



Central County Community Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 15 , 2025, 6:00 pm
Franklin Park Community Center
2501 Franklin Drive/22nd Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Members' present

Alverine Brihm, Chair
Marquis Curry, Member

Ruben Bell, Vice Chair
Howard Kaplan, Member

Member absent

Rev. Jesse Scipio, Member

Board of Broward County Commissioners

Commissioner Robert McKinzie, District 8
Dennis Walker, Commission Aide, District 8

Broward County Staff

Monica Cepero, County Administrator	
Laurette Jean, Assistant to the County Administrator, BMSD Administrator	
Jeneva Gordon, Building Code	Venice Cook, Building Code
Terrell Williams, Building Code	Nicholas Rousseau, Building Code
Sean Miller, Building Code	Jhonnattan Restrepo, Building Code
Michael Clark, Building Code	Gerald Henry, Building Code
Tyler Jones, Building Code	Willowstine Lawson, BMSD Liaison
Val Wolberg, Parks	Efrem Crenshaw, Human Services
Jakari Wallace, Parks	Joshua Moore, Parks
Shannon Bush, Parks	M. McFadden, Parks
Elaine Barrett, Solid Waste & Recycling	Suzanne Weiss, Housing Development
Rasem Awwad, Traffic Engineering	Carmelo Caratozzolo, Traffic Engineering
Patrice Paldino, Human Services	Nicole Lavinieri, Human Services
Kiara Weir, Human Services	Carine Eugene, Human Services
Shekinah Awofadeju Major, Human Services	
Deborah Meidinger Hosey, Human Services	
Alaina Kizer, Office of Economic and Small Business Development	



Broward Sheriff's Office

Undersheriff Nicole Anderson
 Major Stephanie Coker
 Captain J. Smith
 Lt. Randy Gresham
 Sgt. Nicolene Johnson

Col. Steve Robson
 Capt. Warnell Phillips
 Lt. Chauncey Cade
 Lt. R. Smith

Residents

Tee Edwards
 Leann Barber
 Valerie Rahming
 Tina Hall
 Sandra Thomas
 Denise Lys
 Eddie Pierce
 Katavia Woods
 Gale Peeples
 Brittney Madison
 Babette Davis
 Alvin Lewis
 Larry Bloodsaw
 Patricia Stanley
 Timothy Yancy
 Scott Powell
 Takia Johnson
 Quintin Hilbert
 Vakith Howard
 Commissioner Pamela Beasley
 Willie James

Gale Peeples
 Darien Lovett
 Markes Thomas
 Pastor Frais Rosius
 Wilbert Brimm Jr.
 Tyrell Dozier
 Bonita Curry
 Marie Charles
 Belva Baines
 Janet Harp
 Collin Lawrence
 Sandra Bloodsaw
 Johnny Dunlap
 Teresa Yancy
 Mayetta McDuffie
 Booker Johnson
 Dorothy Virgo
 Virnekka Lewis-Howard
 Kenneth Frederick
 Wayne Pittman
 Philene Alexander

Residents attended by Teams remotely

Rev. Jessie Scipio
 Michelle Roseburr

Shantay Poole

- 1. Call to Order-** Mrs. Brihm called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
- 2. Roll Call-** Ms. Lawson called the attendance. Quorum was met with 4 members present.



3. **Opening statement by Chair Alverine Brihm-** Mrs. Brihm announced the meeting's decorum, stated that residents requesting to ask questions need to complete speaker cards and address tonight's agenda only related to Commissioner McKinzie and the Broward Sheriff's Office. She thanked residents for attending and introduced Commissioner Robert McKinzie, District 8.
4. **County Commissioner Robert McKinzie-** Commissioner McKinzie thanked the chair and said he would provide an update and BSO is here, as part of the follow up meeting to discuss issues that residents think are important.
 - a. Welcomed BSO who is working hand in hand with the County Administrator.
 - b. Commissioner provided updates on the areas of the BMSD that he represents:
 - i. Boulevard Gardens- reimagined the Community Center that was completed a couple of years ago, recently had the ribbon cutting event.
 - ii. Washington Park- Will reimagine Lafayette Hart Park. Youth attendance is down there, so this summer Parks combined the camp with Delevoe Park. There is an initiative to activate the parks. Recently held a food distribution giveaway at Lafayette Hart Park. Lots of people do not know Lafayette Park is there. Residents have made the neighborhood what it is.
 - iii. Roosevelt Gardens- Your community center operates and runs impeccably. Your main issues are speed bumps, container homes, movie film studio scheduled to open in the next 15 – 18 months, and proposal for the old dump site. The lake behind the dump site belongs to the City of Fort Lauderdale. It does impact some of the people in this room. There's a proposal to build a warehouse and single-family housing. Residents want to know about Code Enforcement, Code Team has ramped up, looking at things differently, called curb appeal, and address chipped paint.
 - iv. Franklin Park- Harris Terrace house where drugs were was closed. Working on how to move forward, in court with the owners; keep an eye on that property, recently had the grass cut. At Lewis Chisom Park people are there all day, and it's worse at night. Addressed this with BSO. With BSO we are coming up with a plan



