secretary

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

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