

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)

Meeting of March 27, 2003

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Belle Glade City Hall – Commission Chambers

Minutes

Present at the meeting:

Duane Gainer, P.B.C. PZ&B, Planning Division
Alejandro Ulloa, P.B.C. PZ&B, Planning Division
Tammy Moore, South Florida Water Management District
Felicia Everett, City of South Bay
Ralph Butts, City of Belle Glade

Absent:

Denny Abbott, P.B.C. Workforce Alliance
Sue A. Bailey, Commissioner Tony Masilotti's Office
Henry Bittaker, South Florida Water Management District
Caroline Tompkins-Blell, Glades Community Development Corp. (GCDC)
Don Brown, P.B.C. Convention and Visitors Bureau
Jerry Brownlee, Palm Beach County Library Department
Sandra Chamblee, The Glades Health Survey
Doug Chozianin, Construction Arts Associates
Steve Cramer, Metropolitan Planning Organization
Helen B. Franke, Palm Beach Community College
George E. Gadson, Florida Atlantic University
Douglas Green, City of Belle Glade, Workforce Development Center
Lori Hart, The EDGE Center
Remar Harvin, Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development
June Howard, EDGE Center
Clayton Hutcheson, Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service
Carol Ann Huysse, Housing Partnership
Gwendolyn Johnson, School District of Palm Beach County
Kelly Johnson, Glades Initiative
Chris Jones, Palm Beach County Department of Public Affairs
Arthur Kirstein, IV, P.B.C. Cooperative Extension
Raoul Pierre-Louis, Business Loan Fund (Representative for John Brown)
Lelia Menefee, Workforce Development Center
Ken Montgomery, Workforce Development Board

Absent: (Cont'd)

Angela Morlok, Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Theresa Newton, USDA Rural Development
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development
Wendell Phillips, P.B.C. Metropolitan Planning Organization
Michael Sklar, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development (HCD)
Barbara Spence, City of Belle Glade
Andrea Stephenson, Glades Initiative
Alice Thompson, Pahokee Chamber of Commerce
Curt Thompson, Army Corps of Engineers
Greg Vaday, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Autrie Moore-Williams, Glades Community Development Corporation
Carolyn Williams, South Florida Water Management District
Leigh Woodham, Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center,
Palm Beach Community College
Kay Zaccagnino, P.B.C. School District

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. In regards to the March 27th GTAC Minutes, Mr. Gainer asked the group if anyone had corrections. There was one correction for the correct spelling of Felicia Everett. Mr. Gainer stated that he would like to discuss the Goals for GTAC.

Review and Discussion of Committee Role and Tasks

Mr. Gainer mentioned that Palm Beach County PZ&B Planning Division recently hired Patrick Rutter, Chief Planner. Mr. Rutter has expressed an interest in attending the GTAC meeting. He could not attend the meeting today because of another appointment.

Mr. Gainer stated that as a result of Pam Nolan's office, Economic Development, giving a presentation to the Board in February regarding the Glades Regional Business Plan, the Planning Division received numerous calls. He was told to put together information from the Planning aspect that has been going on in the Glades. On April 4th, a meeting is scheduled with Mr. Rutter, Pam Nolan and other Planning staff to look at the regional plan.

Mr. Gainer asked Tammy Moore for comments regarding if she had one goal for GTAC, that she would like to happen within the next six (6) months? Ms. Moore responded sincere recruitment of people to attend the GTAC meetings. People that are in the realm of knowing what is going on, as far as the community redevelopment process for all three (3) cities in the Glades. There are agencies in the Glades that deal with community redevelopment other than GTAC and

GCDC. Alejandro Ulloa mentioned that he spoke with Audrey Williams and she would be interested in attending the GTAC meetings. EDGE is another agency and each city has there own redevelopment person.

Mr. Gainer stated that the Glades would benefit from getting involved with the CCRT, but he is not sure how to go about soliciting for participation with GTAC. There have been comments about why the GTAC meetings had to be held at this location. Mr. Gainer suggested that maybe the location of the GTAC meetings could be alternated between the three (3) cities. The group seemed to agree with his suggestion. Mr. Gainer stated that CCRT is in the process of redefining CCRT boundaries and areas. He explained the process involved in identifying these areas and then working with the neighborhoods once they have been selected. There are two (2) vacant positions and we are in the process of hiring two (2) Senior Planners. Once these positions are filled, the Revitalization Section can move forward with completing the projects. Again, Mr. Gainer stressed the fact that more people are needed at the GTAC meetings. Discussion ensued about attendance at the GTAC meetings. Mr. Gainer mentioned that he spoke with Commissioner Berry and she would be interested in attending the meetings. Felicia Everett commented that City Commissioners, City Managers as well as residents should be invited to attend the GTAC meetings.

