

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of March 8, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Palm Beach County Vista Center, Room 1E-60

Minutes

Al Albrecht, Plantation Village
Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail Resident
Deputy John Chapman, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West
Ruth Moguillansky, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Larry Diegert, Plantation Community Resident
Deputy J. Ellis, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
Steven Futch, Plantation Community
Deputy Derrick Gentilcore, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Captain Jeff Lindskoog, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident
Reverend David Martia, First Baptist Church (San Castle)
Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Jean Matthews, P.B.C. Parks and Recreation
Roy McGinnis, PACE EH/Department of Health
Deputy Newcomb, P.B.C. Sheriffs' Office
Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
Reverend Wayne Padgett, Gramercy Park
Kathy Peck, Commissioner Vana's Office
Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Houston Tate, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Brenda Warren, Royal Palm Estates Resident
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building
Lt. Wesley White, P.B.C. Animal Care and Control
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.

Mr. Gainer thanked Mrs. Warren for providing the refreshments today.

II. REVIEW FOLLOW-UPS:

Mr. Gainer stated that he has information provided by Lt. White as a follow up from our previous

CCRT meeting.

According to Lt. White, the total number of animals brought in during January of 2011 was 520, and the year to date total for 2010 was 1783. As of January 2011, they have 1924 animals. That is a 6.79% increase in animals coming in. They are still receiving medium and large breeds of animals, but it has been noted that smaller and unusual breeds are also coming in.

The euthanization in many circumstances is for animals that are injured, sick, etc. As of January 2011, 251 cats have been euthanized and the year to date total for 2010 was 2176. As of January 2011, there were 1656 dogs euthanized.

Ms. Moguillansky requested Lt. White to please send information to the OCR regarding animals available for adoption so staff can get the information out. Mr. Gainer thanked Lt. White.

III. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Mr. Gainer stated that Joanna Aiken, SWA representative, was not going to be in attendance as she is at a site somewhere in the north area of the County painting a house. He also said that Anne Helfant, OCR's Assistant County Attorney is sick today and will not be able to attend the meeting either.

Mr. Gainer asked if there were any department updates. There were none.

Ms. Moguillansky asked Mrs. Matthews, Parks and Recreation (P & R) representative, if she had any information on the status of the Watergate park. Mrs. Matthews responded that if funds to cover the parks' maintenance for a 5 year period can be committed, then her department can proceed.

Ms. Moguillansky said that OCR had recommended that the project moves forwards. The funds that were available are for construction and she doesn't know whether some of those funds could be used for the ongoing maintenance. Ms. Moguillansky said that she will discuss this item with Houston, and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Gainer asked if that is the same hold up with the Bridgeman neighborhood park.

Ms. Moguillansky stated that based on her understanding, Parks and Recreation's recommendation was not to move forward with this project due to the lack of funds necessary for both construction and ongoing maintenance. Mr. Gainer stated that he will follow up on this item with the Westgate CRA.

Mr. Gainer continued stating that on the front table we have the new Neighborhood Partnership Grant (NPG) flyers. This is not the actual application; just an informational flyer.

The other flyer is for the Residents Education to Action Program (REAP), which is scheduled to begin in Eastern Palm Beach County on May 10th. Enrollment in the REAP class is based on available space.

There are also some 2011 Guides to County Services, and asked participants to take as many as they want.

IV. OCR STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Moguillansky indicated that Mr. Tate was attending Palm Beach County Education

Consortium, a collaborative of different agencies in the County that meet once a month to share information on community resources and grants. She also stated that Mr. Tate and she were going to be meeting with several agency representatives and Citibank this afternoon to talk about issues Palm Beach County neighborhoods are facing. Citibank has been providing funding for different communities but their focus today has been housing. Now they want to hear from different people in the County about the challenges and the issues that people are facing in the County. Citibank will be using that information to determine the type of grants that will be made available. OCR will provide an update on the next meeting on that.

Mr. Gainer stated that OCR is asked to periodically assist different departments with contacts so he requested all participants to please make sure that they include all their contact information in the sign in sheet.

Ms. Mognillansky asked Capt. Lindskoog, PBSO representative, assistance from community policing deputies to get the word out for the NPG program. Capt. Lindskoog responded that Mrs. Mathews has been in one of their community policing meetings and introduced the program, and she will be coming back in a couple of weeks. He also stated that he will make sure that the information is out.

Mr. Gainer stated that the County is in the process of budget reviews, and OCR has already submitted its recommendations to County Administration.

Mr. Tate apologized for being late. He stated that he was at the Palm Beach County Resource Development Consortium. The meeting addresses grant writing initiatives and submittals throughout the County. The Economic Development Research Institute is developing an interactive web-based information system that will provide easy to understand health, economic, environmental and other county level data indicators. The website is an instant on line access to local data and a planning tool for public and private organizations in PBC to have essential data to strategically invest in PBC.

Mr. Tate continued talking about the budget. He stated that every department is being asked for a 5% reduction but, at this point, he cannot tell what that means to OCR and what we have to give up. Our department is so small that a 5% for us is a major cut. He did meet with his boss Verdenia Baker last week to talk about OCR's budget concerns, and she is well aware of the situation. Mrs. Baker fully supports the community initiatives, the OCR and its efforts. Mr. Tate stated that we all need to do our due diligence and we need to get people to attend our REAP courses. OCR needs everybody to take advantage of the wonderful programs and services we offer.

Mrs. Mathews stated she wanted to reiterate the fact that if anyone is interested in REAP, which will be starting on May 10 in West Palm, please make sure that you register in advance ASAP. Keep your eyes open for a PSA on Channel 20 and you will see staffs talking about the REAP program. Also, she will be calling on some of the long time members to be a part of Channel 20 media campaign showing the impact the REAP and OCR have had in the Palm Beach County.

Mr. Gainer asked the group to take about 5 minutes and give him some ideas for presentations that they would like to see. Suggestions for presentations included:

- Prime Time; Palm Tran; Police Athletic League (PALs);
- Westgate Center; Healthy Cooking; Commissioners
- Lake Worth West; Family Promise; Workforce Alliance/Apprenticeships
- Marine Industry; Ericka Whitfield (Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities)

V. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY Q & A

The next OCR Community Connect publication will be out sometimes this week.

VI. RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT COMMENTS:

Mrs. Warren, Royal Palm Estates resident, reported on the following:

- Doing a chicken barbeque as a fundraiser. It will be held behind Caroline Park. It is going to be on March 26th from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Dept. Ellis asked if anyone heard from SWA; there was just a follow up question. Ms. Aiken was absent.

Someone asked Lt. White when the law goes into effect on chaining your dog up. Lt. White replied about 3 months.

Discussion ensued on the new animal control ordinance and the process establishing County rules.

Rev. David Martia, from San Castle, reported on the following:

- Had their Safety Fair this past Saturday at Sam's Club;
- Gave away 75 helmets;
- Had 150 people to attend;
- The photo ids could not be done because it was outside.
- Ruffled off 2 bikes that were donated and they gave us a \$50 gift card that we were able to buy stuff.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 12th. Reverend Padgett volunteered to bring refreshments for the meeting.

Minutes prepared by: Duane R. Gainer, B.P.M, Senior Planner

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director

