



Central County Community Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:00 pm
Roosevelt Gardens Community Center
2841 NW 11 Street
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

Vice Mayor Robert McKinzie, Commissioner, District 8
Laurette Jean, Assistant County Administrator, BMSD Administrator
Dennis Walker, County Commission
Kemma Foreman, Parks
Jakari Wallace, Parks
Yvette Lopez, Housing & Urban Planning
Marty Cassini, Intergovernmental Affairs
Tyler Jones, Building Code
Sean Miller, Building Code
Michael Clark, Building Code
Willowstine Lawson, HUPD
Vladimir Celestin, Parks
Maribel Feliciano, OESBD
Alaina Kizer, OESBD
Jhonnattan Restrepo, Building Code
Gerald Henry, Building Code
Nicholas Rousseau, Building Code

Broward Sheriff's Office:

Capt. Warnell Phillips
Sgt. Nicolene Johnson
Lt. Randy Gresham

Attendees

Barbara Williamson
Melissa Brimm
Ed Pierce
Clarence Fuller
Frank Colbert
Debra Phillips
Sharon Swift Hayes
Tina Hall
Tee Edwards
Denise Lias
Leann Barber
Mary Hunt
Elennis Cabral
Pamela Colbert
Brittney Madison
Barbara Green
Barbara Brown
Gale Peebles



Alicia Putman
Christie Williams
Ingrid Fletcher
Wilbert Brimm Jr.

Janet Harp
Caleb Buisson
Glasferd Fletcher

- 1. Call to Order-** Mrs. Brihm called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and announced the meeting's decorum.
 - a. She recognized Dennis Walker, Commissioner McKinzie's staff. Mr. Walker welcomed the residents, He announced the agencies that were tabling at the meeting BSO, Code Enforcement, OESBD, and Solid Waste. He also acknowledged Mr. Eddie Pierce a Roosevelt Gardens homeowner who is active in the community, and he saw Mr. Pierce cleaning up the swales earlier that day. Mr. Walker said Mr. Pierce pushes and puts action to his words. Appreciate him and you for working hard to make our community something to be proud of. We may not always agree but have same goals in mind to build up the unincorporated community.
- 2. Roll Call-** Ms. Lawson called attendance. Quorum was met with 5 members present.
- 3. Chair's Opening Statement-** Mrs. Brihm read the meeting's decorum and the process to follow for residents who want to speak.
- 4. Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes-** Rev. Scipio moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Curry seconded the motion. The November 2025 summary minutes were approved.
- 5. Broward Sheriff's Office Report –** Capt. Warnell Phillips, District Captain Central Broward
 - a. Capt. Phillips announced that since the last CCCAB meeting they received intel about prostitution. In November BSO conducted a Prostitution sting. He hasn't made the complete impact he'd like, with combination of law enforcement and societal issues.
 - b. There's been a 24% decrease in crime in the community since November 2025. Want to address residents' personal issues.



- i. Eddie Pierce asked about picking up people, arresting them, s revolving door. Is there anything being done to change that narrative?
- c. Capt. Phillips said the biggest increase has been in burglary conveyance, people are not locking their car doors. Burglaries can be prevented by people locking their car doors. Have seen increase in thefts too. May see crime report listing sexual assault. Have noticed a trend in sexual assaults.
- d. BSO is trying to get funds to have cameras installed in parks. Will allow them to do their job.
 - i. Barbara Williamson stated that 3 – 4 years ago BSO put a shot spotter on her roof. She asked that they come and remove it. Capt. Philips said the shot spotter has been deactivated and he will contact the company to remove it. They’ve found a tool that is better. He also told Mrs. Williamson that he has a plan in place for her area with the Crime Suppression Team and she’ll see results.
 - ii. Denise Lyas asked when you encounter an officer who refuses to give their name, and badge number, what do you do? Capt. Philips said to report a complaint, call non-emergency number or Internal Affairs. They’ll be able to determine who it is.
 - iii. Rev. Jessie Scipio stated that people are walking the street and then sitting on the sidewalk, coming from 1st Street in Boulevard Gardens all day long. He asked Capt. Phillips what could be done about that, the loitering law, moving with no purpose. Capt. Phillips said he is familiar with the area; investigating to see what they can do. BSO can’t just go and corral people if they didn’t commit a crime, the loitering law is very specific. CST will address. Focusing on solving the problem, not just making a lot of arrests and they come back. With the construction going on, they think the new buildings will help that environment and work on the long-term solutions.

