

South County CRA Advisory Board Meeting  
Harlee Full Service Family Center  
6423 9<sup>th</sup> Street East, Bradenton, FL 34203  
August 16, 2011 - 5:30



## AGENDA

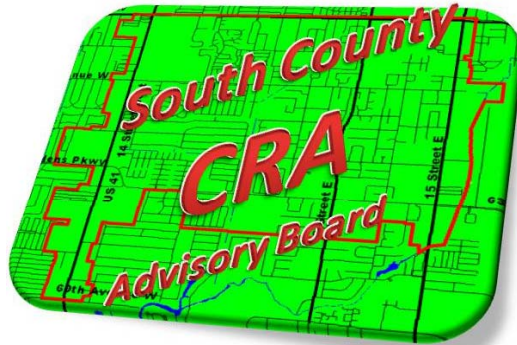
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- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES– June 21, 2011
- III. PRESENTATION – Peter Katz: Sustainable Living Environments (Agenda item requested by T. Denslow)
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. 2012 Budget
  - B. Fall Fest
  - C. Economic Development
  - D. District 4 Business Expo
  - E. Advisory Board vacancies
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. VISTA / Family Self-Sufficiency
  - B. National Night Out
  - C. Community Center site
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the Advisory Board who is not on the Agenda may do so at this time. Persons addressing the Advisory Board must state their name and address for the record and will be given two (2) minutes for their presentation. A member of the public wishing to speak on a specific agenda item must sign up prior to the meeting.
- VII. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Reminder: this Advisory Board operates under Sunshine Law—no unrecorded meetings, electronic messages or telephone calls between members.

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## August 16, 2011

- Arnold Bush
- Thomas Denslow
- David English
- John Mann - Chair
- David Smith- Vice Chair
- Timothy Sumey



## Agenda

- **Call Meeting to Order**
- **Adoption of Minutes**
- **Presentation**
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**
- **Public Comment**
- **Next Regular Meeting**
- **Adjournment**



# Call to Order

## Public Comment Guidelines:

- **Sign-up prior to speaking**
  - **State name & address for the record**
  - **Limit presentation to 3 minutes**
- **Please silence cellphones**

*Questions/Comments*

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) invites local citizens to ask questions and provide comments at our meetings. Your questions/comments will be added to the 20 minutes. It is requested that you complete the form and give to staff.

Name			
Address			
City	Phone	E-Mail	
What best describes your position or interest?			

Also attach photo  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have any questions, please call \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Approval of Minutes

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - **June 21, 2011**





## Presentation

- **Sustainable living environments**
- **Peter Katz**
  - Sarasota County Director of Smart Growth
  - Founding executive director, Congress for the New Urbanism





## New Business

- **2012 Budget**
- **Fall Fest**
- **Economic Development**
- **District 4 Business Expo**
- **Advisory Board vacancies**



Manatee County Neighborhood Services

# Budget



Manatee County Neighborhood Services

# Fall Fest



**South County CRA Fall Fest**  
November 6, 2010  
Times: 12:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Where: Pidge Park  
753 S.W. Ave. E  
Bradenton

Sponsored by:  
Manatee County Neighborhood Services  
South County CRA  
Manatee County Recreation Authority

Join your neighbors in the South County CRA Fall Fest!  
Lots of fun, social events, games & entertainment.  
Free food and 2010 t-shirts upon first 1000 people!  
Children under 12 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult.  
Plan to walk in the sun - it's right to plan neighborhood cleanup projects in conjunction with Angeline Elementary School.  
All event information, and other of Manatee County Neighborhood Services information:  
www.mcsra.com

**Economic Development**

Manatee County Neighborhood Services

**Economic Development Incentive Project Sites - Announced- June 2011**

**ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
Manatee County Government  
Bradenton, Florida  
printed: 8/16/11

**District 4 Business Expo**

Manatee County Neighborhood Services

- **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm**
- **Bayshore Community Center**

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Manatee County Neighborhood Services

## Advisory Board Vacancies

- **Accepting applications through Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Apply on-line (paper applications available)  
([www.mymanatee.org/advisory\\_boards](http://www.mymanatee.org/advisory_boards))**



The screenshot shows a webpage from Manatee County with the heading "Manatee County accepting applications for two Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Boards". The page contains detailed information about the application process, including a list of requirements and a deadline of September 2nd. The Manatee County logo is visible at the top of the page.



