



**COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM
 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
 Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director
 Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
 Date/Time: June 21, 2022
 Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Joanna Aiken | SWA |
| 2. | Peretheiura Baker | Health Care District of Palm Beach County |
| 3. | Nicole Black | Old Trail Resident |
| 4. | Nicola Chung | House Council of Southeast Florida |
| 5. | Adam Davis | PBC Library |
| 6. | Deputy Ellis | PBSO |
| 7. | OM Fernandez | Epilepsy Florida |
| 8. | Kurtis Fritz | Old Trail Resident |
| 9. | Randee Gabriel | 211 |
| 10. | Violet Howard | Optimistic Journey, Inc. |
| 11. | Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 12. | Alexa Lee | PBC Behavioral Health Coalition |
| 13. | Laura Mantilla | Aide for Florida House Rep. Jervonte Edmonds, District 88 |
| 14. | Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 15. | Sherry McCorkle | South Florida Water Management District |
| 16. | Fadi Nassar | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 17. | Steven O'Connor | PBSO |
| 18. | Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 19. | Antonela Pena | Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. |
| 20. | Ike Powell | PBC Youth Services |
| 21. | Casey Prankun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 22. | Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 23. | Cathy Roberson | Old Trail Resident |
| 24. | George Schott | PBC OCR |
| 25. | Richard Sena | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 26. | Milroy Senat | Agency for Persons with Disabilities |
| 27. | Michael Sklar | PBC Housing & Economic Development |
| 28. | Anna Stewart | Drowning Prevention of PBC |
| 29. | Houston Tate | PBC OCR |
| 30. | Grace Throwbridge | Sinclair Broadcasting Group |
| 31. | Steve West | The IN-CROWD |
| 32. | Laura Wissa | Prom Beach |
| 33. | William Wynn | PBC OCR |

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Tate introduced Laura M. Wissa, Founder & CEO, Prom Beach.

II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Ike Powell, PBC Youth Services
 - Youth Services is currently preparing for the 8th annual countywide Spelling Bee to be held virtually on July 14th for grades K-12. The Spelling Bee is done annually with partners for the purpose of providing additional academics activities as well as encouraging students to prepare themselves for success. The registration deadline is July 12th. Students can register at: https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/super_spelling_bee.aspx
- Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention of PBC
 - Free/reduced class swim program for children 2-12 and for immediate caregivers is still ongoing. These swim lessons are held around the entire Palm Beach County. Child(ren) must be:
 1. PBC Resident
 2. Age 2-12
 3. Non-Swimmer
 4. Receive EITHER Medicaid, FL Kid Care, Healthy Kids OR parent/guardian receives food stamps or section 8 housing. Child(ren) who are special needs or a foster child can also qualify as long as requirements 1-3 are met.
 - Free land/virtual based water safety programs are available for audiences of all ages. Email astewart@pbcgov.org for more information.
- Adam Davis, PBC Library
 - Monday thru Friday until the end of July 2022, lunches will be served to school age children at all 17 library locations throughout the county
 - The summer reading program is currently on going. All family members can sign up for the program. A \$50 amazon gift card can potentially be won.
- Michael Owens, School District of PBC
 - Melaleuca Elementary is currently being demolished preparing it modernization. The project is also currently going through the PBC review process. The school is scheduled to reopen in August of 2023.
 - Wynnebrook Elementary is slated to be modernized. The pre-application meeting for this project will be coming up with PBC in the near future. The modernized school is scheduled to reopen in August of 2024.
- Michael Sklar, PBC HED
 - First Mortgage Loan Program (FMLP) - Provide up to \$331,888 in direct financial assistance to income eligible individuals/households in the form of a repayable 1st mortgage loan to purchase an eligible single family home. Maximum loan amounts are based upon established affordability guidelines and creditworthiness, based upon established underwriting guidelines.
 - Purchase Assistance with/without Rehabilitation - Funding up to \$100,000 will be available to income eligible first-time homebuyers for purchase assistance with or without rehabilitation or new construction. Funds will be used to assist with gap financing, lot acquisition, down payment, rehabilitation and closing costs.
 - Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) - Provides financial assistance to very-

low and low income applicants (up to \$100,000) to acquire their first home (acquisition, acquisition/rehabilitation and new construction)

- HED will be having an in person public meeting on June 22nd for the purpose of addressing the HED draft Action Plan for the upcoming fiscal year beginning in October 1, 2022. HED will also be discussing the three programs that federal funds are received for (Community Development Block Grant [CDBG], HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant)
- On June 27th at 8a.m., HED will begin providing assistance to homeowners for mortgages a foreclosure prevention due to COVID. Funding will assist very low, low, and moderate-income eligible homeowners. [Housing & Economic Development Foreclosure Prevention Program and CDBG-CV Mortgage Assistance Program \(pbcgov.org\)](https://pbcgov.org/Housing/EconomicDevelopment/ForeclosurePreventionProgramandCDBG-CVMortgageAssistanceProgram)

- Helene Hvizd
 - Introduced Richard Sena as the new County Attorney for OCR

III. OCR UPDATES

- Chrystal Mathews reminded everyone that the NEAT review committee would meet on June 29th at 10a.m. to recommend the NEAT grants for the upcoming grant cycle.
- Audley Reid advised that he is currently working on the agenda item for the Country Club Acres speed hump project.

