

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of March 12, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Hutcheson Building, Hall “B”

Minutes

Present:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Lisa Archer, Habitat for Humanity
Jorceline Cadet, P.B.C. Housing Authority
Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail Resident
Gerald Carsillo, Sun Court Resident
Carlton Cartwright, TCCI
Tripp Cioci, P.B.C. Property & Real Estate Management (PREM)
Carol Clinton, Lake Worth West Resident
Jeff Collins, P.B.C. Fire Rescue
Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Sgt. Rick Dempsey, P.B.C. Sheriff’s Office
Dan Dumas, San Castle Community Leadership, Inc.
Ed Frazier, Old Trail Resident
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Tim Granowitz, Parks & Recreation
Joyce Harrell, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Anne Helfant, P.B.C. County Attorney’s Office
Ron Hinkle, P.B.C. Criminal Justice Commission
Brendhan Horne, Royal Palm Estates Resident
Kai Jones, PACE EH (Watergate Estates)
Edward Kaye, Westgate/Golfview Heights Resident
Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident
Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Bilal Mujahid, P.B.C. Water Utilities
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development Office
Rev. Wayne Padgett, CBC Gramercy Park
David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services
Juana Ramos, San Castle Resident
Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
LaToya Ricketts, Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Carlos Rodriguez, Marguerita Villas HOA
Launa Thorton, Westgate/Golfview Heights Resident

Present (Cont'd)

Deputy S. Tatum, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Deputy Dwayne Thomas, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Dean Wells, P.B.C. Building Division
Anthony Wint, Zoning Division
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Gloria Zimmerman, Area Agency on Aging

CCRT Members Absent:

Gerry Gawaldo, P.B.C. Palm Tran
Nancy Hashway, P.B.C. Health Department
Capt. Ed Jablonski, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Don Loutsch, Children Services Council
Lt. Ed Luty, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Michael Marquis, P.B.C. Engineering Department
Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
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 February 12, 2007 CCRT minutes. There were no corrections.

III. REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UPS:

Mr. Gainer stated that copies of the follow-ups from the February 12, 2007 CCRT meeting were available on the information table. He asked the group to contact Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, or Audley Reid, staff responsible for the follow up this month, if anyone had questions.

IV. PRESENTATION: Area Agency on Aging – Gloria Zimmerman, Ph.D.

Next, Mr. Gainer informed the group that Gloria Zimmerman, Area Agency on Aging, would briefly talk about the other programs available. Ms. Zimmerman spoke at the February '07 CCRT meeting on a specific program within the organization.

Ms. Zimmerman began by stating that last month she spoke on Emergency Readiness & Response, which is part of her position with the Area Agency on Aging. She was asked to come back and bring the group more information on other programs available with the agency. Ms. Zimmerman stated that primarily the agency is in support of volunteer programs. There are approximately 4,500 volunteers that work and support the agency's programs.

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Ms. Zimmerman began to talk about the following programs that the organization have available:

1. One of the most popular programs is the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). This involves certain needs and the volunteers work in schools, hospitals, citizens on patrol, office work, & etc.
2. Foster Grandparent Program - In this program senior citizens are hired to work in schools with children. They work in the elementary schools throughout the five county areas. In this program, there is support for negotiating through Medicaid through the agency's MAPS program and the SHINE program.
3. Prescription Drug Assistance – This program is for senior citizens that are having problems paying for prescription medications. If you know someone that is 60 and over, that are having difficulties, you may refer them to the agency for assistance.
4. Elder Abuse & Exploitation Advocacy Program - This program is for senior citizens that are victims of robbery, burglary, larceny, exploitation, and domestic abuse. The advocates that work in this program work closely with the Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney General Office to work with seniors that have been victims of crime.
5. Leadership Institute for Active Aging. This program is for seniors that want to take on the leadership role. This year the program is being totally conducted in Spanish. There are twenty-five (25) participants in the program. They will graduate in May, and then will be working with non-profit and leadership roles throughout the county.
6. Americor Program – This program primarily provides respite services for seniors. This program is for families that are caring for someone with alzheimer's.

Ms. Zimmerman stated that in addition to the Emergency Readiness & Response Program material, she has material on the other programs for the group. She asked the group for questions or comments.

Mr. Gainer inquired about the organization's funding sources. Ms. Zimmerman stated that the organization works with the Department of Elder Affairs; these funds are Federal money. Also, the organization is funded by the County, along with other aspects of the State of Florida for aging services. Mr. Gainer also inquired about requirements for the participants. Ms. Zimmerman stated that most of the programs are not income dependent. She mentioned two (2) programs that are income dependent, such as: 1) Prescription Drug; and 2) Foster Grandparent.