6. Housing and Urban Planning Division- Yvette Lopez, Housing and Community Development discussed the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief funds. She explained that an online survey was previously distributed to



municipalities. Tonight, she has hard copies for residents to complete. The survey was distributed and reviewed.

- a. Marquis Curry asked since the November discussion at the CCCAB meeting, how many homes responded?
- b. Mr. Curry also inquired if you file through FEMA, would your insurance drop you or not pay the claim? Ms. Lopez said these funds are not tied like that. It has nothing to do with insurance, but you can't file for a duplicate reimbursement (funds have nothing to do with insurance).
- c. Mr. Curry also asked what is the deadline to submit the surveys, as the hurricane season is around the corner, and what numbers are you looking for? Ms. Lopez said they set aside funding for affordable housing and make sure requirements as far as flooding is concerned. If money needs to be moved around for infrastructure, can do that. The funds have to be spent by 2030 but want to do it in at least one and a half years. Can always reallocate funding.
- d. Vice Mayor McKinzie said the survey is pretty good. The storm was over a year ago. What they want to hear, will they get full reimbursement or difference of what the insurance and FEMA didn't cover? What's the process and deadline? Funds have been allocated but not sent down from the federal government. Laurette Jean has conveyed my message where I want the money to go. The money is basically for the BMSD. What's not used directly can go towards road improvements, infrastructure, and vacant lots for affordable housing. Want to be clear, funds may not go to the residents. Ms. Lopez replied that if you had damage that was not covered, we'll go in and make those repairs.
- e. Vice Mayor stated the survey is too broad. Need to know what happened to your home and what can we do. Narrow it down. Ms. Lopez advised them to only answer the questions that interest them and include their comments. She'll organize by neighborhoods. The needs assessment is required by HUD.
- f. Mr. Curry asked Vice Mayor McKinzie if the national/federal government has anything to do with the funds since they are in a lull right now. Vice Mayor replied, no, funds are already promised. Mr. Curry also asked if there's an income criteria. Ms. Lopez said it is income specific, 80 % AMI



as in all federal government programs. The policy and procedures haven't been developed yet.

- g. Rev. Scipio asked if there is "ABC" damage, who do I give my money to for repairs? He recommends that the residents are proactive, not reactive. Ms. Lopez said that it will work the same as the County's Rehab program.
- h. Vice-Mayor McKinzie asked if the money will be reimbursed? For example, he spent \$10,000 and improved his home. Ms. Lopez responded, no, funds are for those who haven't done their repairs. Then the Vice-Mayor asked the residents how many haven't completed their repairs. He further stated that you are not getting any funds, only can take advantage if you haven't completed your repairs. Ms. Jean is here to protect this group, will do everything she can to keep the money here. We're designing how this will work according to the government's guidelines. Ms. Lopez said this is an impacted area and priority.

7. Vice Mayor Robert McKinzie-

- a. Gave an update on the new developments going into Central County. You may notice housing in Boulevard Gardens and the auto dealer was torn down.
- b. Want your input on what residents want to see. We have money set aside for affordable projects. Will probably be very similar to Boulevard Gardens.
- c. He said he just came to say hello. Thanks to all the people in the room from Broward County who work hard. Thanks to BSO for what they did 2 weeks ago, responding to an incident. Lately they have been doing a good job.

8. County Administration- Laurette Jean, Assistant County Administrator, BMSD Administrator announced that she'd like to capture residents' ideas.

