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CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CCCAB)

May 15, 2019 – 6:00pm

Boulevard Gardens Park Community Center

313 NW 28 Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Members Present

Alverine Brihm, Chair

Linda Taylor, Vice-Chair

Ruben Bell

Marquis Curry

Howard Kaplan

Julia Porter

Rev. Jesse Scipio

Broward County Staff

Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director, PDMD

Jeff Smith, OESBD

Monique Davis, Administrative Coordinator, PDMD

Other Attendees

T. Edwards

Eddie Pierce, Roosevelt Gardens

Mary Pierce, Roosevelt Gardens

Captain Shawn Enser, Broward Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Randy Gresham, Broward Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant Robert Furman, Broward Sheriff's Office

Leann Barber

Delores Porter

Charlean Rainford

Gale Peeples

Mattie Merritt

Wendy A. Jerkins, UHP

Call to Order

Chair Brihm called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Ms. Davis called attendance. Quorum was met with six (6) CCCAB members present. Member Taylor arrived after roll was called.

1. Approval of February 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon a motion by Member Curry, seconded by Reverend Jesse Scipio, the February 20, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Broward Sheriff's Report

Captain Enser reported that the Sheriff was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. CCCAB members expressed various concerns in the area, including not seeing or being familiar with the officers assigned to the area and repeat issues and offenders that have been ongoing for several years. Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) staff responded that the officers have made 400 arrests in the area since the beginning of the year and that their responsibility is limited, and it is the authority of the Court to decide what happens after an arrest. They added that issues that are ongoing in the area cannot be resolved by arrests alone, and the foremost responsibility is on families. Non-profits also have a role in resolving the issue by offering afterschool, intervention, and diversion programs for youth. The Sheriff's Office collaborates with several non-profits and hosts community events as well, including a program called Breaking Barriers, where police officers communicate with troubled

youth. Officers are also required to complete Crisis Intervention Training. Several approaches are needed to holistically resolve issues within the BMSD neighborhoods. Members shared several other concerns with responses from the Broward Sheriff's officers regarding their efforts to combat issues mentioned. Officers also responded that they have been working with Code Enforcement for nuisance abatement, regularly visiting new construction properties, and that several officers are active in the area. Attending residents also gave comments.

3. Commercial Corridor Market Study

Mr. Jeff Smith of OESBD informed the group that there are work opportunities for youth 16 years and older within Broward County.

He also reported that the Commercial Corridor Market Study is ongoing and that he is now in the process of gathering staff comments. The study addresses roadways in BMSD where businesses are located. He will present the findings of the study at a future board meeting.

4. BMSD Projects Update

Mr. Delsalle spoke on behalf of Alphonso Jefferson, who was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Mr. Delsalle gave an overview of several project updates ongoing within the BMSD as listed in the Project Status Update handout. Captain Enser added that he will be assisting with the Public Safety Camera Project. Mr. Delsalle introduced Ms. Wendy Jerkins, who is the recently hired Healthy Community Zone liaison. He also notified the CCCAB that there is ongoing recruitment for a new Program/Project Coordinator, Senior in the role of BMSD liaison for the County. Lastly, Mr. Delsalle informed the residents of some upcoming changes and encouraged residents to complete the survey next August.

Member Scipio suggested that the CCCAB and residents put an item on the Commission agenda to express concerns as a group.

A member of the public and a BMSD property owner asked about any plans for annexation to a neighboring city. There are no confirmed plans for annexation that the CCCAB is aware of.

5. Old Business

None.

6. New Business: Propose Agenda Items for August 21, 2019 CCCAB Meeting

Member Curry requested information about how Broward County and BSO collaborate on budgeting. Member Kaplan requested information about issues with trash pickup services provided by WastePro and vagrancy issues. Member Porter mentioned that City of Fort Lauderdale uses clear material to board up homes that should be used in BMSD. Mr. Delsalle mentioned that he would look into whether the County would be able to use this material as well. Member Porter also requested information about how nuisance abatement policy in BMSD can be strengthened. Mr. Delsalle also will look into this concern. Member Scipio requested information on how the Penny Surtax funds will be distributed and that Sheriff Tony attend the next CCCAB meeting.

7. Informational Items and Announcements

None.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Chair Brihm adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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