

# **Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)**

**Meeting of April 24, 2003**

**9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Belle Glade City Hall – Commission Chambers**

## **Minutes**

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### **Present at the meeting:**

Duane Gainer, P.B.C. PZ&B, Planning Division  
Alejandro Ulloa, P.B.C. PZ&B, Planning Division  
Andrea Stephenson, Glades Initiative  
Kelly Johnson, Glades Initiative  
Douglas Green, City of Belle Glade, Workforce Development Center  
Raoul Pierre-Louis, Business Loan Fund (Representative for John Brown)

### **Absent:**

Denny Abbott, P.B.C. Workforce Alliance  
Sue A. Bailey, Commissioner Tony Masilotti's Office  
Caroline Tompkins-Blell, Glades Community Development Corp. (GCDC)  
Ralph Butts, City of Belle Glade  
Doug Chozianin, Construction Arts Associates  
Steve Cramer, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Felicia Everett, City of South Bay  
June Howard, EDGE Center  
Tammy Moore, South Florida Water Management District  
Lelia Menefee, Workforce Development Center  
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  
Alice Thompson, Pahokee Chamber of Commerce  
Autrie Moore-Williams, Glades Community Development Corporation  
Kay Zaccagnino, P.B.C. School District

### **Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m

## **Review and Discussion of Committee Role and Tasks**

Discussion began about getting more people to attend the GTAC meetings. Mr. Green shared that at the Employee Advisory Committee (EAC) Meetings, he invite organizations, agencies, legal attorneys or business owners to give a presentation about what is going on with their program or to address specific issues. This seems to work because people do attend to be informed. Mr. Green stated that at the next EAC meeting, he invited a representative from the Weed & Seed Program to give a presentation.

Mr. Gainer stated that he presented the CCRT Funding Recommendation report at the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) March 25<sup>th</sup> workshop. Several projects were approved for \$2.5 Million dollars for this fiscal year. Mr. Gainer briefly mentioned the projects recommended in the Glades area. The Canal Point Sewer Study was a project recommended.

Andrea Stephenson inquired about who does the recommendation of these projects. Mr. Gainer responded that Palm Beach County Department's or organized community residents take their suggestions to the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT). Mr. Gainer stated that he hoped the GTAC group would have been functioning more properly and maybe by that time the group could have established some neighborhood groups so that they could recommend projects for the CCRT to consider. His next major project is reassessing the current CCRT areas.

Mr. Greene stated that during one of his meetings, he expressed a concern for the Glades to have representation at the Monthly CCRT Meetings. Mr. Green stated that the group feels they cannot benefit from the program because they are in municipalities, not unincorporated. He stated that Denny Abbott researched the areas to see if any Glades area would fall under unincorporated; most of the areas are within municipalities.

Mr. Gainer responded that the municipalities receive funds from the County all the time. He did not mean that the Glades could only get funds through the CCRT. A lot of money is filtered to the Glades. Projects and funding sources were discussed.

Mr. Gainer feels that if GTAC would establish subcommittees, the group would be more effective. GTAC is supposed to keep the Glades area aware of different things going on from a County level. At this time, the County is involved in a process called EAR (Evaluation Appraisal Report). This process will review the different elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Gainer briefly gave more information about the program.

Ms. Stephenson suggests that the mission of GTAC be printed on the Agenda. This will provide some information for new people attending. Discussion ensued about advertisement for the GTAC group. Mr. Gainer responded that he would write a statement for the next CCRT Newsletter.

Mr. Green inquired about CCRT re-addressing the requirement of the neighborhoods being unincorporated areas to qualify for assistance. Mr. Gainer mentioned some of the projects in the Glades that were funded by the CCRT. Discussion ensued concerning ways the Glades communities, and other agencies or organizations could be made aware of projects funded by the CCRT and other Departments or agencies.

Ms. Stephenson requested a CCRT representative to attend her meeting and give a report about the CCRT Program and also information about other County Departments.

Ms. Stephenson asked what are the requirements for a neighborhood group to apply for the Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program. Some of the requirements are: unincorporated, beautification, and cash match. You don't have to be a formal organization.

Raoul Pierre-Louis inquired about informing the community whether they are unincorporated or City. Mr. Gainer responded he would bring a map to the next meeting that may show whether an area is municipal or unincorporated. Mr. Green also stressed a concern about the communities not knowing what municipality they live in. Mr. Ulloa stated that once the new areas are defined, staff would be looking at a better marketing method for the CCRT and all other benefits offered to the public.

Mr. Green expressed a concern with the number of people that are not attending the meetings. He feels that the City Managers should attend the GTAC meetings.

Mr. Gainer thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

### **Participant Updates and Comments**

None

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next meeting is on May 22, 2003 at 9:30 am.

Minutes prepared by:

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