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MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CCCAB) MEETING
February 17, 2016 - 6:00 PM
Boulevard Gardens Community Center
313 NW 28th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Tanya Freeman
Julia Porter

County Staff:

Alphonso Jefferson, County Administration
Maribel Feliciano, Planning and Development Management Division
Aretha Wimberly, Planning and Development Management Division
Heather Cunniff, Planning and Development Management Division
Jill Denis-Lay, Parks and Recreation Division
Roger Lalanne, Highway Construction and Engineering Division
Commissioner Dale Holness, District 9

Guests who signed in:

Isabel Rovira, Urban Health Solutions LLC
Lt. Shawn Enser, Broward County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Eric Caldwell, Broward County Sheriff's Office
T. Edwards, Franklin Park Resident
Mattie Harvey, Boulevard Gardens
Hope Gary, Washington Park
William Gary, Washington Park
Joan Johnson, Boulevard Gardens
Jessie Wright, Boulevard Gardens

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present after Mr. Marquis Curry's arrival shortly after roll call.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2015 Meeting

No corrections requested.

Motion: Reverend Scipio moved to approve the minutes with corrections. This motion was seconded by Mr. Curry and passed with a 3- 0 vote. Mrs. Brihm and Mr. Lewis were not present at the November 18 meeting; thus, they did not cast a vote.

Mr. Lewis restated that Mrs. Brihm's verbal resignation at the August 19, 2015 meeting needs to be addressed. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Mr. Lewis provided additional corrections to the adopted August 19, 2015 minutes to Mr. Jefferson. He insisted that the minutes require correction. Ms. Feliciano stated that the minutes from the August 19, 2015 meeting were already approved with the changes he requested and adopted by the Board.

2. Robert's Rules of Order Handbook

The County provided each member of the Board with a copy of Robert's Rules Handbook.

3. Safe Routes App Pilot

Ms. Feliciano introduced Isabel Rovira with Urban Health Solutions LLC to present the Safe Routes Broward App to the Board. She mentioned Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, and Dania Beach are the other HCZ Broward cities currently using the application.

There was a discussion about how the app should be presented to the community and staff emphasized that the app is not intended for use in lieu of existing emergency / 9-1-1 system. The turnaround time varies based on the type of issue reported. Mr. Lewis suggested to focus on capital improvements instead. Capital improvement projects are ongoing and status reports will be provided by staff later in the meeting.

Although Mrs. Brihm advised Mr. Lewis that he had not been recognized to speak, he continued to read a newspaper article that implied that the unincorporated areas of Broward County are without a City Manager. Mr. Jefferson advised that over the past several months, almost every commission agenda has had an item specifically for BMSD.

Mrs. Brihm, Chair, concluded the discussion by thanking Mrs. Rovia, requesting the timeline for the app, and moving on to item 4 on the agenda.

4. Safe Streets Project Phase I Improvements

Roger Lalanne with Broward County Highway Construction and Engineering presented an update on the NW 6 St / Sistrunk improvements that include: added bike lanes, exclusive left lane turn lane to NW 27 Avenue south, mid-block pedestrian crossing signal, palms and landscaped median. Mr. Lalanne stated that from 27 Avenue to just east of 24 Avenue is Phase I with Phase II being 27 Avenue from Broward Boulevard to Sunrise as the major project.

There was a discussion about the timeline for the two phases and a request by Reverend Scipio to advance the beautification for 27 Avenue. Additional funds became available to make improvements on Sistrunk and extend the street enhancements from Fort Lauderdale. This is a smaller project and can be completed faster. Staff will provide an update on the 27th Ave project at the next meeting.

Reverend Scipio advised that there is a blind spot at the corner of NW 6 St by the cemetery. The hedges at the north corner, east bound obstruct the view of traffic. Mr. Lalanne agreed to take the concern back and address it with Traffic Engineering and Code Enforcement.

A request for the timeline was made. The survey is 90% complete, the design is being done in-house, and a RFP will follow shortly thereafter. Commissioner Holness stated that once the design is finished the next step is a RFP for 27 Avenue – the contract for Sistrunk is already lined up.

Ms. Edwards, local resident, indicated money should be spent on correcting flooding and drainage problems instead. Mr. Jefferson mentioned that the funds used for the streets improvements are different from those used for flooding and drainage. He suggested that Ms. Edwards reports specific areas of flooding to the County's Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division and that efforts to clean storm drains are underway.

Lt. Enser with Broward Sheriff Office requested clarification on the lane size reduction from 11 feet to 10 feet on the north side and wanted to ensure the reduction is not going into swale. Mr. Lalanne responded that the traffic study is favorable for a 10 foot lane in 35 mph traffic. Mr. Lalanne stated work is scheduled to begin at the end of March.

Mrs. Brihm, chair, moved on to item 5 on the agenda.

5. Broward Municipal Services District Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Feliciano mentioned the County's BrowardNEXT initiative to re-write the County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Plan is underway. She is going to schedule one-on-one meetings with each board member for input on their neighborhoods priorities and the format for the public workshops and outreach to the community.

