



Central County Community Advisory Board Meeting
 Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 6:00 pm
 Franklin Park Community Center
 2501 Franklin Drive
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Members' Present

Alverine Brihm, Chair
 Marquis Curry, Member
 Rev. Jesse Scipio, Member

Ruben Bell, Vice Chair
 Howard Kaplan, Member

Broward County Staff

Laurette Jean, CGFO, Assistant County Administrator/BMSD Administrator	
Tara Williams, Human Services	Rasem Awwad, Public Works
Efrem Crenshaw, Human Services	Wismy Cius, Human Services
Yvette Lopez, Housing and Urban Planning	Alaina Kizer, OESBD
Jessica Roy, Human Services	Willowstine Lawson, Building Code
Jakari Wallace, Parks	April Williams, Human Services
Michelle Espido, Human Services	Kiara Weir, Human Services
Julia Batres Franco, Human Services	Areeba Johnson, Human Services
Naromie Louis, Human Services	David Watkins, Human Services
Carmelo Caratozzolo, Public Works	Pamela Vance, Human Services
Carol Cook, Human Services	Monica Ubais, Human Services
Tamica Gaynor, Human Services	Cassandra Evans, Human Services
Deborah Meidingerhosey, Human Services	Carine Eugene, Human Services
Sheninon Awotadeju Major, Human Services	Tamika McBride, Human Services
Gerald Henry, Building Code	Jhonnattan Restrepo, Building Code
Paulette Herron, Human Services	Val Wolberg, Parks
Jessica P. Murgueytio, Human Services	Nicole Lavinigre, Human Services
Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, Human Services	Vanessa Major, Human Services
Patrice Pandino, Esq.	

Broward Sheriff's Office

Capt. Warnell Phillips, Central District	Lt. Randy Gresham
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Residents

Janet Holloway Harp
Gale Peeples
Melissa Brimm
Lisa Curry
Eddie Pierce
Arthur Godfrey

Tee Edwards
Clarence Fuller
Wilbert Brimm
Nicky Dulcio
Mary Pierce

Residents who watched on Teams

Chakeetha Sampson
954-593-4120

Rodney Baltimore
954-258-0531

1. **Call to Order-** Mrs. Brihm called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and announced the meeting’s decorum.
2. **Roll Call-** Ms. Lawson thanked everyone for their support and participation in meetings this year and wished them Happy Holidays! She called attendance. Quorum was met with all 5 members present.
3. **Approval of Minutes-** Approval of the minutes for the August 20th meeting were moved by Mr. Curry and seconded by Rev. Scipio. The minutes were approved.
4. Mrs. Brihm stated that the primary goal is to go over the issues and understand what’s going on in our community.
5. **Broward Sheriff’s Office-** Central Broward, Capt. Warnell Phillips, MEM, MPA, FBINA, District Chief
 - a. District Captain covering the BMSD and will take any questions.
 - i. Authur Godfrey, homeowner in Franklin Park, thanked Capt. Phillips for trying to clean up the Lewis Chisom Park. He’s still seeing prostitutes on NW 27th Avenue. He asked if the sheriff’s office came out and did a neighborhood walk to met residents?
 - b. Capt. Phillips said he’s working with the County to address the park and that they’ve made inroads. He doesn’t want to come in with the mindset of over policing. In addressing the homeless, some are societal issues and BSO uses a variety of tools to address. He has a plan to address the prostitution and will implement it very soon. He has done community walks in the past but got away from them because of the budget. Capt. Phillips asked that they be patient, they’ll see some results. It may not



solve all the issues. He told Mr. Godfrey to leave his name and number for follow up.

6. Chair's Comments- Mrs. Brihm recognized Laurette Jean, Assistant County Administrator/BMSD Administrator, and thanked her for attending the meeting.

7. Traffic Engineering Division, Rasem Awwad, P.E., PTOE, Director

- a. Announced that he is joined by Carmelo Caratozzolo. They provided information on the table in the back of the room. He reviewed the traffic series features. Policy 1. Neighborhood initiative, and needs approval by the community impacted, and 2. Study and designs were done (collect data to validate the ongoing speeding). They use the most effective method to bring speeding down.
- b. Some of the speed humps in Roosevelt Gardens were installed and several are under petitions. In Franklin Park, 1 speed hump is warranted and 1 is scheduled for installation. In Washington Park, 5 have been installed of which 2 of the requests have made it through the process, and 2 are pending; they need petitions signed.
 - i. Marquis Curry said he's observed children coming out of the park, and he had asked about installing a speed hump on NW 9th street near the park. Carmelo confirmed it will be installed. Mr. Curry said he also has asked about speed humps on NW 8th street near Chisom Park.
- c. Mr. Awwad explained that signatures are needed with 67% of residents' approval. He thanked Willowstine for going door to door to ask residents to sign the petitions.
 - i. Mr. Curry stated he is now aware that residents' permission (signatures) is required. He'll canvass his area.
 - ii. Mr. Godfrey inquired about installing a different type of speed hump. Mr. Awwad said there's a certain type that's needed and that's what has been installed, they are more effective.
 - iii. Mr. Curry asked how do they determine, and if someone comes out for the testing. He added that the hump should have been in progress on 8th street, as BCT comes down that street. Mr. Awwad said that they put out tubes for a couple of days, then collect the results.



