

SUMMARY MINUTES



CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2017 - 6:00 PM

Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park
2520 NW 6 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present

Marquis Curry, Chair
Reverend Jesse Scipio

Alverine Brihm, Vice Chair

Julia Porter

County Staff

Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant County Administrator
Aretha Wimberly, PDMD

Heather Cunniff, PDMD

Maribel Feliciano, PDMD
Steven Tinsley, OESBD

Attendees who signed in

Lt. Steve Santiago, BSO
Linda Taylor, Homes Inc. & resident of Roosevelt Gardens

Capt. Andrew Dunbar, BSO
Tulip Edwards, resident of Franklin Park

Lt. Frank Heitmann, BSO
Matelene Coleman, resident of Boulevard Gardens

Call to Order by Chair

Roll Call

The meeting called to order at approximately 6:05 pm. Roll call was taken by Aretha Wimberly. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2017

Motion: Vice Chair Brihm moved to approve the minutes. Reverend Scipio seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2017

Motion: Vice Chair Brihm moved to approve the minutes. Julia Porter seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes of Emergency Meeting held on August 7, 2017

Change to the minutes requested to be more precise, sections 1, 2, and 3 noted.

Motion: Reverend Scipio moved to table the minutes for revisions and further review at the next meeting. Vice Chair Brihm seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

4. Introduction of BSO Deputies Assigned to Public Nuisance Abatement Team in Central County, BSO Progress Report (Broward Sheriff's Office)

Capt. Dunbar presented progress reports on crime statistics including the Neighborhood Response Team which started in February 2017 and is comprised of four deputies. Eyewitness cooperation with law enforcement needed to help solve open cases. Capt. Dunbar acknowledged that BSO is the starting point for nuisance abatement but there is the need for prosecutorial processes to move forward and he would follow-up. He suggested that the CCCAB recognize the need to take a community approach

versus individual neighborhood approach. He suggested connecting with community partners like the Urban League and identify opportunities to engage the youth and create programming consistent with community needs. He also stated that a holistic approach is needed that is inclusive of statistical data of felons released from jail and juveniles on house arrest. Capt. Dunbar is supportive of Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) to help the community.

Ms. Taylor recommended that CCCAB explore outside funding opportunities. The Board unanimously agreed to explore. BSO announced that the LETF workshop was confirmed to take place on September 14 at Franklin Park community center.

Ms. Porter requested that County Attorney's Office work with CCCAB to help with Nuisance Abatement enforcement. Captain Dunbar agreed to connect with County Administration.

Alphonso Jefferson mentioned that the services relating to mental health and addiction recovery are available for all County residents including the Mills Center located in the BMSD and BARC. He added that the three highest costs to the community are public safety including police and fire rescue; neighborhood parks; and code enforcement. He emphasized the need for CCCAB to provide direction on how resources are allocated to the BMSD.

5. Economic Development Strategy *(Steven Tinsley, Economic Development Manager, OESBD)*

Steven Tinsley provided an update on the overall Economic Development Plan. On September 2016 the Board of County Commissioners approved five elements of the plan: facade improvement program, development/redevelopment program, demolition grant, strategic land assembly program, solicitation of outside firm for revolving loan program. On March 2017 the Board approved two applicants for entitled programs.

Qualified list of approved vendors to work on programs and projects within BMSD completed. Revolving loan solicitation rollout expected by the end of 2017 or January 2018. Planning grant application submitted and expecting award to do a larger market study of commercial corridors for best uses and compatible.

Regarding Tater Town parcel, discussion with commercial developers and a conceptual site plan review expected over next couple of weeks. First approach is commercial and employment generating. Second approach is residential.

Second Employment Resources Workshop held on July 27th. They will continue to hold workshops with partners such as Career Source Broward, OIC of South FL, ATI, and Urban League to increase awareness on funding available for training and assistance with wages.

Mrs. Brihm expressed that they do not want to see gentrification similar to what is happening along Sistrunk.

Reverend Scipio requested that HOAs are kept in the loop.

Mr. Curry requested assistance to help BMSD business owners get their books in order so that they are prepared to apply for assistance. Mr. Tinsley responded that this type of technical assistance is part of the revolving loan solicitation. OESBD will explore opportunities for small group discussions with businesses and help facilitate relationships for small businesses to be mentored by larger firms.

Mrs. Brihm requested names of developers.

Motion: Vice Chair Brihm moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners give a full report of the Economic Toolbox and the two selected pilot programs to the CCCAB on the next agenda. Reverend Scipio seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

6. Comp Plan Central County Community Workshop Summary Report, BMSD Central County Wayfinding Project (*Maribel Feliciano, Assistant Director, Planning and Development Management Division*)

Maribel Feliciano presented the summary report. Workshop held on July 1st to identify community needs, priorities and an overall vision. Staff will identify potential policy recommendations, solutions, course of action and funding. BMSD Comprehensive Plan is a collaborative process with the County and the community. The community will receive draft before plan is presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mrs. Brihm requested a review of how many people received assistance at the Mills Center versus how many were unable to get help because of criteria. She suggested modifications or more flexible programs.

Reverend Scipio stated that, to the best of his knowledge, Boulevard Gardens residents do not seek information on programs and services even when it is apparent that they need help.

Wayfinding conceptual design will be emailed to CCCAB after FDOT approves and design is updated.

7. Design Standards (*Heather Cunniff, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Management Division*)

Heather Cunniff provided update on draft design standards based on visual preference survey.

She requested comments from CCCAB members within the next two weeks.

8. Vision for Central County, Projects Updates, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries Updates (*Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant Count Administrator*)

Expounded on the Digital Divide Program and the availability of free T-Mobile tablets with pre-paid data.

In-fill housing projects moving forward with permitting.

BMSD received another \$194,000 for mitigation and plans are to reapply annually.

State laws are not consistent with County's original draft ordinance on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Encouraged CCCAB to come out and speak when item is presented before the Board.

Wildfire Cameras project delayed due to line of sight requirements and other logistics. Overall goal is to track targets from one city to another.

9. Town Hall Meeting No discussion

10. Informational Items No discussion

11. Propose Agenda Items for November 15, 2017 CCCAB meeting No discussion

12. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Brihm moved to adjourn the meeting. Reverend Scipio seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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