

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of June 14, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Palm Beach County Vista Center, Room 1E-60

Minutes

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail Resident
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West
Deputy Jason Cohen, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
Larry Diegert, Plantation Community Resident
Steven Futch, Plantation Community Resident
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Deputy Derrick Gentilcore, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
David Hogan, P.B.C. Engineering
Greg Johnson, P.B.C. Engineering
Alice Kovalainen, P.B.C. Engineering
Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident
Jean Matthews, P.B.C. Parks and Recreation
Roy McGinnis, PACE EH/Department of Health
Linda Moreno, Solid Waste Authority
Micheal Owens, P.B.C. School District
Ruth V. Panninzo, P.B.C. Engineering
Douglas Robinson, P.B.C. Zoning
Micheal Sadowsky, EPW
Deputy Scott Spirn, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
Thomas Totz, Plantation Community Resident
Brenda Warren, Royal Palm Estates Resident
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building
Lt. Wesley White, P.B.C. Animal Care and Control
Donna Wilson, P.B.C. Engineering
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Gainer welcomed the group on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, County Administration, and the Office of Community Revitalization to this month's Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) meeting. He introduced himself and asked meeting participants to state their name, organization and/or neighborhood represented for the record.

II. REVIEW FOLLOW-UPS: There were none

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Tate began by thanking SWA for doing an excellent job with the REAP program by their participation. He had the pleasure of attending a green workshop and met Mr. Morrow.

Here is Mr. Kurt Marrow who is the Director of Green Business League Incorporated.

PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE POWERPOINT

The program is to get out to create jobs, get a healthier environment and get the county to go green. We can become the feet on the street to let public know what exists. The city gets a landing page it tells what is going on. It tells you how many people/businesses signed up and we literally talked to 10% of your businesses every month and employees. You have something that is track able, transparent and verifiable and all we ask the county to do is adopt the program. We are not asking for exclusivity, we are not asking for money just a smile and hand shake saying yes we adopted the program and we are not picky about the words. We just want the government to say this is a great idea. Next step is simple is adopt and promote.

Mr. Tate, in attendance are mostly here are community leaders. The question is how do we make our communities more healthier and prosperous?

Mr. Morrow replied that the homeowner tool applies to their life and what they are doing. One of the things they are getting points for is community activism. We can add on any piece that you want. We now have 400 reps across the country. This is nationwide. We can add anything to the drop down menu. I found that when you educate people you can get them involved. We are reaching so many people. They also get a monthly newsletter. The County can add on anything that they want.

Mr. Tate: asked are they able to go online to show people what it looks like.

Greenhomes.org is extremely user friendly.

Doug Robinson, Zoning representative asked about individual homes and solar panels. Are they covered as a green home?

Mr. Morrow responded that they do not focus a lot on remodeling, but yes, they do get points for that. If you have a program in the community they can literally tweak it to accommodate you.

Mr. Robinson asked if they have information about solar panels?

Mr. Morrow replied that they do not sell products or services but encourage people to get on the green path.

Mr. Robinson asked if he could touch on the CFL light bulbs a little bit.

Mr. Morrow responded that they found that LED is better. It is progress not perfection here. They recommend LED over CFL lights. LED is available everywhere but they do encourage to buy them locally.

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority representative, asked where do they get funding to pay their employees?

Mr. Morrow replied that 10 years from now homes would want to be certified green and that would make us money.

Ms. Aiken asked do they promote recycling?

Mr. Morrow responded absolutely.

Ms. Aiken stated that they do free analysis on recycling and she would like to get together with him. She also wanted to say that they have Paint Your Heart Out where recycled paint is used, and also have Rebuilding Together which is a national non-profit and they are trained by ConocoPhillips in the “greening” of homes.

Mrs. Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail resident, asked if SWA provides rain barrels and mulch barrels.

Ms. Aiken replied that they use to sell them for \$15 from a grant but that grant is gone.

