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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Principal Planner
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, Senior Planner
Date/Time: June 9, 2015
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Joanna Aiken | Solid Waste Authority |
| 2. Rudi Bester | Memory Trees Corp |
| 3. Debbie Bester | Memory Trees Corp |
| 4. Sergeant Angelo | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 5. Sergeant Hightower | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 6. Captain Lindskoog | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 7. Deputy Ellis | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 8. Deputy DeLaura | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 9. Deputy Rouzeau | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 10. Michael Owens | Palm Beach County School District |
| 11. Anne Helfant | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 12. Rachel Ramos | Cayuga Centers Palm Beach |
| 13. Marta Gifford | Cayuga Centers Palm Beach |
| 14. Sandy McCarthy | San Castle Community |
| 15. Lana Martinez | San Castle Community |
| 16. Bill McDonald | Plantation Community |
| 17. Robin Rance-Hoffman | Commissioner Burdick's Office |
| 18. Casey Prancun | Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation |
| 19. Ericka Gottsegen | Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation |
| 20. Quinn Hayes | Florida Department of Health, PBC |
| 21. Ken Wilson | Florida Department of Health, PBC |
| 22. Tammy Fields | PBC Youth Services |
| 23. Bill Johnson | PBC Emergency Management |
| 24. Pam Nolan | PBC Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) |
| 25. Houston Tate | PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) |
| 26. Chrystal Mathews | PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) |
| 27. Derrek Moore | PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) |
| 28. Audley Reid | PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) |
| 29. William Wynn | PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) |

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Houston Tate called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and asked the committee and the attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Department Updates

Captain Lindskoog, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO)

- Advised that once the community connector for San Castle is on board and the programs for the San Castle community center are in place PBSO would like to partner with the community.

Michael Owens, Palm Beach County School representative, reported the following:

- Mr. Owens stated that he has been in constant contact with Barbara Haider in reference to implementing a garden at Carver Middle School. He advised Ms. Haider that there would need to be a scope of work and an agreement between the gardener and the School Board to limit the school boards liability. If an agreement is reached hopefully a project will be implemented sometime in 2016.

Casey Pranckun, Palm Beach Parks & Recreation (P&R) representative, reported the following:

- With the partnership of the OCR and DES the asphalt basketball court located at the Old Trail Community Park will be getting replaced with a concrete court.
- P&R will be getting some ADA funds to assist with the overlay of the existing walkway at the Old Trail Community Park that was damaged by tree roots.

Tammy Fields, Director PBC Youth Services

- Announced that Shayla Davis is now the Contracts/Grants Development and Oversight manager for Youth Services
- Advised that James Green, Director of Outreach and Community Programming for Youth Services will be making a presentation on the "My Brother's Keepers" initiative at the July 14th CCRT meeting.
- In reference to the Putting Kids First/Community Back to School Bash Ms. Fields advised that Youth Services have two (2) pallets of hygiene kits that they would like to provide to the event.
- Ms. Fields advised that if anyone is aware of children that are in need in their communities, please contact Youth Services.

III. OCR Staff Reports

Dr. Audley Reid, Senior Planner

- Community Connect – Dr. Reid advised that the new issue of the community connection newsletter is out. This publication contains information on new grant opportunities. Dr. Reid advised that if anyone would like to be added to OCR's distribution mailing list to please provide their contact information.

IV. Presentations

Rachel Ramos, Director of Enhanced Treatment Foster Care at Cayuga Centers Palm Beach

- Cayuga Centers Palm Beach (<http://cayugacenters.org/>) is based in Auburn, New York. The Cayuga Centers Palm Beach provides residential treatment to teenagers and enhanced treatment foster care. In Palm Beach County Cayuga Centers Palm Beach is contracted with ChildNet (<http://www.childnet.us/portal/>) to provide enhanced foster care to children ages 5 to 17. As of now

their main focus is to work with the older children/teenagers to provide life skills with a major focus on trauma. Currently in Palm Beach County the Cayuga Centers Palm Beach is in the recruitment phase working with twelve (12) families to get them licensed.

