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MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2014 – 6:00pm

Roosevelt Gardens Community Center

2841 NW 11th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

Ms. Alverine Brihm, Chairperson
Ms. Julia Porter, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Tanya Freeman
Mr. Theotis Pressley
Mr. Eligha Lewis III

Board Members Excused or Absent:

Mr. Robert Miller
Reverend Jesse Scipio

County Staff:

Commissioner Dale V. Holness, Broward County Commission
Ms. Maribel Feliciano, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division
Mr. John E. Naclerio III, Office of the County Attorney
Mr. Sheldon Riles, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division
Ms. Heather Cunniff, Code and Zoning Enforcement Unit Manager
Mr. Steve Tinsley, Broward County OESBD
Mr. Alphonso Jefferson, Broward County RHS, Assistant to County Administration
Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Broward County, Economic Development Specialist

Guests:

Guests were not in attendance.

- I. **Call to Order.** Alverine Brihm called the meeting to order and requested roll call.

- II. **Roll Call.** Heather Cunniff called the roll and noted a quorum was present. Ms. Brihm introduced two new Central County Community Advisory Board Members, Lisa Curry and Marquis Curry. For the purposes of an orderly meeting, Ms. Brihm requested speakers be recognized and the agenda be followed.

III. Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2014 Meeting. Eligha Lewis III stated it was not appropriate to consider the minutes since this is a workshop.

Motion: Mr. Lewis moved to defer approval of the minutes to the next CCCAB meeting. This motion was seconded by Marquis Curry and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Board Workshop. Staff explained the purposes of the workshop and introduced the topics for discussion.

A. Purposes:

1. Fulfill the responsibility of the CCCAB to develop recommendations to the County Commission on the nature and quality of services, projects and programs.

Maribel Feliciano stated the workshop is informal and invited board members to help themselves to refreshments. She then introduced Heather Cunniff and Sheldon Riles to lead remainder of the workshop.

Ms. Cunniff described the CCCAB from its inception as the voice of their respective communities, Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens and Washington Park. Ms. Cunniff noted the ordinance creating the CCCAB identifies four specific responsibilities and duties as follows:

1. To act as liaison between the Commission and residents of the unincorporated Central County Community.
2. To hold meetings to receive comments from residents with regard to matters which affect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the unincorporated Central County Community and to formulate ideas from the comments received.
3. To prepare and submit recommendations for consideration to the Commission regarding the nature and quality of services, Projects, and programs for residents of the Central County Unincorporated Community.
4. To perform other related activities as may from time to time be requested by the Commission.

She stated the main purpose of this workshop is to fulfill the first and third responsibilities.

2. Provide Broward County staff with comments and feedback regarding #BrowardNext, Broward County's comprehensive plan update initiative.

Ms. Cunniff explained the #BrowardNext initiative is a major update to Broward County's Comprehensive Plan. She noted Broward County's upcoming centennial on October 1, 2015 and that through #BrowardNext we will attempt to answer the following question: how will we continue to thrive and succeed over the next 100 years? #BrowardNext involves a review of the Broward County Land Use Plan and the Broward County Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Cunniff pointed out that the main goal of #BrowardNext is to devise more efficient methods and policies to address growth and

development challenges and opportunities. There are six focus areas:

1. Redevelopment
2. Housing
3. Natural Recreation and Historic Recourses
4. Transportation Public Facilities
5. Public Facilities (non-transportation)
6. Disaster prevention and emergency management

Ms. Cunniff stated there is an Ad-Hoc Steering Committee with seven members that was created in August 2014. Three members are from the Broward County Planning Council, two are from the Broward League of Cities, two are from the Broward County Commission, one of which is Commissioner Dale Holness, and one Ex-officio Planning Expert.

Through December there will be Ad-Hoc Steering Committee and focus group meetings. Throughout 2015, staff will conduct more stakeholder outreach and more focus group meetings. The Ad-Hoc Steering Committee also will continue to meet. Ms. Cunniff encouraged the CCCAB members to get involved and provide input. Preliminary policy recommendations are expected in 2015. Final recommendations are expected in 2016. More information can be found on www.broward.org/browardnext.