Mrs. Brenda Warren, Royal Palm Estates resident asked did Mr. Morrow know how the cost/life span of the LED compares to CFL’s?

Mr. Morrow replied that if they were made this year, that is a research concept, no one has had a light bulb run for 20 years.

You have to also look at the factory that it was made in. They are very comparable but all new cars and boats have LED and they are really reliable.

Mrs. Warren asked if LED can be used with a dimmer switch.

Mr. Morrow replied yes, they are dimmable.

Lt. Wesley White, PBC Animal Care and Control (ACC) asked a question in reference to points – what point and how many points do you need to deem a building to be green?

Mr. Morrow responded that he wanted to clarify that they are not certifying buildings, they are certifying how you live your life. If you do not operate them in an efficient manner then they will not be efficient. They have 15 different levels. At 100 points they get to the first level and they keep moving forward. This is a lifestyle change. It is healthier and more efficient. You don’t just get to the top and stop, it is an ongoing process.

Mr. Tate asked who verifies the points?

Mr. Morrow replied his consultants but they are not the only people, there are other qualified persons that can do it.

More discussion ensued.

III. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Mrs. Jean Matthews, PBC Parks and Recreation (P&R) representative, reported on the following:

- Met with City of WPB about the rezoning of Gramercy Park; it includes Land Use and Zoning amendments. Each application is \$3000; they are going to do initial paperwork and P&R will be hiring a consultant. They suggest we expand so we would not have to come back.

Mr. Tate asked did he send her information on Canal Point and Triangle Park.

Mrs. Matthews replied no.

Mr. Tate stated that OCR is looking at ways to incorporate the Triangle Park with the project and he will come to her office. The park is not a problem but the remaining project scope has not been determined. He is meeting with Collins Center in Canal Point and wants to get her input.

- South Bay Depot is done and P&R got another grant for transportation enhancement.
- Redoing the railroad cottage.
- Pam Nolan was awarded a grant to do a directional kiosk at South Bay Community Center. We will have a grand opening. I think the date is 08/16. Comm. Santamaria will be running that opening.

Ms. Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority representative, reported on the following:

- This week painting in the Glades area with a group from Macon, Ga. And a Commissioner show up for the 1st house in B.G. and we had out first house pressure cleaned and painted and that commissioner showed up to. We were helped by Ed Kerr, the Director for the South Bay Public Works. We have 150 more coming this summer in the Glades area.

Tate: Is there anything that you want folks to look at? What ever we need to do to help you let us now.

IV. OCR STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Matthews: REAP Graduation will held on July 16th.

V. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY Q & A

Mr. Reid: The Community Connect that will be late this month. Two grants are no longer available and he has to switch them out.

VI. RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Diegert, Plantation Community President, reported on the following:

- Thanks for the REAP class. The green initiative is going to be a good thing.

Ms. Aiken, SWA added that this neighborhood is amazing. Thank you very much.

Mr. Totz, Plantation Community resident, reported on the following:

- Thank OCR for REAP class. He is a 3peat and each time he gets a lot out of it. In regards to green he is not use to it but looking forward to working with it.

Mr. Tate asked Carol Clinton to tell the group about her grant.

Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West- Thanks to Ruth, who made the introduction, we were able to get a grant for a computer bus to come to Lake Worth West once a week. The children who will be unable to receive computer instruction go on the bus and do their homework and gain knowledge for school and future employment abilities.

Ms. Aiken asked what kind of grant was it and what does it pay for?

Mrs. Clinton replied that it pays for the bus and instructor. They absorbed the staff cost. It was for \$7500 for a year.

Mr. Gainer stated that the start time for our next meeting (Community Connections) has been moved up and starts at 9:30.

Ms Moguillansky added that the Grant Training class on July 27 is going to be at 6pm on the 1st floor. It is free. The class is not full. You will get a certificate of completion when done.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Gainer asked if there were any more comments or questions. There were none

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting (Community Connections) will be held on July 14.

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