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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time: October 16, 2018
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1W-47, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Joanna Aiken | SWA |
| 2. Rebecca Alfaro | Seminole Manor Resident |
| 3. Alexander Alonso | |
| 4. Ana Atkinson | San Castle Resident |
| 5. Debbie Bester | Memory Trees |
| 6. Rudy Bester | Memory Trees |
| 7. Vivian Brooks | PBC OCR |
| 8. Lizbeth Cabral | United Way of PBC |
| 9. Samantha Corr | PBC ERM |
| 10. Shannon Doughney | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 11. Deputy Ellis | PBSO |
| 12. Deputy Gomez | PBSO |
| 13. Debbie Griffin | |
| 14. Reginald Hayes | PBC Youth Services |
| 15. Sgt. Hightower | PBSO |
| 16. Bonnie Hodges-Leeh | San Castle Resident |
| 17. Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 18. Bobbye Jenkins | CAM Estates/Meadowbrook Plats 1, 2 & 3 Resident |
| 19. Delores Jones | ICYG |
| 20. Ethelene Jones | |
| 21. Julie Kreaflle | United Way of PBC |
| 22. Ilene Long | Old Trail Resident |
| 23. Lana Martinez | San Castle Resident |
| 24. Agustin Martins | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 25. Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 26. Kim McFarlane | |
| 27. Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR |
| 28. Chris Myers | PBSO |
| 29. Michael Owens | School District of Palm Beach County |

30. Rev Wayne Padgett	Cross Roads Baptist Church
31. Ike Powell	PBC Youth Services
32. Robin Rance-Hoffman	PBC Commissioner Burdick's Office
33. Audley Reid	PBC OCR
34. Arvil Relrose	
35. Cathy Roberson	
36. Jane Sample	CAM Estates/Meadowbrook Plats 1, 2 & 3 Resident
37. Chilondra Sheppard	PBC Youth Services
38. Jessie Siciliano	Loxahatchee Groves Resident
39. Cynthia Sinkovich	West Palm Beach Resident
40. Michael Sklar	PBC Economic Sustainability
41. Bob Smallacombe	PBC Fire Rescue
42. Houston Tate	PBC OCR
43. Michael Thomas	Family Creed, Inc
44. Carmen Tribolei	Riviera Beach Resident
45. Sylvia Tuchak	CAM Estates/Meadowbrook Plats 1, 2 & 3 Resident
46. Johnathan Villaman	Royal Palm Estates Resident
47. Dawn Wynn	PBC Attorney's Office
48. William Wynn	PBC OCR
49. Nancy Yarnall	Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach
50. Julie Young	Seminole Manor Resident

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and asked the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members to introduce themselves and go over the mission/purpose of their respective organizations. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner introduced herself and asked the OCR team to introduce themselves.

II. Department Updates:

Solid Waste Authority – Joanna Aiken, Community Services Coordinator

- Ms. Aiken reported on October 13, 2018 with volunteers from the Realtor Association of Palm Beach County painted and cleaned up litter at a home in the Gramercy Park CCRT area

Palm Beach County Attorney's Office – Dawn Wynn, Senior Assistant County Attorney

- Ms. Wynn reported that she would no longer be the attorney representing the OCR. She will now be representing the PBC Office of Equal Opportunity. The OCR new attorney will be Helene Hvizd

Palm Beach County ERM – Samantha Corr, Senior Environmental Analyst

- Ms. Corr reported that ERM will be having The Haunted Hike at the North Flatwoods Natural Area on October 26, 2018 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm, also the Lagoon Fest on November 3, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Both are free events

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue – Bob Smallcombe – Community Education

- Mr. Smallcombe wanted to remind the group that there is a four times more risk of a kitchen fire during the Thanksgiving holiday.

III. Presentation:

League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County – Kenneth Thomas, Chair Candidate Forums Committee

Mr. Thomas presented on the twelve Amendments on the November ballot.

Below are the summaries Mr. Thomas gave of each amendment and the positions the League of Women Voters state board has taken on them.

Amendment 1

Grants an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption for homes valued over \$125,000. Owners of homes worth more than \$100,000 would also receive an increase in their exemption.

Oppose. The League has a position that “no tax sources or revenue should be specified, limited, exempted, or prohibited in the Constitution.”

