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MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2015 - 6:00 PM
Roosevelt Gardens Community Center
2841 N.W. 11th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

Alverine Brihm, Chair
Marquis Curry, Vice Chair
Lisa Curry
Tanya Freeman
Eligha Lewis III
Julia Porter
Reverend Jesse Scipio

Board Members Excused:

County Staff:

Dominique Denis, Broward County Cultural Division
Leslie Fordham, Broward County Cultural Division
Alphonso Jefferson, County Administration
Dan O'Linn, Broward County Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division
Lieutenant Richard Pisanti, Broward Sheriff's Office
Sheldon Riles, Housing Finance and Community Development Division
Jo Sesodia, AICP, Planning and Development Management Division
Alan Tiano, Broward County Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Dan West, Broward County Park and Recreation Division

Guests:

Blessing Hancock
John Johnson, Roosevelt Gardens
Sallie Tillman-Watson, Washington Park

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2015 Meeting

Alverine Brihm requested comments or corrections. Eligah Lewis made the following comments:

- a. Data was previously requested, but not supplied, that provides a break-down of properties occupied by renters and owners, as well as those properties owned by not-for-profit agencies.
- b. Mr. Lewis identified information he passed out at the last meeting and asked that the list of information provided is listed:
 - i. Dania Beach has employed a strategic approach to combat crack cocaine, including a six-month sting operation and multiple arrests.
 - ii. Baltimore has instituted a "Vacants to Value" Plan to reduce blight by streamlining code compliance, encouraging the purchase of vacant houses, and targeting buildings for demolition.
 - iii. An article about a book entitled "America, The Owner's Manual: Making Government Work for You" by Bob Graham and Chris Hand.
 - iv. "Save Our Swales" brochure.

Sally Watson stated the CCCAB needs the opportunity to conduct a line-by-line review of the budget to identify potential savings.

Motion: A motion to approve the May 20, 2015 minutes with corrections was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Dillard Park Green Space Art Project

Dominique Denis, Public Art and Design Manager, Broward County Cultural Division, introduced Blessing Hancock, the artist selected for the Dillard Green Space Art Project. Ms. Hancock explained her background and work. She expressed that she enjoys working with the community to create art that reflects community desires. Ms. Hancock showed some examples of her art work. Her projects often use various types of materials, incorporate light, and are interactive.

Ms. Hancock plans to engage students at Dillard High School, an art magnet school, and mentioned the possibility of including students in an opening ceremony performance. Ms. Hancock expressed her vision for the Dillard Park Green Space project is a gateway piece, due to its prominent location on Sunrise Boulevard.

Dan West, Director, Broward County Park and Recreation Division described the open space component of the project. Alphonso Jefferson, Assistant County Administrator, stated the project is in the concept phase and preliminary design will be presented to the CCCAB. Ms. Denis can organize conference calls between the CCCAB members and Ms. Fordham. Mr. Jefferson stated the various projects planned for the area are being integrated and that a visual project plan for the area will be presented in the future.

Mr. Lewis noted a “Walk of Fame” was previously planned for the Dillard Green Space and he was not supportive of the project.

3. Promise Zone Designation

Mr. Jefferson introduced Alan Tiano from the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to discuss the Promise Zone designation. Federal agencies allocate preference points to Promise Zone grant applications for a ten (10) year period. Mr. Tiano stated the criteria for this round of Promise Zone designations are expected to be released in the fall and applications will probably be due in late January or early February. Past criteria required a poverty rate of 35% and a population of 10,000 to 100,000. The application is competitive and only seven slots are available, including four for urban communities, two for rural areas, and one for tribal lands. One of the urban slots is planned for Baltimore.

4. Update on Zoning Code Rewrite

Jo Sesodia, Director, Planning and Development Management Division, briefly described the zoning code update, an initiative recommended by the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel. Staff is examining ways to add flexibility to the zoning code.

5. BMSD Progress Report

Mr. Jefferson discussed the BMSD Semi-Annual Report and mentioned staff is working on the following initiatives:

- a. Paint program
- b. Home repair program
- c. Job fair presented by Commissioner Holness
- d. Healthy Community Zone - \$100,000 of technical assistance on public safety improvements was approved
- e. Broward Academy – Two seats are available for people who live in the BMSD to learn about Broward County government and ways to get involved
- f. A new BMSD website is available www.broward.org/municipalservicesdistrict
- g. Broward 100 – Various events are planned and a lot of focus is on art
- h. Tater Town – Working on demolition permits
- i. Boulevard Gardens Park renovation is funded and scheduled to begin in early 2016.

In response to a question about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the possibility of making improvements block by block, Mr. Jefferson stated the CCCAB would need to provide recommendations about which blocks should be targeted. Mr. Lewis requested an update on how funds were used for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

6. Non-agenda Items

Ms. Brihm requested items for the next agenda. Mr. Lewis stated he does not want code enforcement staff to issue courtesy notice door hangers in place of the Notice of Violation because it is not an effective process. Ms. Sesodia explained the courtesy notices provide a thirty

(30) day period for a property owner to comply before resources are used to process a Notice of Violation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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