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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2013 - 6:00PM

AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH CULTURAL LIBRARY

560 NW 27th Avenue

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

Ms. Deloris Jackson, Chair

Ms. Alverine Brihm, Vice Chair

Mr. Eligha Lewis III, Advisory Board Member

Mr. Theotis Pressley, Advisory Board Member

Reverend Jesse Scipio, Advisory Board Member

Board Members Excused or Absent:

Ms. Tanya Freeman, Advisory Board Member

Ms. Julia Porter, Advisory Board Member

County Staff:

Commissioner Dale V. Holness, Broward County Commission

Mr. Henry Sniezek, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division

Mr. Sheldon Riles, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division

Mr. Michael Huneke, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division

Mr. Albert E. Cummings, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division

Mr. John E. Naclerio III, Office of the County Attorney

Mr. Gerald Henry, Broward County Permitting, Licensing & Consumer Protection Division,
Community Code

Mr. Jeff Day, Broward County Permitting, Licensing & Consumer Protection Division

Mr. Sandy-Michael E. McDonald, Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Mr. Steven Tinsley, Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Mr. Dan West, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division
Ms. Gayle Preston, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division
Ms. Val Wolberg, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division
Ms. Carol Morgenstern, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division
Mr. Chester Pruitt, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division
Mr. James Federici, Broward County Planning and Design Section

Guests:

Mr. Kenny Paris
Mr. Eric Haynes
Mr. Ernest Louis
Ms. Jacqueline C. Kelly, HOA Boulevard Gardens
Ms. Matlene Coleman, HOA Boulevard Gardens
Ms. Mattie Williams-Harvey, HOA Boulevard Gardens
Ms. Zandra Scipio, HOA Boulevard Gardens
Ms. Sallie Tillman-Watson, HOA Washington Park
Mr. Newton Sanon, OIC of South Florida
Lt. Richard Pisanti, BSO
Mr. Antonio Davis, Business Owner
Mr. Jackson Smith, Business Partner

The Chair Pro-Tem (Ms. Alverine Brihm) called the meeting to order at 6:40PM and asked for the roll call which was done by Mr. Albert Cummings, meeting recorder.

Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2013 Meeting

The Chair asked for questions or comments about the minutes of the CCCAB meeting held on July 17, 2013. Mr. Henry Sniezek noted one correction. A motion was made approve the minutes as amended. The motion was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Central County Parks and Recreation Projects

Mr. Dan West, Parks and Recreation Director for Broward County opened the presentation with the introduction of his team, Ms. Gayle Preston, Ms. Val Wolberg, Ms. Carol Morgenstern, Mr. Chester Pruitt and Jim Federici.

Ms. Gayle Preston, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation began the PowerPoint presentation illustrating Projects that are already completed, those presently being done as well as those on the horizon. She spoke of upcoming projects for the Boulevard Gardens which include surveying and revising drainage including properties to better utilize the space, a playground in the design phase and which should be completed by the end of the year. In Phase II the modular building will be replaced and in Phase III a new parking lot and basketball court will be constructed.

Ms. Preston also illustrated upcoming changes in Delevoe Park where “forever lawn” was just installed. She mentioned the projects there include Phase I, retiling the main building, repairing the maintenance roof and repaving the entire parking lot. Phase II will be developing additional property on 27th Avenue which was illustrated in the presentation. This includes additional parking for community events and which can be shared by the Urban League and the African American Research Cultural Library, a community garden area and an additional shelter.

Ms. Preston moved on to the Dillard Green space and showed planned improvements. This will be funded from grants from the Land Stewardship Program, Parks for People. Energy efficient security lighting, decorative fencing and a walkway in the back will be installed.

Ms. Preston then showed Franklin Park illustrating recently completed projects such as the newly painted interior and exterior of the building, placed new ceramic tile throughout the lobby, the computer room, game room, rest rooms, security cameras and replaced some of the fitness equipment. Future projects for Franklin Park consist of remodeling the kitchen and replacing some of the water fountains.

Ms. Preston showed that Lafayette Park just finished the installation of a new playground, re-fencing around the basketball court and the tennis court. She also illustrated these completions and said future projects include resurfacing the both the basketball and tennis courts and Phase II will be replacing their modular building, demolishing the restrooms, storage building and replacing it with a combination of both shelters and restrooms. They will also install new swing sets and lifters and relocating the parking lot.

