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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Chrystal Mathews
Date/Time: November 4, 2014
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Wendy Friswell | Spirit of Giving Network, Inc. |
| 2. William Wynn | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 3. Bill McDonald | Plantation Community |
| 4. Carmen Garcia | Revival Community Outreach Ministries, Inc. |
| 5. Barbara Pembamoto | Revival Community Outreach Ministries, Inc. |
| 6. Sergeant Hightower | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 7. Michael Owens | Palm Beach County School District |
| 8. Robin Rance-Hoffman | Commissioner Burdick's Office |
| 9. Rev. Wayne Padgett | Gramercy Park |
| 10. Deputy Ellis | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office |
| 11. Denise Proffitt | Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc. |
| 12. Chrystal Mathews | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 13. Audley Reid | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mrs. Mathews called the meeting to order at 10:15a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.

- II. **Department Updates**

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

- Regarding the FAU Clinic near Westgate Elementary where traffic issues have been an on-going problem and discussed in previous CCRT meetings. The access for the clinic is on Osceola but that access has been closed, so the clinic has been using the school's property for access, which is illegal. The School District is currently meeting with attorneys to draft an "Access Agreement".

Sgt Hightower, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, reported the following:

- PBSO is gearing up for the Holiday Season with its annual Shop with a Cop Initiative, which will be on November 9, 2014 at 9a.m. and helping to feed families in need for Thanksgiving.

III. Special Presentation- Wendy Friswell, Executive Director, Spirit of Giving Network, Inc.

- The Spirit of Giving Network, Inc. unites more than 60 of Southern Palm Beach County's greatest non-profit organizations to share resources and knowledge with the purpose of building strong vibrant communities. By working together with citizens, businesses and community partners they create alliances and programs that promote lasting change including: Community Volunteer Training, Screening and Placement, Annual Back to School Bash, Annual Holiday Gift Drive, Community Involvement Marketing Campaign, Community Non-profit Meetings and Community Non-profit Calendar.

Ms. Friswell, expressed the importance of getting residents out of their comfort zone to volunteer and being able as leaders to just listen to the residents, to really determine the needs in the community.

IV. OCR Staff Reports:

Dr. Audley Reid, OCR Senior Planner

- Dr. Reid stated the copies of the latest Community Connect are available for review.

William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner

- Mr. Wynn reported that the Plantation Street lighting Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a success. Over 300 residents, agencies, PBSO and Commissioner Burdick were in attendance.

Chrystal Mathews, OCR Senior Planner

- Mrs. Mathews stated that online registration is now open for anyone who is interested in the Resident Education to Action Program (REAP). The link is:
http://www.pbcgov.com/ocr/reap_form.htm

V. Resident Comments:

- Pastor Padgett stated that he needed assistance locating who to contact for drainage problems on Pat Place and Marcia in Gramercy Park. Mrs. Mathews, stated she would send an email to Engineering regarding this issue.

- Carmen Garcia, Revival Ministries reported that since the holidays are coming up and they serve over 500 individuals, they needed a way to start collecting toys. Ms. Garcia asked if the County could place a donation box in our building to collect toys for their nonprofit. Sgt. Hightower interjected that the Marines have been spear-heading toy drives for years and it only takes a filling out the application for 501c3 organizations to register to received toys for the holiday season. Sgt. Hightower also stated that he would follow-up and provide Mrs. Mathews with all the contacts and information via email.
- Denise Proffitt reported that Neighbors Helping Neighbors Project, Inc. recently had another successful clean-up. Ms. Proffitt acknowledged and thanked Solid Waste Authority and PBSO for their assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director