LaToya Ricketts inquired about the programs that provide stipends. Ms. Zimmerman stated that the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Americor Program provides stipends.

David Rafaidus inquired about the geographic areas that the organization provides services. Ms. Zimmerman stated that the organization covers Palm Beach County, Martin County, St. Lucie County, Indian River, and Okeechobee County. The agency has an office in West Palm Beach, and Ft. Pierce.

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Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose inquired about literature on the Leadership Institute Program. Ms. Zimmerman stated that the program began two (2) weeks ago at the Palm Beach Community College. She will forward the information to Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Bilal Mujahid, P.B.C. Water Utilities, reported on the following:

- Watergate Mobile Home Park – He brought a map showing the CCRT area in Boca Raton, which he plans to come forward to the CCRT the next fiscal year to do a project. He further explained what the project entails and the cost estimate (\$1 million dollars) for this utility project.
- Ranch House Road Project – He thanked the CCRT for the funding for this project. The Board has already approved this project. The construction should start within two (2) weeks, and should be completed by June or July.
- Coconut Road Project – Ten percent (10%) of the design is done. The project should be complete by early next year (February or March).
- Old Military Trail Project – He mentioned a letter requesting transfer of project funds needed to complete this project. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose commented in regards to the funds needed. She explained funds allocated by the Board. She suggested that he contact the fiscal staff in his Department. She further stated that he might need to prepare an agenda item for the Board to transfer the funds.

Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development, reported on the following:

- Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail Entryway Designs – She reminded the group about the community workshop being held tonight, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m., at the Dolly Hand Center. A historic writer will be facilitating the meeting.
- Development Regions Grant Program – The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 16, 2007.
- Canal Point Sanitary Sewer – Waiting on closing instructions from U.S. Department of Agriculture to finally bid.
- South Bay Park of Commerce – The project goes before the Board on tomorrow, March 13, 2007 for approval of the \$60,000 from the CCRT.
- Business Frontage Program – She anticipates taking it before the Board in April.

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

- Reassigning of Community Policing Officers – All the officers are back in the Belle Glade area. Deputy Tramonte is back in Royal Palm Estates; and Deputy Suarez is working in Lake Worth West.
- Gang Task Force – is doing really well.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Sgt. Rick Dempsey, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office, reported on the following: (Cont'd)

- New community policing sites – Not expecting any new community policing sites. They are trying to maintain the ones that are already assigned.
- Putting Kids First Program – They received the funds from the CCRT on February 27th.

Pam Nolan commented regarding a need for a Community Policing Officer on site in Canal Point. She further commented that a Canal Point resident is interested in getting a Community Policing Officer. Sgt. Dempsey began to talk about policing sites, substations, handling incoming calls or issues in Canal Point.

Mr. Gainer commented that OCR would be working with Canal Point on getting a Community Policing Officer for this area. He stated that Canal Point is a CCRT Focus Area.

Tim Granowitz, P.B.C. Park's Department, reported on the following:

- Caroline Drive (park) – Construction is almost complete. He anticipates having a grand opening ceremony in early April.
- Old Trail (park) – The plans are complete. Construction should start soon.

Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose commented regarding the \$60,000. She stated that \$30,000 is coming from Commissioner Koons Office, and \$30,00 is coming from OCR funds.

- Watergate Mobile Home – He stated that Tripp Cioci would talk about the sales contract.

Dan Dumas commented regarding a park near the head start school in the San Castle area. He stated that because of the activity going on in the park, the park is closed on Saturday's and Sunday's. Mr. Dumas had a concern with people entering the park when it is locked on the weekends. He further stated that a group of people had a party last weekend in the park. He further commented that the park is closed to deter crime. Mr. Granowitz suggested that he call the park ranger or the numbers on the signs. He further commented regarding an agreement allowing the church to use the parking lot for church purposes. Mr. Gainer commented that OCR would follow up on this issue.

David Rafaidus inquired about a contact person over the parks to find out the location and scheduled time of distribution of food for the homeless. He stated that he had several calls wanting to know what day and time for the distributions. Mr. Granowitz commented that he would email Mr. Rafaidus the information.

Bilal Mujahid inquired if whether the site plans had been determined for the park in the Watergate area. Mr. Granowitz commented no, there is no final site plan yet. There are properties for sale that they have looked at in the area. He stated that Tripp Cioci would talk about properties identified for the site.

V. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Tripp Cioci, P.B.C. Property & Real Estate Management (PREM), reported on the following:

- Watergate park project – The project is moving along. He is currently waiting on the contract to come back from the County Attorney's Office. He further commented that by the next CCRT meeting, he would have more information to report. Mr. Cioci brought a map showing the location of the parcel that has been identified for the park site.