Manatee County Neighborhood Services

## Old Business

- **VISTA / Family Self-Sufficiency**
- **National Night Out**
- **Community Center site**











## Public Comment

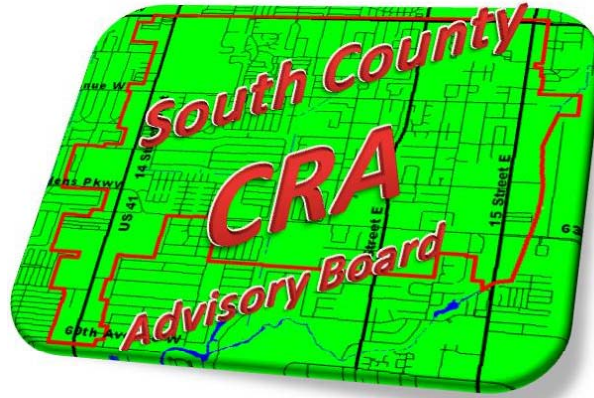
- **Public comment**
  - **Limit presentation to 3 minutes**



## Upcoming Schedule & Agenda

- **Next regular meeting: September 20, 2011:  
5:30 p.m. (Harlee Full Service Family Center)**





**Adjourn**

## JUNE 21, 2011

The South County Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION at Harllee Full Service Family Center, 6423 9th Street East, Bradenton, Florida, at 5:35 p.m.

Present were:

John Mann, Chairman  
Arnold Bush  
Thomas Denslow  
Timothy Sumey

Absent were:

David L. Smith, Vice- Chairman  
David English

Also present was:

Maggie Riester, Deputy Clerk,  
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

### AGENDA

Agenda of June 21, 2011, and sign-in sheet.

[SC20110621DOC001](#)

### MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF PRESENTATION

Cheri Coryea, Neighborhood Services Director, noted the Sheriff's Office will be presenting the enhanced patrol report and gave a brief background of the program. A meeting was held with Colonel Hagaman and staff where funding decreases were reviewed, and it was decided that the Sheriff's Office would present a report at every other meeting. Ms. Coryea will be the liaison to present concerns to Captain Kaufman, and she will present responses to the Advisory Board. A new procedure was implemented in April to provide the Sheriff's Office with the number of funded patrol hours each month, so they can determine where, and what times, to patrol.

**Captain Dan Kaufman**, Manatee County Sheriff's Office, reported on criminal activity increases in the month of June with students being out of school, residents being on vacation, and part-time residents gone for the summer. The south county area (West 30) receives more attention than any other grids designated to him. Crime in West 30 is down 7 percent from last year for June 1- 18. Overall for the year-to-date, West 30 crime statistics are even. He noted units have been assigned to remain in the area from 3:00 to 5:00 a.m., overlapped with units from 4:00 to 6:00 a.m. School Resource Officers are helping, and a burglary task force has been assembled. Patrol hours will be scheduled to provide the most efficient results.

**Lieutenant William Evers**, Sheriff's Office, reported the new calendar procedure, started in April to review crime statistics and assign patrol hours, is a work in progress. Residential burglaries have increased and occur when homes are empty during the day, but all other crimes have remained the same or decreased. Power track (crime suppression) units work weekend nights and concentrate primarily in the West 30 area.

Discussion: Problem area on 11th Street; drug activity; etc.

**Sergeant Eric Isola**, Sheriff's Office, reported on drug activity in the area and noted narcotics do not fall in the reportable crime statistics. Detectives are working in the area to combat the biggest problem of prescription pills, which are easily transported, because they cannot be detected by canines. A Sheriff's Office clerk sends letters to landlords after two narcotics or vice-related offenses occur within six months, at the same residence.