to address concerns. Formed a partnership with the County. Cleaned the river banks, proposing fencing (some are opposed to fencing). Chair asked us to look at it from a police perspective. Want Chisom Park to be clean and safe, can't run people out of public property. Against the law gambling, drinking, drugging and selling body parts; if you go there around 4:15 am you'll see naked people. We will address the issues. Proposing a fence there to keep it clean and safe.

- v. NW 27th Avenue proposed and approved Senior Development at the old London property for fixed income, reasonable rent. This board played an important role in how it's going to look.
- vi. Closed on the Wheeler property (old car wash and mechanic shop), purchased and looking for a good development to go there. People at this table are working on that. Give my learned view to this team.
- c. Commissioner recognized Monica Cepero, Administrator and Laurette Jean BMSD Administrator, they're doing the heavy lifting. Because of what Monica does and Laurette says and, because of what Willowstine has been doing with this board for years, now we have a plan to improve these unincorporated spots.
- d. Wall on Sistrunk Blvd. The hole in the wall was the border for 13 homes; wall has had a couple of accidents. Thanks to Monica and Broward County staff, we rebuilt the wall. Will have a ceremony to cut the ribbon for this major project and celebrate for all who want to come out.
- e. Reimagining Delevoe Park, going to do something very, very special. Commissioner McKinzie shared that he walked Delevoe Park that morning, the sky was reflected in the lake, and he said Amazing Grace. These folks in the room will reveal more in due time.
- f. On BSO, they'll tell you why the sheriff isn't here. He said he was coming back; we scheduled this meeting around the sheriff's schedule. There are three people at the BSO table, you have just as good information as you would with the sheriff. We are going to continue these meetings to get our community to look like any other community in Broward County. Commissioner McKinzie thanked everyone for their attention, told residents to give CCCAB members a hand for the work they've been



doing, they're responsible for that input, along with Willowstine. Most of the things you've asked for have been fulfilled, or they're at the tipping point of being done.

- g. Mrs. Brimm inquired about the Eidson Wheeler property, what type of structure are you going to put there? Commissioner McKinzie responded that the owner tore the building down and put it up for sale. He and staff wanted to purchase that property. There's a lot box, sunsetting CRA 75% of the funds goes to the County. Intent is to do affordable Housing, put money in the process. He'd like to see something for the seniors like what they're doing at the London property. He named each of his colleagues; and said he has their support. Also, it's up to investors.
- h. Mrs. Brihm recognized Ann Harvin who asked Commissioner McKinzie about speed humps in her neighborhood. Commissioner said there's a process and he referred her to the Traffic Engineering staff who were in the back of the room. Willowstine stated that Mrs. Harvin and her daughter had canvassed the block and had her neighbors sign the petitions.
- i. Mrs. Brihm announced it was time for the Broward Sheriff's Office. Commissioner McKinzie introduced the Undersheriff, Col. Nicole Anderson and said she went to Dillard High School.

5. Broward Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff Col. Nicole Anderson

- a. Col. Anderson gave greetings from Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony. She said that Capt. Warnell Phillips is an amazing captain, he's the subject area expert. BSO is committed to the partnership. She stated she grew up in the area, area is near and dear to her and she understands. They work within the confines of the law to address concerns. Capt. Philips will answer all of your questions and the Undersheriff encouraged them to keep questions coming. They will not duck and dodge, may give you an answer you aren't happy with. She brought to their attention the open carry law, it's something that has upped the level of danger for the men and women in uniform. In her opinion, it's also a set up! Remember, they work within the confines of the law.