VI. RESIDENT UPDATES:

Dan Dumas, San Castle, reported on the following:

- He thanked Lance Mclellan, Code Enforcement Officer, for doing a great job.
- He expressed a concern with crime increasing in the community again. Mr. Dumas is requesting assistance before things continue to get worse.

Mr. Gainer inquired about what the community is doing toward working on a solution to help this problem. Mr. Dumas talked about the projects or ideas the community is working on for the youth and to help bring the community together. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose suggested that San Castle contact Carol Clinton, in Lake Worth West to assist them with ideas and programs for their community.

Brendhan Horne, Royal Palm Estates, reported on the following:

- Thanked the Sheriff's Office for reassigning the Community Policing Officer back to the neighborhood. For the months of January, and February the total of burglaries had increased.
- Thanked Tim Granowitz for getting him the park completion dates. He would like to be notified about the ceremony, so that he could coordinate a block party with the residents for the event.
- Streetlights & Mapping – the residents is in the process of selecting the location of the streetlights. They will submit this information by the end of the week.
- Paving of the roads – Estimates that approximately \$1million is needed to complete this project. He mentioned that Bell South is paying a contractor, before the roads are paved, to mark the phone lines.

Mr. Gainer commented that Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose is preparing a memo to Commissioner Santamaria requesting his assistance with identifying funding sources to complete the above-mentioned paving project.

- Rummage sale – will be held March 24th, on Azalea Court.
- Airport Expansion Meeting – The community is within the noise window for take-off, and landings.

VI. RESIDENT UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Carlos Rodriquez, President of HOA, Old Trail, reported on the following:

- Drainage system & sewer – He brought photographs showing the problem that exist. He described the location: There is a manhole, and on the western part of the property is a potential pond; which ties into the manhole, and runs along side of the pool. There is a mainline that runs to the south to Marguerita Drive. At the new road system, it has been capped off. A few months ago, they got 10 inches of rain, the whole system flooded, and backed up into the retention pond. The residents to the north of the building, the property also was flooded. He is inviting someone to visit the community, so that he could show them where the problem exists. Mr. Rodriquez, also described another area that has flooding whenever there is a lot of rain.
- He gave kudos to Lance Mclellan, Code Enforcement Officer, for doing a good job.
- Thanked Water Utilities for working on correcting mistakes on the property.

Shirley Cantelo, Old Trail, reported on the following:

- Ms. Cantelo commented that she has been a resident since 1960, and there has always been a drainage problem. She commented regarding Mr. Rodriquez statement about the last rain (9 to 10 inches of rain). She further commented that on her property it was knee deep with water. Ms. Cantelo stated that during Hurricane Francis, after the swales & drainage were repaired, she had water in her pump house about four (4) inches deep. This was the first time water was ever in her pump house. The new drainage installation was to help with the drainage issue but it has not. Ms. Cantelo commented regarding the total cost and the property owners cost in helping resolve this problem. She further commented that the back up of the water coming from the drain fields makes this an unhealthy situation.

Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose commented that Michael Marquis could not be at the meeting today. She will check with him regarding this issue. Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose further commented that Engineering would have to check to see if the problem is related to the improvements already made or if whether there is another issue causing the problem.

- She thanked Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, Duane Gainer, Kim Ciklin (Commissioner Koons Office), and others that came out to talk with the community about finishing the water project and fill-in of the swales.

OCR STAFF UPDATES:

Duane Gainer, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Beginning March 23rd, OCR will start working on '07/'08 Budget. He is asking that the Department's start working on preliminary projects or requests that you would like to do and submit them to OCR.

OCR STAFF UPDATES: (Cont'd)

Duane Gainer, OCR Staff, reported on the following: (Cont'd)

- Recoup of funds – He thanked everyone for their efforts and input with reviewing old projects for funds not used.

Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Ms. Moguillansky-De Rose reiterated what Mr. Gainer mentioned about the '07/'08 Budget.
- She commended LaToya Ricketts, and Duane Gainer for doing a good job with coordinating the REAP Sessions held in the Glades. She is looking forward to the sessions held in central Palm Beach County.

LaToya Ricketts, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- The next REAP Sessions will start on tomorrow, March 13th, 6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m., at PZ&B, 2300 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach. The graduation ceremony will be on April 28th, at Airport Hilton.

Chrystal Mathews, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- Neighborhood Partnership Grant program – is accepting applications for 2007. She is encouraging the neighborhoods to submit applications. If you have any questions, you may contact her at (561) 233-5565.

VII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

- The next CCRT meeting will be held on April 9, 2007, (Monday), from 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m., at the Clayton Hutcheson Building. The next GTAC meeting will be held on March 22nd, in South Bay.
- The Office of Community Revitalization will be providing the refreshments for the next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

Joyce Harrell, OCR Secretary

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

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