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 1](#)

Amendment 2

Makes permanent what currently is a temporary cap of 10 percent on annual property value increases for vacation homes, apartments and commercial property, effectively limiting increases on tax bills.

Oppose. The League has a position that “no tax sources or revenue should be specified, limited, exempted, or prohibited in the Constitution.”

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 2](#)

Amendment 3

Requires approval of any new casino gambling through a citizen-initiative constitutional amendment, effectively barring the Legislature from making those gambling decisions by passing laws.

Support. It restricts casino gambling and allows Florida voters to make any decisions regarding increases of casino gambling, consistent with League position against gambling. This amendment is also supported by No Casinos, Inc. and Disney.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 3](#)

Amendment 4

Would restore the eligibility to vote to persons with felony convictions who have completed their sentences.

Support. The League was one of the sponsors of this initiative. Florida is one of only four states that permanently bars felons from voting after their sentences are completed. This restriction on voting is a vestige of Florida's post-Civil War Constitution. Everyone deserves a second chance.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 4](#)

Amendment 5

Requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to approve any new or increased taxes or fees, rather than a simple majority.

Oppose. This amendment does not include a provision that would allow for tax increases in times of emergencies (hurricane, floods, recession, etc.) and is an abrogation of the Legislature's fiduciary responsibility to pass a reasonable budget.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 5](#)

Amendment 6

Vastly expands the scope of victims' rights under the state Constitution; increases the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75; forces courts and judges to interpret laws and rules for themselves rather than rely on interpretations by government agencies.

Oppose. Victims' rights are already protected in the Constitution, and this amendment would eliminate an existing provision that victims' rights do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 6](#)

Amendment 7

Creates a supermajority requirement for universities to impose new or increase existing student fees; enshrines in the Constitution guidelines for the State College System; mandates that employers or the state pay a death benefit to first responders and members of the military killed in the line of duty.

Oppose. We oppose a supermajority vote to increase fees or taxes. Family members of the military who die in the line of service are already compensated through the federal government.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 7](#)

Amendment 9

Prohibits oil drilling beneath waters controlled by Florida; prohibits the use of e-cigarettes, also known as vaping, at indoor workplaces.

Support. Our concern for the environment overrides our concern about putting vaping in the Constitution. We also believe that if this amendment doesn't pass, it sends a signal to the federal government that Florida does not care about off-shore drilling.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 9](#)

Amendment 10

Requires the Legislature to hold its session in early January on even-numbered years; creates an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; mandates the existence of a state Department of Veterans' Affairs; forces all counties to elect a sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections and Clerk of Circuit Court.

Oppose. This limits the voters in local communities from deciding on the election of county officers. It adds an unnecessary provision as the Constitution already has the power to set dates during even numbered years. FDLE is already the lead agency in coordinating efforts to prevent terrorism, and the Constitution already has authorized the Legislature to create a Department of Veteran Affairs. This amendment is clearly an effort to restrict the powers of local government.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 10](#)

Amendment 11

Repeals the state’s ability to prohibit non-citizens from buying, owning and selling property; deletes a provision that forces the state to prosecute criminal suspects under the law they were originally charged under, even if the Legislature changes that law; deletes obsolete language having to do with high-speed rail in Florida.

No position. Although we think that removing obsolete language is a good thing, there is a lot of other obsolete language that is not being addressed. Although the first issue regarding the ability of non-citizens to purchase and sell property cannot be enforced, the provision that requires criminal suspects to be prosecuted for an obsolete law should be changed.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 11](#)

Amendment 12

Expands ethics rules for elected officials and government employees, notably by expanding from two to six years the time that many officials would have to wait before they could lobby state government.

No position. Although there is need for lobbying reform, we felt that six years might be onerous, and this amendment does not address the real issue regarding lobbying, which is the impact of money in political campaigns.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 12](#)

Amendment 13

Bans wagering on any type of dog racing, notably greyhounds, as of Dec. 31, 2020, while continuing to allow dog tracks to continue offering other types of gambling, including poker rooms.

Support. This is primarily a gambling issue, and the League has held a consistent position against gambling.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AMENDMENT 13](#)

IV. Questions/Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____