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## CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CCCAB)

August 21, 2019 – 6:00pm

Samuel Delevoe Park Community Center

2520 N. W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

### Members Present

Alverine Brihm, Chair  
Howard Kaplan  
Marquis Curry

Linda Taylor, Vice-Chair  
Rev. Jesse Scipio

Julia Porter  
Ruben Bell

### Broward County Staff

Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Asst. County Administration  
Willowstine Lawson, PDMD  
Steve Tinsley, OESBD  
Elaine Barrett, SWRS  
Jacque-Ann Isaacs, Transit

Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director, PDMD  
Danielle Bacheldor, Parks & Rec.  
Darryl Perez Rosenbaum, OESBD  
Tara Crawford, Transit

### Other Attendees

Jennifer Lin, RWJF  
Emanuela Etienne, Urban League  
JR Davis, Roosevelt Gardens  
Lt. Steve Santiago, Broward Sheriff's Office  
Sergeant Randy Gresham, Broward Sheriff's Office  
Lieutenant J. Cooper, Broward Sheriff's Office  
Daniel Gambarrotti, BSO Community Affairs  
Wendy A. Jerkins, Washington Park Crime Watch  
Lt. Gerald Charles, BSO  
Shantelle Harris

Leann Barber, 4H  
LaShonda Brown  
T. Edwards, Franklin Park  
Markes Thomas, Boys & Girls Club  
Richard Lopez, BSO Community Affairs  
Willie James  
Viola Jerkins  
Alan Wiseman  
Mr. and Mrs. Coleman

### Call to Order

Chair Brihm called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

### Roll Call

Attendance was taken, and a quorum was met with five (5) CCCAB members present. Members Bell and Curry arrived after the roll was taken.

### I. Approval of May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Linda Taylor, seconded by Reverend Jesse Scipio, the May 15, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

## 2. County Update

### a. Alphonso Jefferson, Jr.

- i. Requests for traffic calming throughout the community about speed humps have been made by residents. After the study, if they qualify, reach out to first responders to make sure they are okay with installing speed humps and identify funding. First come, first served for funding. When exhausted, defer to next year. Staff prepared a historical study on devices. Need signatures and may conduct more than one study.
- ii. Discussion—Question from Linda Taylor, Vice-Chair: Can BSO do control stops? People are speeding and in some cities. Signs watching you, a lot of speeding. Alphonso- will share data with BSO and they may respond. There are avenues to address calming. You do not want all types of traffic calming in your neighborhood. Rev. Scipio said traffic has slowed down tremendously near Boys and Girls Club. Drivers are aware of kids planning and do not speed. Ask BSO to put up sign that shows driver's speed. Lt. Steve Santiago said BSO can put up signs Alphonso asked the CCCAB members to send the streets with speeding to Willowstine.
- iii. Steve Tinsley of OESBD gave an update on the Safe Street improvements for Sunrise Blvd through Broward Blvd on NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Enhancements include landscape, way finding signs, asphalt installation and opportunities will be available for 6 residents to work as part time county employees, making \$18 per hour; jobs begin in January. The department will conduct outreach in BMSD and schedule recruiting events. Through the County's apprentice program making a direct investment in BMSD. Mr. Jefferson stated he briefed the CCCAB members several years ago about this project and with the training those hired will receive, they will be able to apply for jobs with FDOT. Chair Brihm addressed the timeline and asked if being a BMSD resident is a requirement. Jefferson- yes, hiring of BMSD residents is in the contract and his goal is to expand the program.
- iv. Mr. Jefferson shared that the County is providing many services, looking for more opportunities that would not impact County employees. Contract with OIC is going well, they put out a video. Vice-chair Linda Taylor offered huge kudos to the County; since moving back 4 years ago she has seen improvements; new homes being built, and she always thank the OIC workers in the neighborhood. Mr. Kaplan commended OIC as well. Mr. Curry addressed the workers' qualifications and mentioned it will be difficult finding those who meet criteria; and in Franklin Park 48% are unemployed. There was a lengthy discussion amongst the CCCAB members about hiring BMSD residents.
- v. Mr. Jefferson announced there's a 9% growth in BMSD area and 13% increase in residential property tax.
- vi. Mr. Jefferson presented Ms. Julia Porter with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving on the CCCAB since its inception. Ms. Porter is retiring and relocating next month. The audience applauded Ms. Porter and she took pictures with the CCCAB members, Alphonso and Darby.

### b. Darby Delsalle

- i. Mr. Delsalle introduced Willowstine Lawson, the new BMSD Liaison.
- ii. He then explained the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) program that addresses store front renovation; challenges because of existing provisions in the zoning code. Became an impediment to

implement program, examples such as parking, design code, etc. Program to work with businesses to give them a fresh look. There is a proposed ordinance, review by planning agency and on County Commission agenda for public hearing. CCCAB member Rev. Scipio stated that it takes forever for a project to get underway and done. What can the county do to get projects underway and done? Mr. Jefferson responded, “we got in our own way, with all the zoning and codes. It started with Fashion Cleaners.” In order to address the programs, I agree with you; Mrs. Brihm has been the biggest advocate. We realize that the property owner can contract directly with contractor. Look at Sunrise Blvd. and see things getting done; economic development activities are moving in the community.’ Ms. Porter asked about the length of time it takes and the increase in costs. Mr. Jefferson stated façade split is 80/20), recurring pot of money; Economic Toolbox. Pot of money is there; costs will go up