IV. PRESENTATION

Laura M. Wissa, Founder & CEO, Prom Beach

Mrs. Wissa started her presentation by sharing how Prom Beach a non-profit began. Prom Beach was inspired by the cancellation of prom in 2020.

- Prom Beach started as a passion projected for low income teens to receive outfits for prom
- Prom Beach only partners with child services organization to ensure outfits are getting to those Teens most in need. These partnerships allow Prom Beach to eliminate having to show proof of need.
- Prom Beach became a non-profit in 2021 and is the only established 501(c)(3) prom closet in Palm Beach County

Questions/Comments

- Cathy Roberson, Old Trail resident inquired if a person knew someone in need or wanted to share the information about Prom Beach would the student need to apply. Ms. Wissa replied that Prom Beach is not open to the public. Prom Beach only supply by appointment only through partnering agencies. The students are prescreened by the agencies before an appointment is made.
- Houston Tate, OCR Director inquired if the CCRT area students could participate in Prom Beach being that the CCRT areas are communities in need. Ms. Wissa replied the CCRT areas could participate.
- Ike Powell, Youth Services advised that they work with agencies that identify various needs in the communities. Mr. Powell advised that he would like to invite Ms. Wissa to one of the quarterly meeting to share information about Prom Beach.

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

V. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Cathy Roberson, Old Trail resident inquired about the current (193 trips) traffic study for Old Trail in relation to the proposed housing project that will over double (538 trips) the amount of traffic in the area. Being that the roads in this community has no modern infrastructure how the roads

would be able to handle the increase in traffic. If the project is approved what infrastructure improvements will be made to accommodate the increased flow of traffic. Fadi Nassar replied that the amount of traffic in the study is correct. The analyses for traffic flow are done for peak hours by using 14 peak hour trips per direction. The 14-peak hour trips are well within the capacity of the road. The overall impact of a two-lane road carry's way over 538 trips. The analysis has to adhere to county guidelines. The developers have to be responsible for the traffic impact. If the impact creates traffic issues once the project is underway this can be looked at and other analysis can be performed. As of now based on the review completed by PBC Traffic the projected traffic flow is well within the capacity of the roadway. The proposed 40-unit project by national standards determines the amount of trips per unit, which results in the total amount of peak hour trips per direction.

- Nicole Black, Old Trail resident stated that she feels the traffic should be examined from a more realistically expectation of actual traffic flow then based on the traffic study. Fadi Nassar replied that PBC Traffic must go by county standards, which adheres to national standards.
- Kurtis Fritz, Old Trail resident inquired why the thought of redoing Old Military Trail has not been discussed since it may be one of the main routes of traffic form the proposed project site south to Marguerita Drive. Mr. Fritz also advised that he have signatures from other property owners who have concerns about the proposed project.
- Cathy Roberson, Old Trail resident advised that the leadership team for Old trail would be meeting on June 22nd at 7p.m. to prepare for the BCC meeting on June 23rd. Ms. Roberson wanted to know if it was possible to get county staff to call in to this meeting. Houston Tate, OCR Director stated that he would work on getting county staff to attend the meeting. Following the CCRT meeting, Mr. Tate contacted Parks & Recreation (P&R) about the meeting. P&R advised that they would provide the tent, chairs, electrical source, and lights for the meeting. Along with OCR staff, Traffic will also be sending a staff person to this meeting to address questions and concerns.
- Cathy Roberson, Old Trail resident would like more information about the food distributions.
- Casey Pranckun inquired why the minimum speed limits in PBC residential areas and on dead end streets is 35 mph. Fadi Nassar replied that in the Florida statue that county road speed limits are 35 mph but can go as low as 25 mph. The default speed on county roads is 30 mph but can go down to 25 mph if a traffic study justifies it.
- Steve West, Founder gave an update on The IN-CROWD. More information can be found on The IN-CROWD at <https://www.thein-crowd.org/whos-who/steve-west/> Mr. West also gave an update on the Community Leadership Dialogue. Advised that June 22nd will be the last scheduled virtual meeting of six for community leaders.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____