

## **Minutes**

Tuesday, Jun 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – 1pm

**Council Members Present: Dexter McCree, Athian Early, Daphne Lampley, Deneen Wyman, Michael Flores, Kerry Carlisle, Tarra Dimanche, Micah Madir,**

**Council Members Absent: Breasia Lynn, LaShante Keys, Valerie Gervais, Kimberly Skrovanek, William Ferguson**

**I. Call to order- Daphne Lampley – Chair 11:35AM**

- a. Moment of Silence
- b. Introduction of council members

**II. JWB Updates – Kelly Santos**

- a. JWB Community Events Funding (CEF)  
Community event funding may be ending soon, so organizations with remaining funds are encouraged to apply. Sponsorship applications must be submitted 60 days before an event and should be fully reviewed before applying. Each organization can receive approval once per year, and if an application is denied, they may reapply. Funding covers one year only, and if the application is available on the website, organizations are eligible to apply. South County accounts for 75% of all events, with 13 events funded so far, and 4 presentations scheduled for next month. After each funded event, organizations must give a 5-minute presentation that includes event data and a recap. A link to the application will be shared in the follow-up notes.
- b. JWB CEO & Board  
The Board is moving forward with the process of hiring a permanent CEO, with Mike Mikurak no longer continuing to serve as Interim CEO during the transition. A new Interim CEO, Karen Bogess, has been appointed for an eight-month contract, and she will not be considered for the permanent CEO role. The Board plans to discuss the use of a contracted search firm for the CEO hiring process at the June 25th Board meeting, which can be attended in person or streamed live.
- c. GLR Providing DJ for Back-to-School Event  
The Back-to-School event will continue its focus on grade-level reading, which has been a core theme each year, and has previously included sponsorship of Corey Thornton as well as participation in the Care Fair for the past two years. This year, support will include providing a DJ at the Saturday Shoppes on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 4pm – 7pm, helping to expand engagement and visibility within the community.
- d. Other Updates
  - i. JWB is providing funding for three upcoming community events, including Keyshawn's Korner, the Sigmas Father/Daughter Dinner & Dance, and Evara Health's Care Fair event. These sponsored activities continue JWB's commitment to supporting family engagement, community wellness, and youth-focused programming across the county.

- ii. The Book Bus offers a volunteer opportunity for council members and will operate across Pinellas County, visiting libraries, parks, daycare centers, and other community locations. Sites marked with an asterisk will also have the Meal Mobile available. At every stop, each child receives two books, supporting literacy and summer learning while strengthening community engagement.
- iii. Kelly shared the local Summer Break Spot locations, where kids can go to receive free, nutritious meals throughout the summer months. These Break Spots are designed to ensure children continue to have reliable access to food when school is out, supporting both health and stability for families across the county.

### **III. Council Business**

#### **b. Consent Items:**

- i. Approval of May Minutes
  - Approved with changes to cancel August meeting date and Tarra name correction by T. Dimanche, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Early

#### **c. Nominating Committee:**

- i. Michael and Ronnie reviewed the governing rules and confirmed that each board officer serves a two-year term. Kim and Breasia have expressed their desire to step off the board, while Valerie is interested in continuing in her current role. For the upcoming cycle, the board will need to fill the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, ensuring continuity and leadership stability moving forward.

#### **d. Work Plan Committee:**

- ii. Consists of Tarra, Kerry, Deneen, and Ronnie. They will meet on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

#### **e. Reminder**

- i. At the September meeting council we will review and approve proposed work plan and elect officers for FY27 and FY28.

### **IV. Presentation (15 minutes)**

- i. Marc Allison, Director Athletics, Pre K-12 Physical Education, Health Education and School Wellness and Shannon Veronesi from the Department of Health presented on Student Athlete ECG requirements and Department of Health B2s clinics.
- ii. Pinellas County Schools recently identified four students with heart issues, including some incoming 9th graders and others who had never participated in sports, underscoring why cardiac screening is strongly encouraged even for non-athletes. While parents may still exempt their child, PCS recommends ECG screening for all students ages 10–25. Through a partnership with Who We Play For, ECGs are offered on school campuses, and the organization provides a full follow-up plan for any abnormal results. Although ECGs are not required, they are highly recommended, with testing suggested at least every four years, ideally every two, and encouraged annually for maximum safety. PCS also operates five school-based health clinics at Boca Ciega, Gibbs, Northeast, Largo, and Lakewood, all of which provide both physical health services and mental health counseling. Additionally, free back-to-school clinics at Gibbs and Pinellas Park are the only no-cost options open to all PCS students in grades K–12, offering physicals, immunizations, and other essential services.

### **V. Open Agenda**

- a. Guests introduce themselves and briefly announce upcoming events, updates or news in South County.
- b. Community events and resources email sent on Friday morning, 6/12/26.

**VI. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:48PM. Ronnie motioned to approve, Kerry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion is approved.

Future Meetings/ Notices

- JWB Board Meeting: June 25<sup>th</sup> 9am- 11:30pm @ JWB Offices and streamed live
- SCCC Meeting: July 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 1pm @ Enoch Davis Center
- Reminder: NO SCCC meeting or JWB board meeting in August

*Meeting minutes submitted by Deneen Wyman*