- iii. Mr. Delsalle gave a report on the Tree program (see attachment). CCCAB member Curry asked who is responsible for tree maintenance of the large palms on the swale in Franklin Park. Mr. Delsalle replied, the homeowner. Vice-Chair Taylor asked why does FPL cut trees in some areas and not in the BMSD. Mr. Jefferson replied that FPL has a schedule and the County has asked about cutting trees in the BMSD; have asked FPL for the schedule and haven’t received it. Audience member asked if the trees are on the swale and we’ve been told that’s not our property, why are we responsible for trees? Mr. Delsalle replied that most cities put the responsibility of trees on homeowners. Yes, you can park on the swale for up to twelve hours, gave you a technical reason why it’s that way. Jo Davis who lives at 30<sup>th</sup> Terrace in Roosevelt Gardens, stated he applied for tree maintenance, thanked Darby for his assistance and want to know if he is still eligible for the program. Mr. Delsalle stated the applications that are eligible and received before the deadline, they will be honored. Wendy Jerkins asked about the swales. Chair Brihm explained more research needs to be done and this will be addressed at the next CCCAB meeting. Mr. Willie James who lives in Washington Park on 9<sup>th</sup> Street made us aware that the planters are not being maintained. He will send pictures to Mr. Jefferson. Vice-chair Taylor recommended using 311, they’ve been responsive!
- iv. Mr. Jefferson announced the launching of a New app (no longer safe routes), My Broward. Ms. Lawson will be inviting a representative to the next CCCAB meeting to review the new app.
- v. Penny Surtax: spending \$1.6 million first year, 2020, street lighting and sidewalks; first phase of lighting in Washington Park and Boulevard Gardens. Chair Brihm asked about sidewalk maintenance and Mr. Jefferson replied the sidewalk in front of your house, you are to maintain, pressure cleaning, etc. Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Delsalle touched basis on the first wave of Surtax projects. We’re considering adding a community bus to move people around in this area. Mr. Delsalle said first phase represents 10% of 2 sidewalk

installations projects. CCCAB member Rev. Scipio mentioned that in 2017 \$100,000 was budgeted for lighting on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, now its \$1.7 million? Mr. Jefferson stated the \$100,000 is budgeted for NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue lighting and Steve Tinsley mentioned it. Mr. Willie James asked if the first phase is to replace bulbs or lights? Mr. Jefferson stated the County will install more energy efficient and better lighting. Looking at decorative poles for lighting and cameras. Tara Crawford of Transit said they are working in the BMSD area. Looked at shuttles, micro transit, flexible and on demand service; front door service at your homes.

- vi. Mr. Tee Edwards asked whose responsibility it is to remove fire hydrant markings from in front of his house. Mr. Jefferson answered, the homeowner; but the County can come out and look at the markings.

### **3. Broward Sheriff's Report**

Lt. Santiago of BSO- Sheriff.org gives an overview of incidents going on. Trying to improve quality of life. Traffic calming, 3,000 tickets were issued today in this area for speeding. Highest number of citations 27 Avenue, 31 Avenue and Sunrise Blvd. Enforcement where the predominant speeders are; looking at traffic checkpoint. Interaction with residents is important; hosted a Teen Summit and upcoming events, Senior Safety event September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and Gun Take Back, prescriptions September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Delevoe Park.

- a. Questions from residents: CCCAB member Rev. Scipio asked where are the real time cameras? Lt. Santiago responded cameras should be installed by the end of the year. Mr. Jefferson added, the Board of County Commission just approved the license agreement. Highway and Construction are installing seven new decorative poles. Chair Brihm asked who do we speak with about modifying the ordinance and need BSO to shift budget in 33311. Mr. James stated there is a major prostitution problem in Washington Park area between Sistrunk and Sunrise Blvd. and BSO just passes by. Lt. Santiago stated the ladies have been arrested several times, they've taken pictures, and will visit having another prostitution sting coming up. Vice-chair Taylor extended kudos to Sgt. Gresham and Lt. Santiago for the extra patrol July 4<sup>th</sup>, officers parked their cars and engaged with the residents. Lt. Santiago said they will begin community outreach. Ms. Lashaunda Brown stated there's prostituting and drug activity occurring at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue at dark brown house. If she calls 311, what will they do? CCCAB member Curry responded that there was an abandoned house on the block behind him, code enforcement was notified and Code and BSO came out.
- b. Chair Brihm suggested a car with nuisance abatement sign drive around that area.

### **4. Old Business**

### **5. New Business: Propose Agenda Items for November 20, 2019 CCCAB Meeting**

- a. **Broward Housing Authority, public housing in Roosevelt Gardens**
  - i. Vice-chair Taylor asked that the Housing Authority staff come to the next meeting to talk about Roosevelt Gardens. CCCAB member Ms. Porter asked about boarding up houses with clear boards and Mr. Delsalle said cost is driving that and County hasn't purchased those boards.
- b. **Nuisance Abatement and Noise Ordinance**
- c. **My Broward (new) App**

## 6. Informational Items and Announcements

- a. **Healthy Community Zone Wellness Jamboree, Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**
- b. **Next meeting, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at Lafayette Hart Park Community Center**

## 7. Public Comments

- a. Shantelle Harris of Boulevard Gardens said thank you for trying to improve the area and consider using energy efficient light bulbs. Also, there is a fear of calling BSO (Broward Sheriff's Office). Community is in fear of speaking out. Officers shouldn't reveal identity of residents who call BSO. Should be more stings. Swatters nest at vacant homes, turn on water.
- b. Willie James, 9<sup>th</sup> street, 8<sup>th</sup> street and 8<sup>th</sup> road speed humps. Can conduct study of 9<sup>th</sup> street now that school is in.

## 8. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Chair Brihm adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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