Marta Gifford, Licensing Specialist at Cayuga Centers Palm Beach

➤ In Palm Beach County there's an average of 155 children or more in need of foster care. Every day there is a need for a child to be placed. In Palm Beach County there is small amount of approved foster homes because of the small amount of approved foster homes in Palm Beach County local children have to be sent to approved foster homes in Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Tampa etc. The desire is to eventually put these children back into their homes but this is difficult being that the children have been placed in other cities and towns throughout the state as a result of the number of children.

During the process of regaining full rights to their children, many parents are experiencing difficulties with visiting their children due to remote housing locations.

Cayuga Centers Palm Beach is the only agency in Palm Beach County that provides therapy in the homes. Other agencies have to wait for referral before they can send a therapist to a home to visit a child in need of therapy; sometimes it could take months before a visit is made to a home. During this waiting period whatever problem the child is having may possibly get worst.

One of the Cayuga Centers Palm Beach purposes is to make sure that the children that come through their agency are placed in a nice safe environment.

There are several trainings through the year that are provided by the Cayuga Centers to persons interested in becoming foster parents.

The Cayuga Centers Palm Beach would love to be invited to meetings to make presentations on what their mission is and the services they provide.

The Cayuga Centers Palm Beach is temporarily located at 2260 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 213, West Palm Beach, FL 33409, Ph: 561-398-5826. Please feel free to contact the Cayuga Centers Palm Beach for more information.

Bill Johnson, Director Palm Beach County Emergency Management

➤ Mr. Johnson presented on Emergency Preparedness "It Only Takes One" from a community leadership perspective. See attached.

More information on Emergency Preparedness can be found at:

- www.readypbc.org
- www.ready.gov/business
- www.pbcgov.com/dem/business/bdamage

V. New Business

- Quinn Hayes announced the Florida Department of Health's Community Call to Action on Obesity's' 5210 Let's Go Marketing Campaign. 5210 Let's Go is a health department program designed for families, schools, businesses, and the entire community to follow four simple steps, by eating 5 fruits or vegetables daily, limiting recreational screen time to 2 hours or less per day, exercise 1 hour a day and drink beverages with 0 sweeteners.

There is the CDC National Diabetes Prevention Program initiative. Courses are offered through this initiative in which Ms. Hayes is one of the Master Trainers. She is looking forward to training more people to be certified.

The 5201 is one of the main focuses at this time. This initiative has been around since 2012 but funding was an issues. This year (2015) after receiving sufficient funding the main kick off for this initiative has begun.

The 5201 Let's Go Event will be held on June 20th from 10:00am – 2:00pm at John Prince Park, Center Drive Pavilion, Congress Ave, Lake Worth, FL.

<http://palmbeach.floridahealth.gov/events/2015/06/5210-june-20.html>

VI. Comments

- Rudi Bester of Memory Trees Corp. wanted to thank everyone that helped in the promotion of the Earth Day event held at the South Olive Community Center. Florida Atlantic University Community Health Department administered cholesterol and diabetes screening at the event. Approximately 150 children attended the event. The overall attendance for the event was approximately 4 to 500 people.
Year to date Memory Tress have funded and facilitated eleven (11) community gardens; of those ten (10) were in Palm Beach County. The projected target is twenty-five (25) for 2015. The 2016 projected target will be one hundred (100).
Also he advised that he met with Barbara Haider at Carver Middle School to view a possible garden site on the school's campus. He advised that the project is a nice vision but will be a task to implement being that its School Board property.
To review projects completed by the Memory Trees Corp. please visit their website at www.memorytrees.com
- Rachel Ramos of the Cayuga Center advised that Gray Mockingbird will be sponsoring Kids Summer Day in the Garden on Saturday, June 13th at 2000 North D St., Lake Worth, Fl from 9:00am-1:00pm
- Derrek Moore commented on the need of providing supplies such as book bags hygiene kits for school children throughout the year instead of just at the beginning of the year. Tammy Fields concurred with Mr. Moore because children of migrant workers usually enter school after the Back to School Bashes causing them to miss out on the much needed school supplies and hygiene kits.
- Captain Lindskoog wanted to know if there were any resources that a not-for-profit can partner with to provide breakfast lunch or afternoon snacks Tammy Fields advised that she was not sure if this service existed
- Sandy McCarthy, San Castle resident announced there will be a community meeting held on June 16th at 6:30pm

VII. Follow-ups

- N/A

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

