

SUMMARY MINUTES



CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2018 - 6:00 PM

Franklin Park Community Center

2501 Franklin Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present

Marquis Curry, Chair
Linda Taylor

Julia Porter, Vice Chair

Reverend Jesse Scipio

Board Members Absent

Alverine Brihm

County Staff

Alphonso Jefferson, Assistant County Administrator

Aretha Wimberly, PDMD

Nancy Metayer, EPCRD

Jill Horwitz, EPCRD

Jo Sesodia, Director, PDMD

Samantha Danchuk, EPCRD

Attendees and Neighborhood or Agency

Brenda Turner, Franklin

Trekeisha Kemp, Franklin

Angine Moss, Washington

Jimmy Witherspoon, Franklin

Merissa Brihm, Franklin

D Jackson, Franklin

Wendy Jerkins, Washington

Lt. Steve Santiago, BSO

Tiffany Whitehead, Franklin

K Frederick, Franklin

Viola Jerkins, Washington

Call to Order by Chair

Roll Call

A special meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2017

MOTION: Member Scipio moved to approve minutes, as is. Vice Chair Porter seconded. All in favor.

2. Approval of Minutes of Employment Self-Sufficiency Program Presentations – Special Meeting on December 18, 2017

MOTION: Member Scipio moved to approve minutes, as is. Member Taylor seconded. All in favor.

3. Proposed Amendment to Lighting Code

Jill Horwitz, Natural Resource Specialist, Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division

Presentation of proposed amendments to the lighting codes. Updates include criteria for color consistency with LED energy efficient bulbs. Proposed guidelines are primarily directed at new construction, streetlights and County facilities. There are no new requirements for existing single-family homes except in instances when construction or renovations are more than 50% retrofit - applies to residential and commercial properties. The proposed amendment includes the reduction to glare, and improved visibility helps to increase public safety that garnered approval from Broward Sheriff's Office.

Amendment aims to improve visibility for greater distances for pedestrians and motorists, enhance public safety and reduce light pollution. Comment period to be scheduled.

Member Scipio suggested that the plan for street lighting upgrades be consistent community-wide and included in the comprehensive plan.

Member Taylor requested verification if the construction of the 40 new homes would be required to comply. Samantha Danchuck agreed to provide follow-up.

No votes were taken by the CCCAB or recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on proposed lighting code amendment.

4. Economic Development Toolbox and Nuisance Abatement Procedures

Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant County Administrator

Economic Development Toolbox update included a report of pilot project #1 - Mrs. Brihm's meeting with the County and discussions about the agreement to enhance her business. Project #2, Rooms-to-Grow is unable to enter into an agreement with the County until they close on an on-going refinancing process.

OESBD is coordinating meetings with business owners to go over the recently approved design standards and encourage businesses to apply for assistance through the toolbox.

FDOT project that impacts the BMSD was announced by Mr. Jefferson. Roadway improvements on NW 31 Avenue from Broward Blvd to Commercial Blvd will include resurfacing restriping, and installation of bike lanes. Member Porter expressed concern about the project taking place during the school year. Mr. Jefferson agreed to share project schedule from FDOT when it becomes available.

Sidewalk repairs and maintenance concerns expressed by Reverend Scipio. Mr. Jefferson to confirm if the sidewalks on the west side of NW 31 Avenue belong to the County.

Nuisance Abatement Board (NAB) update included Mr. Jefferson advising that the BOCC will hear a motion on January 23rd aimed at streamlining and expediting the processes for decision making and grant authority to the NAB to make decisions. Mr. Jefferson and Lt. Santiago with BSO reiterated that the process hinges upon three convictions following arrests at the same property.

Wildfire Surveillance Cameras project, as reported by Mr. Jefferson, depends on authorization to use existing poles and installation of new poles that are in the line of sight. The project scope includes Central County and Broadview Park, and poles must be aesthetically pleasing.

The pricing of homes for the in-fill housing project was a point of interest for Member Taylor who expressed concern that Housing has priced-fixed the new homes and that will negatively affect the property values and depress the economic value of the neighborhoods. Mr. Jefferson stated that he has seen property values increase in the area.

Member Scipio expressed concern about projects moving along including the NW 27 Avenue project. No votes were taken by the CCCAB or recommendations to the BOCC on project updates.

5. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Jo Sesodia, Director of Planning & Development Management Division

The BOCC will have the second reading of the proposed ordinance for the medical marijuana dispensaries on January 23rd. The State gave local governments two choices: ban or regulate medical marijuana dispensaries the same as pharmacies. Also, Commissioner Holness placed an item on the January 23rd agenda to propose a six-month moratorium.

MOTION: Member Scipio moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners appoint someone from the community at large, preferably a resident of Central County or the CCCAB, to the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board. Ms. Taylor seconded. All in favor.

6. Informational Items

Copy of the BMSD News, January 16, 2018
Central County Project Updates January 2018

7. Propose Agenda Items for May 16, 2018 CCCAB Meeting

Member Porter requested move of the May meeting to April. Ms. Wimberly will review with County staff on number of “special meetings” in adherence to the by-laws. The May meeting is set to elect new Board officers and must be adhered to.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Member Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Porter seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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