Mr. Gainer spoke on what a CRA does and how it effects neighborhoods. Felicia Everett inquired regarding the contact person for CRA. Mr. Gainer responded that he and Alejandro Ulloa have been requested to review CRA's to help the cities put proposals together. Felicia Everett asked Mr. Gainer to schedule an appointment with her to discuss the CRA proposal for the City of South Bay. Mr. Gainer responded he would contact her to schedule the appointment. The group discussed other ways that GTAC could be productive: 1) CRA's, and 2) explaining the functions of County Departments pertaining to specific issues. Discussion ensued regarding requesting the School District to make schools available for the community's use. Mr. Gainer further mentioned the Law Enforcement Trust Fund; which will allocate funds for safety, and crime prevention related issues. The program has contributed to streetlights, speed humps, and rehabilitation of a drug house. Mr. Ulloa volunteered to send Ms. Everett a copy of the statutes. It explains the qualifications to receive funds from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Felicia Everett inquired about the funding from CRA. She stated that Commissioner Masilotti gave them reserve funding for streets in South Bay. Ms. Everett stated that additional funds are needed. Therefore she asked how would the reserve funds affect her requesting for CRA. Mr. Gainer stated that he would need to get back with her later. He explained the financial aspects of CRA's and stated that he would contact the Engineering Department, and Streets & Roads Department.

Tammy Moore inquired about additional monies from the County for their summer youth recreation programs. A larger facility would enable more youth to attend the program. She would also like for the kids to take field trips outside of the Glades area. Mr. Gainer stated that he would look into contacting a recreation and parks representative. Someone inquired about the Water Park project. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the development of the water park in the Glades.

GTAC members had a concern about available funding resources to facilitate the Glades needs. Mr. Gainer mentioned some of the funding resources that he is aware of. He mentioned Maggie Smith, Planning staff person for Brownfields. Ms. Everett asked Mr. Gainer to e-mail or contact her with Ms. Smith's telephone number. Mr. Gainer will e-mail her the information. Discussion ensued regarding using CCRT funds to supplement unincorporated areas.

Participant Updates and Comments

Felicia Everett, City of South Bay reported on the following:

- She attended a Florida Historical Preservation Workshop in Tallahassee – lobbying with Congressman to keep money in Florida Historic Preservation to fund the fifty-five (55) projects.
- In partnership with South Florida Water Management District for the new Boat Ramp Project.
- Currently working on Railroad Worker Cottage Rehabilitation Program.
- Seeking additional monies for funding.

Ralph Butts, City of Belle Glade reported on the following:

- Currently working on CRA.

Mr. Gainer stated that a few weeks ago, he gave the Consultant some information regarding setting up CRA Trust Funds. The consultant inquired about what area was Belle Glade (A,B,C,D,E).

Tammy Moore, South Florida Water Management District reported on the following:

- Closing on April 3rd for the Alternative Water Supply Grant. You can apply for up to \$300,000 per project.

- On behalf of SFWMD, she is seeking businesses in the Glades that qualify for the Aggressive Business Procurement Outreach Program. This program is to certify qualified businesses to compete for projects under the Procurement Contracts.
- She inquired about the status of the Regional Water Treatment Facility Project. She knows they were looking for funding. Alejandro Ulloa made reference to a report and stated that Pam Nolan mentioned to him that the project is on schedule. The draft design study was due to be submitted by March '03.

Mr. Gainer stated there will be a meeting next week to discuss the Glades Regional Business Plan. The meeting will involve other County Departments.

Mr. Gainer stated that he asked Lisa Lowe, Principle Planner, Data Section & Annexation to give a presentation on annexation. Discussion ensued regarding annexation going on with other Cities/Counties. Tammy Moore suggested that Mr. Gainer invite City and County Representatives to attend the GTAC meetings to discuss annexation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next meeting is on April 24, 2003 at 9:30 am.

Minutes prepared by:

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