Ms. Coryea confirmed the Nuisance Abatement Board has been seated for two months and will

be working with the Sheriff's Office on cases that meet the Ordinance criteria and have had two offenses. The Board meets the second Monday each month, and cases should begin coming forward.

Discussion: CRA is paying the Sheriff's Office \$2,000 a month for patrols; need more updates; reports will be funneled through Ms. Coryea; deputies will not be stationary; roam all areas of West 30; goals and achievements; statistics show crime is down; patrols are working; share information on a regular basis; residents know they are being watched; need more community involvement; Sheriff's Office will report to Board every quarter; etc. [SC20110621DOC002](#)

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mr. Sumey, seconded by Mr. Denslow, and carried 4 to 0, to approve the minutes of April 26, 2011, and May 17, 2011. [SC20110621DOC003](#)

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD STATUS**

Ms. Coryea submitted an email from Laurie Menard to Ivan Groom confirming the Board will meet on the second Monday of each month, at 1:30 p.m., in the Administrative Center. A calendar schedule will be sent to the CRA so members may attend the meetings. [SC20110621DOC004](#)

**FREE TAX MANATEE PROGRAM**

**Kim Ross**, Whole Child Manatee, submitted statistics for the 2010 tax year and reported on how many tax returns were filed, total refund amounts, earned income credits, child tax credits, education credits, demographics, and service ratings.

Discussion: Average refund amounts; many returning people; helped many to not pay for tax preparation; all done by three volunteers at Harllee; countywide service; etc. [SC20110621DOC005](#)

**VISTA/ FAMILY SELF- SUFFICIENCY**

**Elizabeth Sibell- Field**, Americorp VISTA (Volunteers in Service To America), gave a report on the Self- Sufficiency program noting two, full-time Housing Authority positions are now funded due to the partnerships between the South County CRA, the Housing Authority, and VISTA. One position is limited to working with 25 public housing residents for self- sufficiency Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contracts, and one is a three- year grant position for a coordinator to work with the entire public housing population. Ten families have signed HUD contracts this year. The program links residents with services in the community, such as Whole Child Manatee, to help obtain insurance, prepare job resumés, obtain bus tickets, and any other needed services. [SC20110621DOC006](#)

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Ivan Groom, Neighborhood Services Department, spoke of a request for ideas for the National Night Out on August 2, 2011. A walk from different areas to Pride Park was suggested, and VISTA volunteers have been coordinating ideas.

Ms. Sibell-Field referred to a map in the slides of the area where five host sites will be designated to hold the bar- b- que events. The intent is for area neighbors to get to know each other so strangers can be easily spotted and reported to law enforcement. There are 21 confirmed participating organizations that will volunteer and provide donations. The \$500 budget from Volunteer Manatee will be used for propane and supplies. Residents will be encouraged to visit other neighborhood sites by having cards stamped at each site visited, to be awarded prizes.

Discussion: Walmart gift cards; marketing campaign; hold from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., etc.

Karen Stewart, Neighborhood Services Department, noted a request for the CRA Advisory Board to sponsor a movie in the park after the event. The cost would be \$775, there are sufficient funds in the budget, and a motion is requested to approve the request.

**Brenda Lovett** noted the YMCA volunteered to pay for the next movie in the park.

**Sean Allison**, Manatee County YMCA, agreed to fund the movie and explained a projector, screen, sound system, and popcorn popper will be provided.

Discussion: Choose which movie; have law enforcement present; request the Sheriff's Office provide a fun activity for children such as timing bicyclists with the speed gun; interaction with the children; 25-cent hot dogs; etc. [SC20110621DOC007](#)

### **15TH STREET EAST**

Mr. Groom noted interest from businesses in the 15th Street East area to hold a fiesta. Preparation included roadway clean up between 53rd and 63rd Avenues. The Public Works Department determined the job was too big for just the road gang and scheduled crews to scrape shoulder and back shore areas, and plant grass seed. The road gang participated in the clean up and will continue to keep those areas clean. Public Works will also schedule clean up south of the CRA to the County line. The fiesta was ultimately held at the Palmetto Fair Grounds and was very successful.

