

**Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
February 22, 2001 Belle Glade City Hall**

PARTICIPANTS: Don Brown, Doug Chozianin, Karis Engle, June Howard, Carole Ann Huysse, Gwendolyn Johnson, Art Kirstein, Fitzgerald Limontas, Jay Mendell, Pam Nolan, Wendell W. Phillips, Michael Sklar, Barbara Bell Spence, Alice Thompson, and Kay Zaccagnino

STAFF: Vicki Silver, Senior Planner, Chair

The Chair was asked to meet with Belle Glade City Manager Tony Smith at the beginning of the meeting, during which time Ms. Nolan chaired the meeting.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE

Ms. Spence reported that the first Community Forum was held, attracting more than 60 residents. Project Clean Sweep starts March 31 with a kick-off celebration at City Hall. Residents will be planting flowers and participating in a street clean-up, with free paint available from Home Depot and assistance from the County's Solid Waste Authority.

EDGE CENTER

Ms. Howard noted that one-on-one assistance is being provided within the Enterprise Zones of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay. Various incentives are provided by the state such as tax credits. The fund raising campaign is still underway to construct a 30,000 square foot building at an estimated \$1.2 million. A new brochure on the EDGE Center has been prepared, and the copy center is now operational; members pay \$45 and non-members pay \$60 per year for their copying needs. It was suggested that the Center consider offering Internet and graphic services, as well as color printing, if these services can be offered at competitive prices.

GLADES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Engle reported that Acting on the Vision is trying to work with other community-based efforts to "get vision back into the community". She has also been coordinating with the Glades Employers Advisory Board, especially with regard to youth entrepreneurship.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Mr. Phillips noted that the state did not recommend funding for extending bus service from the Glades to Clewiston. However, Florida DOT districts 1 and 4, which include Hendry and Palm Beach Counties respectively, have expressed support for funding this service, and MPO staff member Angie Morlok is seeking \$15,000 in private contributions as a match. As an update on the heritage museum to be located in the South Bay Railroad Workers Cottage, for which exhibits are funded by FDOT for FY 03, a public meeting will be held March 27 at 6 pm at Palm Beach Community College Belle Glade, Room 122, to get input on the contents of a travelling exhibit which will become the core of the museum.

A master plan on other exhibits' contents will also be prepared based on this input.

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Ms. Huysse reported that they operate several programs for teens and youth, including vocational, academic, and healthy living programs.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Zaccagnino were thanked for representing the School District for the first time in 14 months. Ms. Zaccagnino described recent efforts to attract volunteers to the schools; hundreds were recruited. She also expressed interest in the youth entrepreneurship funding available from GCDC.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next meeting was scheduled for 3/29 at Belle Glade City Hall.