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MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2015 - 6:00 PM

Franklin Park Community Center

2501 Franklin Drive

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

Lisa Curry

Marquis Curry, Vice Chair

Tanya Freeman (arrived after roll call)

Julia Porter

Reverend Jesse Scipio

Board Members Excused or Absent:

Alverine Brihm, Chair

Eligha Lewis III

County Staff:

Heather Cunniff, Planning and Development Management Division

Dominque Denis, Cultural Division

Maribel Feliciano, Planning and Development Management Division

Leslie Fordham, Cultural Division

Alphonso Jefferson, County Administration

Lauraine Lynch, Broward County Board of County Commissioners

Jo Sesodia, Planning and Development Management Division

Val Wolberg, Parks and Recreation Division

Guests:

Captain Dunbar, Broward County Sheriff's Office

T. Edwards, Franklin Park Resident

Gregory Holness, Broward County Sheriff's Office – Fire Rescue

D. Jackson, Franklin Park

Mark Reyes, Urban League of Broward County

Call to Order

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

1. Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2015 Meeting

The following changes were requested.

Add Leslie Fordham to attendance roster.

Typo: Page 2. Correct the spelling for Dillard Green Space.

Item 1-Page 2: Add "Save the Swales" brochure to list of items Mr. Lewis passed out.

Item 2-Page 3: Add Mr. Lewis referenced walk of fame previously planned for Dillard Green Space and noted he was not supportive of the project.

Item 5-Page 3: Add Mr. Lewis requested an update on funds used for neighborhood stabilization program

Item 5-Page 3: Add Boulevard Gardens renovation is funded and scheduled to start in early 2016.

Item 6-Page 3: Mr. Lewis noted courtesy notices not an effective process.

Motion: Reverend Scipio moved to approve the minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by Ms. Porter and approved with a 4 - 0 vote.

2. Approval of Bylaws

The Board was advised that rules of etiquette have been added to the bylaws and this will take effect for all County advisory boards. Following a question about the rules of procedure regarding the removal of an unruly board member, the Board was advised that Robert's Rules of Order book will be provided to each Board member. The book outlines the detailed procedures for removal. Reverend Scipio proposed an amendment to the bylaws Section I. Decorum, paragraph 4, to state that "disciplinary procedures will be enforced" not "may be enforced." A motion was made by Reverend Scipio, seconded by Ms. Porter, and approved unanimously to approve the bylaws as amended.

3. GED Program for Out-of-School Youth

The School Board of Broward County, Florida received a grant to administer a high school equivalency degree program for youth and adults between the ages of 16 and 24. Among other benefits, participants may be eligible for a free voucher to pay for the GED exam, tuition for the next semester, and a \$100 Visa gift card for successful completion of the GED test. Further information may be requested from Christine Lamb, School Board of Broward County, Florida at 754-321-8442.

4. Dillard Park Green Space Art Project Design

The Dillard Park Green Space Art Project is being designed by artist Blessing Hancock. Mr. Lewis met with Ms. Hancock and a site was selected within the Dillard Park Green Space to locate the project. Ms. Hancock was given a tour of the community and a briefing on the neighborhood's history.

The art work will incorporate Adinkra symbols, originally created by the Ashanti of Ghana and the Gyaman of Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa, that represent concepts or proverbs. The Fihankra symbol of house/compound and the Mmomudwan symbol of Unity are being merged to create a sculptural element that means “as one”.

Dillard High School students created artwork based upon the two themes of “serenity, peace, calm” and “safety, security, home”. Night lighting that changes color and projects an eleven feet tall image of the students’ art is included. Dillard High School’s colors are being incorporated into the artwork. The Destination Sistrunk Project, a black heritage history tour, is including the site as a stop.

As part of the park’s design, a path to the artwork is being installed. Public safety and the location of trees and landscaping were considered in the park’s design. Mr. Curry requested information to distribute to the various homeowners associations in Central County. Leslie Fordham offered to make presentations upon request.

5. Broward County Zoning Code Update

A brief overview of the zoning code update was provided. The intent of the zoning code update is to eliminate obsolete zoning districts, combine duplicative zoning districts, update the master lists of uses, and respond to business needs. Although amendments are occasionally made to the zoning code, it has been approximately fifteen years since a substantial update was completed. Since that time, the geographic extent of the Unincorporated Area has been considerably reduced through municipal annexation and incorporation processes. Items proposed in the update include design standards for commercial properties, revised parking standards, landscape code changes for businesses, new use schedules, and improved code enforcement tools.

Once staff completes a draft, including legal review, it will be presented to the CCCAB and made available for public review. Public hearings are required with the Local Planning Agency and Board of County Commissioners.

6. Projects Update

A brief update of existing and proposed projects was provided. Highlights included:

- a. Broward Academy: Two slots available for next year.
- b. NW 27 Avenue Safe Streets Project Planned
- c. Sunrise Boulevard Beautification project almost completed
- d. Franklin Park Estates: Houses are under construction
- e. Bus Stops: Improvements being made to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- f. Infill Housing: Two houses under construction in Roosevelt Gardens and five houses being built in partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Washington Park.
- g. Tater Town: Plans moving forward for demolition and marketing for commercial development. If commercial development is not viable, then multi-family development will be pursued.
- h. Community Parks: Improvements are being made in all parks.
- i. Economic Development Toolbox: Grants and loans are being offered for façade improvements.

- j. Healthy Community Zone: Over 200 people attended the kick-off event at Delevoe Park.
- k. Promise Zone designation application is being submitted. Staff found the collaboration required to prepare the application valuable in terms of improving service delivery.
- l. Wireless Cameras: Installation of wireless cameras will provide an additional tool for law enforcement and emergency response and allow more efficient use of staff resources. Issues of privacy are being addressed before installation is completed. Information gathered by the cameras is stored for two weeks, unless it is required for a law enforcement case.

The matter of lowering the unemployment rate and the employment obstacles encountered by teenagers and young adults with juvenile crime records was raised. A program is under development to hire people from the community to complete recurring projects that are usually done by staff, such as sign painting, grass cutting, and pressure washing sidewalks. The Broward Sheriff's Office has a re-entry program to incentivize local businesses to hire youth with criminal backgrounds. It was noted the Health Community Zone designation can be used to help educate young people. Reverend Scipio suggested finding ways to require businesses to hire people from the community.

7. Informational Items

The following information was included with the agenda package:

- a. Walmart Hiring Event flyer: September 28, 2015 to December 7, 2015, Urban League of Broward County, 560 NW 27th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.
- b. Macy's is Hiring for the Holidays flyer: Apply at www.holiday.macysJOBS.com
- c. Arrest Sealing and Expungement Workshop flyer: December 10, 2015, 3:00pm to 7:00pm, Urban League of Broward County, 560 NW 27th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Families in Need for the Holidays: Captain Dunbar, Broward Sheriff's Office, requested that board members forward contact information to him for families in need.
- b. Urban League of Broward County:
 - Broward College Certification program
 - Unemployed Youth Empowerment Project
 - Hope Now mortgage counseling assistance
 - Criminal record expungement applications.
- c. Lorraine Lynch from Commissioner Holness' office can send a list of jobs available from the job fair.

8. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Reverend Scipio, seconded by Ms. Porter, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

9. Next Board Meeting: February 17, 2016

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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