Board member Thomas Denslow, who is also a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), informed the MPO that he has adopted old U.S. Highway 301(15th Street East) for clean up. As an avid bicyclist, he expressed the need for road or trail connectivity and wants to make the road a clean and safe route for bicyclists. The infrastructure is there, and a voluntary tree program could be established for the rights-of-way and medians to promote safe pedestrian activity. [SC20110621DOC008](#)

### **BROWNFIELD GRANT AWARD**

Ms. Stewart announced the MPO was awarded a \$1 million Brownfield Coalition Grant this year for Manatee and Sarasota Counties. It is focused on the Tamiami Trail, which will include both the South County and 14th Street CRAs. A map of sites for possible redevelopment was displayed in the slide presentation.

Mr. Groom pointed out the designated sites for redevelopment inside the CRAs and noted Brownfield sites in the urban core will also be eligible.

Discussion: Will bring jobs to the area; Wal-Mart is expanding, could try to get store at a Brownfield site; review feasibility study; vacant shopping centers; etc.

Mr. Groom noted sites have been selected by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and all petroleum areas in both counties were inventoried. The new grant will have budgeted funds for each phase. There will be public information, and a steering committee will be formed among the various jurisdictions to solicit the MPO managed funds.

Discussion: Cluster areas; specific fund amounts for clean up; State law benefits for Brownfield designated sites; job creation; etc. [SC20110621DOC009](#)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **Pride Park Community Center**

**Brenda Lovett** requested information on the timeline for the Community Center.

(Note: Discussion later in meeting) [SC20110621DOC010](#)

#### **Summer Youth Activities**

**Jerry Parrish**, YMCA, reported a Sports Director (Gerald Benton) and a Safe Summer Coalition Director (Elliott Washington) were hired. Sports will be organized at Harlee Middle School, and children throughout the county are welcomed. The information is on the YMCA website. Football will begin in August and sign-ups will be held Saturday at Pride Park. He meets with the Sheriff's Office every week and is working with Church representatives to mentor the children.

**Sean Allison**, YMCA, noted the sports programs will promote positive interaction for the children. The programs will have a broad outreach to the northern and southern parts of the county to create diversity and pro- social roles. [SC20110621DOC010](#)

**MPO Meeting**

**Robin DiSabatino**, CRA Chairman, noted her husband attended the last MPO meeting, and discussion was held on the positive aspects of cleaning roadways to promote bicycling.

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**District 4 Business Expo**

A District 4 business expo is being planned for September at the Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center. The exact date and time will be announced when finalized.

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**PROJECTS**

Ms. Coryea reported project prioritization is on track and the tax roll will be certified after July 1, to determine exact funds for FY 2011- 12. The budget will be presented at the August meeting, and recommendations can be made to move forward with projects. An economic development growth project can be planned for the corridors of U.S. 41 and 15th Street East.

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**PRIDE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER** (Continued)

Ms. Coryea noted \$3 million has been set aside for the Community Center, but recurring funds will be reviewed before the Request for Proposal (RFP) process can begin. Full control of the site will be gained in September, and it could temporarily be used for sports fields while going through the planning process. The Kiwanis Club has offered to help with clean up.

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**9TH STREET EAST – TREES**

Mr. Mann noted the trees have lost their leaves and questioned if that was the natural process.

Mr. Groom responded the Holly trees should not have lost leaves, and there may be a problem.

Discussion: May need to remove trees; plant ferns; canopy trees; etc.

[SC20110621DOC010](#)

**DAUGHTREY SOCCER FIELD**

Mr. Mann suggested updating the field, adding goal posts, and readying it for play.

Discussion: No funds in the budget; irrigation; YMCA willing to contribute; not County property; owned by School Board; liability issues; \$25,000 for fencing; etc.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 6:57 p.m.  
/mh

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_