Ms. Feliciano asked the Advisory Board to identify priorities. Mr. Lewis inquired about the lack of development and housing funds from the state to support the goals and objectives derived from this workshop. Ms. Feliciano pointed out that Broward County is presently drafting its legislative agenda, which is used to represent the County's interests in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. Once final, the legislative agenda will be provided to the CCCAB.

B. Topics for Discussion: Board Members will identify services, projects, or programs needed by the community under each topic (Attachment A).

Sheldon Riles facilitated the identification of services, projects, and programs by the CCCAB and welcomed questions. Mr. Lewis questioned the effectiveness of a zero budget. Ms. Feliciano mentioned that the County has a budget which is adopted yearly which includes services to Central County. If the CCCAB has new ideas for redevelopment projects, County funding sources will have to be identified. Commissioner Dale Holness commented on the budget. He mentioned there is 4.8 million dollars available for economic development. There may be a need for additional funds beyond the yearly created budget.

Alphonso Jefferson introduced himself and explained his role as the voice for County Administration. He is the advocate for Central County will work to get things done. Julia Porter asked if any of the 4.8 million dollars will go towards the recommendations from this workshop. Commissioner Holness and Mr. Jefferson explained the process to allocate funds. Chair Brihm stated the CCCAB should know the strategy for using the 4.8 million dollars and be provided with a written accounting of expenditures.

Ms. Feliciano recommended having a presentation on the implementation of the economic

development strategy at the next regular CCCAB meeting. Mr. Jefferson noted the 4.8 million dollars is geared toward economic development, which is only one component of an enhancement strategy for the Central County community.

Mr. Riles mentioned that the workshop will clarify issues and ensure staff aligns its work programs with the issues that are important to the community. Ms. Feliciano stated that staff will provide regular progress reports and updates on the items identified by the CCCAB as priorities.

Mr. Riles led a brainstorming session to identify services, projects and programs desired by CCCAB on each of the following topics:

- Code Enforcement
- Crime & Law Enforcement
- Economic Development
- Existing Land Use, Zoning & Future Land Use
- Housing
- Street Enhancements
- Social Services
- Other Items (Advisory Board members were asked to provide additional topics but they agreed that the topics selected were appropriate)

The results of the brainstorming session are shown in Attachment B. Crime/law enforcement and social/public services are the top two priorities. Housing is the second priority. Street enhancement is the third priority. Code enforcement and economic development are the fourth priorities. Existing land use, future land use, and zoning issues did not rank as a priority.

V. Next Steps & Workshop Report. The workshop concluded and Mr. Riles stated that staff will develop a work plan based upon the items identified by the CCCAB. Ms. Feliciano noted that Mr. Jefferson is establishing a team of department directors to tackle the issues. The priorities identified by the CCCAB will be considered in future funding discussions. The workshop was adjourned.

Disclosure: The above captioned Minutes are transcribed in a summary format. To hear the full meeting, a compact disk of the meeting, (Audio file #14-SC-61), can be provided after a 24 hour notice to the Document Control and Minutes Section at 954-357-7297.

Attachment A
November 19, 2014 Workshop Topics

The workshop topics below were identified by ongoing discussion with Board members and comments given at previous Board meetings. At the beginning of the workshop, your assistance will be sought to identify which topics the Board would like to discuss first. Definitions and examples of possible projects and programs for each topic are provided below:

- **Code Enforcement** – The prevention, detection, investigation and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety, and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, land-use, or municipal affairs.
 - *Example: Rental housing registration program.*
- **Crime & Law Enforcement** - An action or an instance of negligence that is deemed harmful to the public welfare or to the interests of the state and punishable by law. Local law enforcement officers enforce the law to prevent criminal activities.
 - *Example: Neighborhood crime watch program.*
- **Housing** – The provision of adequate housing options for all residents.
 - *Example: Infill housing program.*
- **Economic Development** – The promotion of economic growth in an area by improving factors such as health, education, working conditions and job creation.
 - *Example: Central County Economic Development Strategy.*
- **Existing Land Use, Zoning, & Future Land Use:**
 - **Existing Land Use:** The current use and arrangement of buildings and structures on a parcel of land.
 - *Example: Renovate or rebuild deteriorating structures.*
 - **Zoning** – The separation of real property into districts to regulate development in terms of specific land uses and the layout and arrangement of buildings and structures on individual properties.
 - *Example: Revise the parking standards to promote economic development.*