- a. She had copies distributed about the litter truck.
- b. New initiative such as the litter truck. Vice Mayor said the litter truck is on the street, driver came from Parks and Recreation, the truck is sucking up litter. When the BMSD gets something, it stays within the boundaries.
- c. Ms. Jean said we want to find a way to capture your ideas. There's progress. Trying to work in a collaborative fashion. Have cleaned up the Waterways, North Fork New River because the Vice Mayor pushed us to do it.



- d. Offer Community Cleanups for the HOAs, bus shelter clean ups, issues with the Transit riders and homeless. Working with Code, the Sheriff's Office and Human Services department to do outreach. We were removing bus shelters from bus stops but got feedback, advantages and disadvantages; they're needed. It's a complex issue we are dealing with.
 - i. Vice Mayor McKinzie said bus benches are a problem all over the county. Some cities do not have bus benches. There's a federal government grant, so we can't remove them.
 - ii. Ms. Jean asked the attendees to jot down ideas, concerns, keep, fix and create. Laurette said we maintain the right ways; the Public Works staff isn't fully designated to the BMSD. The County doesn't have a pressure cleaning contract but is working on this and do quarterly street sweeping. There's Elaine in Solid Waste, residents who clean up, Mr. Pierce & Brittany clean their properties and their neighbors. Have an issue with Illegal dumping, vacant land, graffiti & nuisance properties. County historically hasn't done foreclosures.
- e. New initiatives, lights and decorations at the parks, we're working with BSO on Lewis Chisom Park to clean it up. BSO is doing routine patrolling there. Install more lighting at night. Dedicating more resources to keep the parks clean. Received a grant to install cameras at the park. Will install new signage and changing the location of the sign.
- f. Also, encouraging anti-littering and beautification campaign.
- g. Biggest accomplishment, wall at Sistrunk Blvd. Got the wall in Boulevard Gardens done. Rev. Scipio thanked the County on getting the wall installed in a limited time.

9. Intergovernmental Affairs – Marty Cassini said on behalf of the County they track every piece of legislation in Tallahassee and Washington, DC. He said there's been extensive discussion in the press that property taxes need a fix. He reviewed the state bills on property tax reform. He explained that House Bill 203 will deplete taxes. The bill phases out homestead exemptions. Of Broward County's \$8 billion budget, most of the County dollars aren't generated from property taxes; they come from airport, seaport and water and waste water revenues. The bill will cost us \$193 million in a year. There's a disagreement in the legislature. They haven't released



the budget proposals. The senate doesn't want to deal with property taxes. May have a special session to deal with this. House Bill 103 deletes the county's ability to collect business taxes for business certificates. The County charges \$35 and it will cut the County's ability to do that. It does affect cities more than the County. The senate hasn't heard that bill.

- a. Marquis Curry asked if the bill affects schools, public safety and disaster relief services? Mr. Cassini said it doesn't affect the schools. \$1.7 billion (half is for sheriff, real impact).
- b. Laurette Jean said some cities rely much more on property tax revenue. Their money goes to public safety. Some cities have talked about de-annexing, for cities to make it happen. They'll become unincorporated.
- c. Vice Mayor McKinzie asked how will it hurt the BMSD, positive and negative impacts? Mr. Cassini said it will be residential properties.
- d. Rev. Scipio asked about HR 205, for 65 & over. Mr. Cassini said the proposal was put in to keep seniors in their homes, but that bill is not moving.
- e. Marty Cassini said in Senate Bill 290, it says you can't place human rescues on agricultural land if not treated.
- f. Vice Mayor McKinzie said you pay very little taxes to County or city. Biggest taxes are paid to school board, hospital districts and South Florida Water Management District, and school board is exempt from this.

10. Announcements-

- a. Marquis Curry announced that the City of Fort Lauderdale's new SMART Water Meter program will be presented March 9th, 6 pm at the Franklin Park HOA meeting and March 12th, 7 pm at the Washington Park Civic Association meeting. He invited residents to attend either meeting if they have any questions about the SMART Meter program.

11. Unfinished Business- A handout with follow up information from the November 19, 2025, CCCAB meeting was distributed.

12. New Business- N/A



13. Adjourn

Chair Brihm thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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