6. Comments from residents

- a. Katavia Woods addressed the incident that took place in Franklin Park last month. She asked when a 911 call is placed for someone experiencing a mental health crisis, what specific training or protocol are officers trained? She watched the video and she didn't see anyone respond from a mental health situation and provide the talk that's needed. If having a mental health crisis or bad reaction to drugs, how will residents feel safe to call 911 for help?
 - i. Col. Anderson replied, she understands, has compassion and empathize with her. Safety is the number 1 priority. There's a protocol, priority of the sheriff, BSO has crisis and prevention training. That works when it's not a clear threat (referring to the Franklin Park shooting incident), that was an active scene. If someone is having a mental health crisis and is not armed it's okay to wait and come forth. But, when dealing with an armed individual it's no different than you and I wanting to be protected and go home to our families. Can't get into specifics, it's an active investigation, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is the lead investigator. We do provide personnel with crisis and prevention training and it's not a one-time thing. But understand that when dealing with an armed individual, safety for the community and deputies is priority.
 - ii. Col. Steve Robson, Director of Law Enforcement BSO, former SWAT manager for years. He said he can't speak to the specifics of the investigation. If you watched it live, it was a very tense situation, there were other people involved, people were in the house who we were concerned for, we had to protect them. There's a press release on the situation; it was a tragedy; they tried to negotiate and did the best they could.
- b. Eddie Pierce said thank you to Dennis Walker, Laurette Jean, Willowstine Lawson, Gerald Henry and Sean Miller for meeting with them. He said people don't obey the stop signs. He saw a guy pick up his kid in a golf cart and he ran the stop sign. Don't know if it's a new age driving, they're not stopping at the stop signs, they just turn. He asked what do you do if you're stopped for an expired tag? What's the protocol?



- i. Col. Anderson said to pull over to where its safe, put on your hazards and don't make sudden moves. Let your windows down and keep your hands on the steering wheel. Give your driver's license and let the deputy know your registration and proof of insurance are in the glove compartment. The officer will ask if you have weapons, let them know if you do. Remain calm at the traffic stops. Don't dispute a citation on the side of the road. Mr. Pierce said he asked the office for the name of their bosses. Col Anderson replied that a license is a privilege, not a right. If a law enforcement officer is rude, there's a way to make your complaint. Mr. Pierce then asked what can be done about drivers running stop signs. Col. Anderson said as for drivers not stopping at stop signs, it is happening everywhere, people don't obey the law; it's not germane to this area. When the light turns green, give it a few seconds before you pull off.
- ii. Mrs. Brihm thanked Col. Anderson

7. Closing comments

- a. Mrs. Alverine Brihm asked the residents were there any more speakers. She stated she noticed BSO is here, at the last meeting there were lots of concerns and tonight you're quiet. On a positive note, BSO this community has got better, with Code Enforcement, Ms. Willowstine's help, Commissioner, Ms. Laurette, and County Administrator, Monica Cepero. There have been lots of complaints about BSO, thank God in her area, BSO you're doing your job now and she sees them.
- b. Col. Anderson said she gives the flowers to Captain Philips; he's the district chief and overseer.
- c. Commissioner McKinzie asked Capt. Phillips to expound on the Task Force. The Task Force is great; they stopped him on day one! He watched the TRT and it's a very good program, because of what we heard and how you want to be policed. He's satisfied with the Task Force and they're doing what we've been crying for for years.
- d. Captain Philips stated he's the Chief of Police in this particular area. The County assembled a great Task Force to communicate with us and we can hear your concerns directly and address in an appropriate way. Recently met with Laurette and Code Enforcement and we discussed



issues. We're addressing issues at Chisom Park, I was against fencing because of deceptive practices. Took man power and came up with a better way to distribute resources and get more bank for our buck. The Targeted Response Team focuses on quality-of-life issues, homeless people walking up and down the street, and prostitution. They address blight and eyesores that you've seen. Since the TRT began, they've made over 58 felony arrests and have taken drugs off the street. Purpose of TRT is to get out and do direct reports, not worry about handling calls for service. The CCCAB stays on us, gives us our props when we're doing well. They're respectful, keep us accountable for our actions. Great group, working for you. They make sure their first priority is the community. Since implementing the TRT, 7 % decrease in crime for the 3rd quarter. Keep us engaged and accountable, bring your concerns to our attention so that we can address them in the proper way.

- e. Katavia Woods asked what is being done to address the loitering at the gas station on Sistrunk Blvd. and 27th Avenue. Is TRT addressing the loitering? Capt. Phillips said they are aware of the problem. That matter goes deeper than what TRT can do. Sometimes it's nuisance abatement issues. We are speaking with the County, Code Enforcement, we got together to come up with the best course of action.
- f. Laurette Jean thanked everyone for coming and announced that there are County agencies in the back that residents can speak with if they have questions.
- g. Monica Cepero said they have an amazing representative with Commissioner McKinzie, he listens, goes on his walks and they get the reports back. Amazing Administrator in Laurette Jean, is hear for you all and we are listening. We have County agencies; the entire infrastructure is here tonight; the board is really working hard for you and thank the BSO for being a partner with us.
- h. Commissioner McKinzie recognized City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Pamela Pittman Beasley who was in attendance.

8. Adjourn



MOTION: Chair Brihm thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

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