



CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

ATTACHMENT A

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MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 29, 2016 - 6:00 PM

Franklin Park Community Center

2841 NW 11th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

Marquis Curry, Chair
Julia Porter, Vice Chair
Alverine Brihm
Lisa Curry
Reverend Jesse Scipio
Tanya Freeman
Eligha Lewis III (arrived after roll call)

County Staff:

Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., County Administration
Yvette Lopez, Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment
Steven Tinsley, Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Calvin Williams, Emergency Management
Elaine Barrett, Solid Waste & Recycling Services
Aretha Wimberly, Planning and Development Management Division

Guests who signed in:

Lt. Frank Heitmann, BSO
Gregory Holness, BSO
David Reece, CareerSource Broward
Charles Webster, Broward County Public Schools
Vincent Ware, OIC
Courtnee Biscardi, Urban League
Eric Louis, Boys and Girls Clubs
T. Edwards
Yvonne Sumlin
Hope Gary
Dennis Walker
Jamel Walker

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 pm. Roll call taken. A quorum was present.

1. *Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2016 Meeting

Mrs. Brihm made a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion seconded by Rev. Scipio and passed by unanimous vote.

2. CareerSource Broward: On-The-Job Program

Mr. David Reece presented litany of services available to employers through grant funded programs including their On-The-Job program offering up to 75% reimbursement of wages paid.

3. BMSD Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Aretha Wimberly advised that outreach workshops are tentatively planned for November based upon recommendations from the CCCAB. The plan will be brought back to the CCCAB before submitting for adoption. Mr. Eligha Lewis, board member, requested an outside subject matter expert prepare a comprehensive plan for Roosevelt Gardens.

4. Economic Development Toolbox Update

Mr. Steve Tinsley reported that the program is scheduled to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on September 15. Working on a parallel track, three pilot / demonstration projects are progressing as the program moves through the approval process.

Entrepreneur workshops targeting BMSD businesses took place earlier in the month. BMSD employment workshop(s) planned for October to connect employers and employees with resources including social services agencies.

Mr. Tinsley explained that businesses were selected based on how clearly defined the projects were, the ability to meet financial match requirements, and readiness to initiate the project. Initial pilot/demonstration projects are Fashion Cleaners on West Broward Blvd, Rooms-To-Grow Academy (pre-school) on West Sunrise Blvd, and Brihm's Bookkeeping on NW 27th Avenue north of Sistrunk Blvd.

Mr. Tinsley provided a response about the eligibility of properties on Broward Blvd. He mentioned that staff met with property owners but they still have to decide what plans they have for their properties. As a regulatory and funding agency the County can only provide tools to help them with their plan(s). One-on-one meetings with business and/or property owners conducted upon request.

Mr. Lewis expressed concern about the potential for a conflict of interest with Mrs. Brihm's being a voting member of CCCAB. Mr. Alphonso Jefferson clarified that the County verified that there were no conflicts of interest or ethical violations for Mrs. Brihm, as a community member, to be a recipient of County programs when eligible.

Mr. Curry, CCCAB Chair, advised Mr. Lewis to refrain from using derogatory language or he will be removed from the meeting. On-duty BSO deputy reminded Mr. Lewis that he must not be disruptive.

5. Project Updates

Mr. Jefferson reported and confirmed with the Chair that BMSD Central County monthly project updates are being provided to the CCCAB.

6th Street Project – Notice To Proceed expected to be issued within upcoming week.

NW 27th Avenue design expected within 6 months.

Franklin Park Estates construction completed. Yvette Lopez reported that occupancy of new Franklin Park Estates homes expected to be underway no later than beginning of October 2016.

Minor Home Repair expected completion remains summer/fall 2016.

Dillard Greenspace project expansion is being considered.

LaFayette Hart Park September / October timeframe is more likely for occupancy of LaFayette Hart Park community center. Meeting pending with Mr. Dan West, Parks Director.

6. Informational Items

Mr. Jefferson reported that Mosquito Control is taking proactive measures against the Zika Virus, working with the State and Code Enforcement. Board of County Commissioners allocated more dollars.

Mr. Curry, Chair, recognized Courtnee M. Biscardi, Urban League of Broward County who presented overview of a litany of programs and services available to community members including those recently released from jail.

Mrs. Hope Gary of Fort Lauderdale Community Center and community member advised that they offer services to those recently released from incarceration.

Ms. Wimberly provided update on Healthy Community Zone and volunteer opportunities.

Mr. Calvin Williams with Emergency Management gave brief introduction and explanation of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Mr. Gregory Holness, Asst. BSO Fire Chief elaborated on CERT training.

Mr. Brandon Harold introduced himself as blogger and private investigator. Solicited support to pursue the firing of persons responsible for the theft of \$7 million from CRA. Mr. Jefferson explained that the CRA Mr. Harold was speaking of is in Fort Lauderdale and not this community.

Mr. Lewis requested Ms. Wimberly provide an answer to his request to have Roosevelt Gardens removed from the CCCAB. Ms. Wimberly answered that the information provided to Mr. Lewis instructing him how to resign was the answer provided by County Attorney's office.

7. Next Meeting Scheduled for November 16, 2016

8. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM

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