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MEMORANDUM

TO: Houston L. Tate, Director

Office of Community Revitalization

THROUGH: Ruth Moguillansky-DeRose, Principal Planner

FROM: William Wynn, Planner II

Office of Community Revitalization

DATE: February 10, 2009

RE: 01/13/2009 CCRT Meeting

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of the items discussed at the January 13th CCRT meeting. The items along with the responses for each item are provided below.

- 1) Sgt. Hightower of PBSO has concerns about Westgate residents playing soccer on private property. A suggestion was made for Parks and Rec. to see if it is possible for the residents to use the Westgate Park to play soccer.
 - Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose contacted Tim Granowitz to follow up on this. She also offered assistance with translation.
 - Based on research conducted by Tim Granowitz, there are indeed field rental fees at Westgate (\$10/hr for field rental and \$20/hr for rental with lights. "Daily Use Permits" are issued during the week whenever the fields are not being used for the center's programs. They are provided in 2 hours increments (2 hour minimum) from 6:30 to 8:30 or 6:45 to 8:45 and on Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Renters must provide identification. No permits are issued after 6:00 p.m, and gates are locked at that time because there is nobody available to turn off the lights. Historically, permits have not been issued for Sundays because of lack of on-site supervision.
 - Ms. De Rose contacted Elizee Michel, Westgate CRA Executive Director, to seek his advice on this item and determine whether fees could be waived or reduced for the residents of Westgate to use the fields. She also inquired about what needed to be done to address the need for identification as most of the users are Hispanics and may not have the proper documentation.



Mr. William Wynn followed up with Elizee Michel and he was advised about a meeting held with Lee Powell, Westgate Park and Recreation Center Recreation Facility Manager, but nothing has been resolved as of yet. Mr. Michel advised that Mr. Powell might possibly be willing to make an arrangement, but that he is not willing to waive the park fees totally. Mr. Michel is working on a plan to propose to Mr. Powell. The park is currently closed for repairs. Mr. Michel will provide OCR with an update on this item.

2) Dave Kouns resident of Roan Lane requested to be kept appraised on the progress of the Inland Port project.

- Based on information obtained from the Planning Division, staff is currently working on an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to change the future land use designation of designated areas around Lake Okeechobee to industrial to accommodate the Inland Port. There are currently five (5) potential sites around Lake Okeechobee being considered for the Inland Port.
- There will be a Planning Commission meeting on February 20, 2009 @ 9:00 am, during this meeting Shannon LaRocque, Assistant County Administrator, and Economic Development staff will be making a presentation on the Inland Port.