Mr. Lewis responded that the Comp Plan proposed is not what he is looking for. He referred to the City of Baltimore as a model. Mr. Lewis directed a statement to Commissioner Holness that nothing was done in 36 months and now in the last 12 months he is trying. Commissioner Holness replied that he is not going to be accused of something that he did not do and requested the Mr.

Lewis be more respectful. Mr. Lewis responded that Commissioner Holness did not deserve respect.

Mrs. Brihm, chair, moved on to item 6 on the agenda.

6. Economic Development Update

Mr. Jefferson encouraged all entrepreneurs to attend the free conference hosted by OESBD (Office of Economic and Small Business Development) on March 4 and 5. He announced that the economic development toolbox will be rolled out next month, exterior and interior remodeling assistance is being considered as specified services that are eligible for reimbursement.

Mrs. Hope Gary with Fort Lauderdale Community Center stated that the small grassroots organizations in the community are not provided a real opportunity to participate. Mrs. Gary passed out post cards of the 2nd Annual Black Empowerment Summit that she and her husband are currently participating in at the AARLC (African American Research Library and Cultural Center).

Commissioner Holness stated that \$4.8 has been set aside for business assistance.

Mrs. Brihm, chair, moved on to item 7 on the agenda.

7. Daycare Providers

Mrs. Brihm mentioned that kids can be developed at earlier ages and that the community needs an affordable state-of-the-art daycare center. Commissioner Holness responded that the Early Learning Coalition has grant funding that can be used with daycares. He referenced the daycare on Broward Boulevard and the serious need for improvements. Mrs. Brihm inquired if someone in the area is being given assistance to open a daycare and that Broward School Board teachers are preferred. Commissioner Holness replied that the conversation is on-going.

Mrs. Brihm, chair, moved on to item 8 on the agenda.

8. Family Entertainment Establishment

Mrs. Brihm mentioned that the old Walgreens site is being considered for a new Save-A-Lot but the site should be used for kids' entertainment. She inquired if talks with Mr. Jones, site owner, took place. Commissioner Holness stated that he would get in touch with Mr. Milton Jones about the possibility. Commissioner Holness advised that the Elks Lodge is in disrepair. He has been meeting with them, city of Fort Lauderdale CRA, and Earl and Grace in the Cultural Division about \$500,000 grant match funding to improve the Elks.

Mrs. Brihm commented that she envisions the property on 27th Avenue that used to be Carter's store as a good location for a daycare. Commissioner Holness stated that money for the economic development toolbox could be used and a business plan is needed for the area.

There was a discussion about the Boys & Girls Club relocation. Reverend Scipio stated that the children need a state of the art facility and that he believes that getting match funding should be easy considering that the Boys & Girls Club keeps kids occupied and off of the streets. Commissioner Holness responded that the County funds Boys & Girls club and that the Boys & Girls club is not enthusiastic about getting matching funds. Commissioner Holness stated that the conversation continues with Boys & Girls executives to identify required funding. Mr. Jefferson offered that the Boys & Girls Club in figuring out if the Boys & Girls Club could relocate to Delevoe Park but the challenge is funding and matching dollars. The Reitman Boys & Girls club is on the edge of Boulevard Gardens and there is uncertainty about where its members are coming from, a needs assessment is needed.

Mr. Lewis commented that businesses are looking for a safe environment and the County invested \$16 million in an animal shelter but no investment in the community. Mr. Jefferson responded that planning for the animal shelter took place a long time before project completion and that the County is investing in many areas and is not forgetting this community.

Mrs. Brihm replied that throughout Broward County, this community is the most heavily blighted and the money should be committed in Central County. Mrs. Brihm stated that she recommended for the CRA to be retroactive. Commissioner Holness responded that tiffless CRAs and others would have to be retroactive also.

Mrs. Brihm, chair, move on to item 9 on the agenda.

9. Projects Update

Mr. Jefferson reported:

- The Franklin Park In-fill project is coming along great and that he would like to tour the development with the CCCAB.
- Minor Home Repair (21 applicants) and Exterior Paint (18 applicants) assistance programs received nearly 40 qualified applicants that are still going through eligibility verification.
- The state pushed back \$194,000 hazard mitigation grant funding release to July 2016.
- Housing & Finance has \$350,000 in projects that community businesses and contractors could compete for if they met federal requirements.

Mr. Gary, resident, commented that years ago money for such projects was given to community members to perform the work. Mr. Jefferson responded that current checks and balances prevent those practices but that he would like to see community members receive bid awards for projects like neighborhood signs, maintenance of traffic engineering utility boxes exterior, and sidewalk pressure cleaning. Commissioner Holness commented that the money for these types of projects must be placed in community's hands. He encouraged Mrs. Gary to continue conversation with Alphonso.

10. Informational Items

Yellow Dot Brochure

2nd Annual Black Empowerment Summit Flyer

Wayne Barton Study Center's Free Grocery Giveaway Flyer

Neighborhood Water Challenge Sign-Up Information Sheets

11. Adjournment

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

Next Board Meeting: May 18, 2016

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