- iv. Rev. Scipio asked what happens if a car is damaged, adding when riding over humps (they probably need to slow down). Mr. Awwad said, they'll need to contact the County's Risk Management office.
- v. Mr. Curry complained of the dangerous location at NW 24th Avenue by the McDonald's; traffic frequently is backed up there to Sunrise Boulevard. Mr. Awwad said he will take a look.

8. Human Services Department, Tara Williams, Director

- a. Ms. Williams thanked everyone who represents the BMSD and said she feels the same spirit of community tonight. She said, the County's Human Services Department is honored to share who they are and what they can offer to families and neighborhoods to strengthen Central County. Human Services is a safety net for Broward County's residents and provides a wide array of services through partnerships with community agencies that receive County funding and support. There are six areas in Human Services: Community Partnerships, director Cassandra Evans; Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC), director Gerard John; Crisis Intervention and Support, director Carol Cope; Elderly and Veterans Services, director Andrea Busada; Family Success Administration, director Efreem Crenshaw; and, Housing Options Solutions and Support, director Patrice Pandino.
- b. Ms. Williams stated that DHS has responded to traumas and residents' needs. Human Services department helps families and individuals daily. Residents are struggling, forced to make tough decisions paying bills and hold off on paying rent to pay for childcare. Human Services assisted veterans and their families, which resulted in \$12 million in benefits paid to veterans and their families.
- c. New Pilot Program- Family Safe Parking Program allows homeless to park overnight in a safe location. Human Services can help if someone is experiencing homelessness. Call the homeless helpline 954-563-4357.
- d. The County funds local food programs. Family Success Centers have provided food gift cards and food through the pantry. BARC has provided local transportation. The Elderly and Veterans Services Division gave gift cards. They worked with the Coordinating Council of Broward and created a list of local food pantries. www.broward.org/feedingbroward
- e. Mrs. Brihm said, "you're awesome and gentle, keep up the good work."



- f. Mr. Wilbert Brimm stated when BSO responded to an incident last month, a gentleman was killed. He asked does first responders have training when it's a mental health issue. Chair, Alverine Brihm clarified that that question was addressed at the last meeting.

9. Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief funds, Housing and Urban Planning Division, Yvette Lopez, Manager

- a. Ms. Lopez said there's Disaster Relief funding post flooding. She needs input on severely flooded areas. The County is applying for funds and will set aside funds. If you have had damage and still have damage, you should have funds the beginning of next year. Some funds can be used for infrastructure. 15 % of the funds can be used for prevention measures to prevent flooding, impact windows, etc.
 - i. Ms. Jean said the agency was about to go to the Board and she asked them to come before the CCCAB to get feedback. She said it is important for residents to give their feedback. They went to 3 other communities who gave their feedback. There are restrictions to the funds. Some ideas mentioned are within the guidelines. Some of you were impacted by the storm.
- b. Ms. Lopez said that they did direct survey and the response was minimum. Housing and infrastructure were the top priorities of those who gave input. They can do affordable housing, rehab and mitigation. Funds can be used for preventing future damage from storms.
- c. Ms. Lopez stated they did the required notices in the Sun Sentinel, and sent surveys to divisions in the County, cities, communities and non-profits. Response is minimum with direct surveys. Housing and infrastructure were the top two priorities.
- d. The County is putting a plan together to secure the funds. Please share feedback, if impacted give her your information. She'll bring proposed projects back in February.
- e. Community Development funds are used for HOSS-D, after school programs, housing rehabilitation and purchase assistance programs.
- f. Mrs. Brihm asked for clarification on the proposed grant program and invited Ms. Lopez to bring the survey back to the next CCCAB meeting. Also, recommended that each homeowner president find out who in their community needs help.



10. BMSD Administrator, Laurette Jean, CGFO

- a. Ms. Jean reiterated what Willowstine said, she thanked everyone for their participation, ongoing support and advocacy to push the community forward and make change. She also thanked staff for attending, announced that initiatives will be in the year-end report and that at the next meeting she will address beautification and cleanliness in the BMSD.

11. Old Business

- a. A handout with follow-up information from the August 20th meeting was available on the BMSD table.

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Chair Brihm announced the next meeting February 18th, thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

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