Ms. Preston showed the completed projects in Roosevelt Gardens. The County purchased properties which had 3 homes on it that were leveled. The field was sodded and put in a security camera system and installed fencing around the new lots they acquired. They will add additional parking where the houses were. Future projects upgrading the security alarm system, decorative fence around the lots and a new maintenance and storage area.

Ms. Val Wolberg then gave a brief description of some of the programs initiated by Parks and Recreation in the last year such as the free afterschool program, a free summer program serving over 2000

children, a senior program, and through collaboration with the YMCA provide various classes for everyone. September 12th, there will be a kickoff event at Franklin Park.

Questions and Answers:

Mr. Pressley asked if there is any prioritization in process for the parks when the new projects for Boulevard Gardens will begin.

Mr. West illustrated on the map with the help of Mr. James Federici the kinds of changes that will occur and said it should be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Eligha Lewis III suggested an outside Landscape Architect be brought in and pointed out that Roosevelt Gardens parking lot is in need of improvement. Mr. Lewis also spoke of a need for the County to develop a comprehensive plan for the Central County Community area.

Mr. West addressed these issues beginning with Dillard Green Space and illustrated conceptual and proposed development plans for Roosevelt Gardens as well.

The Chair asked if there's a timeline of the replacement of the re-building project.

Ms. Carol Morgenstern explained there's a vendor bidding process in progress and this should be finished in approximately 3 months. At that time a timeline can be more accurately determined.

On-Street Parking (Requested by Board Member Theotis Pressley)

Mr. Pressley asked how to remove abandoned cars from the street and lots and what the rules, codes or regulations are regarding this.

Mr. Jeff Day said in the zoning codes we can enforce what's on private property and the swale, but if it's on the street the Sheriff's office should be contacted.

Lt. Richard Pisanti addressed this issue and pointed out that if the car is not operational or if it is illegal they can remove it.

Mr. Gerald Henry explained the ordinance and codes as they apply to private properties regarding this issue.

Broward County Sheriff, Chief Dunbar, offered to go out with Code Enforcement and do a sweep after which they will know better how to deal with this situation.

Discussion – NW 27th Avenue Corridor

Mr. Henry Sniezek addressed this issue beginning with working with the BSO on previously determined "Hot Spots" which were discussed at the last meeting. In addition to this, coming up with an economic development strategy benefitting all of Central County is one of the goals for this area. To further expound on this matter, Mr. Sniezek introduced Mr. Sandy McDonald.

Mr. McDonald spoke to the Board and visitors in great detail regarding this matter. He mentioned the process of creating an all-inclusive; community owned economic development plan and strategy as well as a comprehensive plan to address all the needs of Central County.

Mr. Lewis mentioned there was no money allocated for Unincorporated Broward. He added that as we don't have a comprehensive plan and Mr. McDonald is putting together an economic plan, he suggested that a moratorium be placed on all county projects for at least six months until that plan is completed.

Commissioner Holness assured the Board there is money allocated just for Unincorporated Broward and pointed out it is their tax dollars that is used for this fund.

The Commissioner continued to explain how this money is divided and used.

Commissioner Holness explained what resulted from meeting with Wal-Mart and the associated Developers pointing out that part of it was bringing businesses into this community which could interface with Wal-Mart to get contracting opportunities. The Commissioner stated that the meeting was attended by the Urban League, Minority Builders, businesses and community organizations.

Ms. Sallie Tillman-Watson stated that tax dollars put into the CRA from its inception to now should still be there.

Mr. Sniezek and Commissioner Holness explained the process of CRAs and discussion regarding this matter continued.

A visitor asked if there's a reason why funds for social improvements were reallocated to businesses and jobs.

The Commissioner pointed out that the focus of CRA money typically is economic development which is why CRAs are created.

Discussion – County Organizational Structure

Mr. Sniezek explained the County Organizational Chart which was a part of the handout.

Mr. Lewis spoke on this issue mentioning there is no unincorporated representation listed on the chart.

A visitor suggested that County Commission representation should live in the unincorporated area.

Commissioner Holness pointed out he is a member of this community and explained the process of representation.

ADJOURN

The Chair made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.