- **Future Land Use:** The separation of real property into general categories of land use.
 - **Example:** *Amend the Future Land Use Map and Broward County Land Use Plan Map to allow mixed uses on NW 27th Avenue.*
- **Street Enhancements** – The improvement of a roadway’s appearance. Types of improvements may include: lighting, landscaping, widening/narrowing of lanes, sidewalk enhancements, multi-modal modes of transportation, etc.
 - **Example:** *Street redesign to add bicycle lanes, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings.*
- **Social Services** – The range of public services provided by governmental or private organizations.
 - **Example:** *Education; job training; health education; etc.*

**Attachment B
Summary of Recommendations & Priority Topics**

Summary of Recommendations & Priority Topics	
Crime & Law Enforcement ●●●●●	
1	Program to expunge criminal records.
2	Provide jail to work programs.
3	Address the drug problems.
4	Start a crime watch program.
5	Enforce parking laws.
6	Stop loitering at stores.
7	Create rehabilitation programs for criminals.
8	Address drugs on NW 13 th Court.
9	Install cameras to address crime.
10	Vacant Lots (Dumping).
Social/Public Services ●●●●●	
1	Provide services for Section 8 tenants.
2	Certified programs for parks other than basketball, such as tennis or karate.
3	Provide preventive programs within the Parks and Recreation Division.
4	Provide outreach to promote existing youth programs.
5	Provide outreach for all existing community programs.
6	Provide active recreation programs for seniors.
7	Create service referral list for the community.
8	Provide community resource centers.
Housing ●●●●	
1	Create affordable housing.
2	Address gentrification of neighborhoods.
3	Repair houses occupied by senior citizens.
4	Improve the housing stock.
5	Work with Section 8 landlords on problem tenants.
6	Use vacant lots owned by Broward County to create affordable housing.
7	Use Community Development Block grant funds, such as SHIP & HOME funds, for affordable housing.
8	Create in-house loan program for affordable housing.
Street Enhancements ●●	
1	Install speed humps.
2	Provide signature appearance for NW 27 th Avenue – bus shelters, bus stops, street furniture, etc.
3	Trim trees on county property, especially where branches intertwine over the street.
4	Improve main corridors, including entryway signs – Sunrise Boulevard, NW 27 th Avenue, NW 31 st Avenue.
5	Close NW 13 th Street.
6	Install landscaping enhancements and irrigation on Sunrise Boulevard.
Code Enforcement ●	
1	Landscaping, driveways/parking, fencing in disrepair, parking in swale, pressure washing sidewalk.

2	Cite pet owners who allow their animals to relieve themselves on others properties and swales.
3	Revise property maintenance codes – high weed and paint nuisances.
Economic Development	
1	Create business revitalization programs/incubators.
2	Create grants for striving entities.
3	Create jobs that do not require experience.
4	Provide on-the-job-experience.
5	Capital Improvement project “CRA”.
6	Weed and seed programs.
7	Involve the Opportunities for Industrialization Center of South Florida.
Existing Land Use, Zoning, & Future Land Use	
1	Allow mixed use on NW 27 th Avenue.
2	Eliminate non-conforming uses.
3	Add mixed uses.
Other Items	
1	Request homeowners associations to provide recommendations by topic.
2	Board members are not experts and the professional assistance of an independent consultant is needed.
Priority Topic Rankings & Summary	
	Board members each had three blue dots to identify priority topics.
First Priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crime & Law Enforcement - Social Services 	
Second Priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing 	
Third Priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Street Enhancements 	
Fourth Priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Code Enforcement - Economic Development 	
Fifth Priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing Land Use, Zoning, & Future Land Use - Other Items 	
Tally of Recommendations	
Crime & Law Enforcement	10
Social/Public Services	8
Housing	8
Economic Development	7
Street Enhancements	6
Code Enforcement	3
Existing Land Use, Zoning, & Future Land Use	3
Other Items	1
Total Recommendations	46