

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)

**Meeting of August 24, 2006
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

Canal Point United Methodist Church

Minutes

Present at the meeting:

David Broadbent, Canal Point, Pastor of Canal Point Methodist Church
Willie Brookins, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Roswell Harrington, Canal Point
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development
Terry Read, Pahokee Beacon Center
Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Gainer introduced himself and asked everyone to introduce her or himself. He thanked Pastor Broadbent for making the church available to have the GTAC meeting.

2. Review of Minutes (July meeting)

Mr. Gainer asked if there were corrections to the July 27, 2006 minutes. Correction by Denny Abbott – change Workforce Alliance has a generator available - to - Workforce Alliance is on the same grid as Glades General Hospital and that after Hurricane Wilma, the power was restored quickly.

3. Follow-up Issues – July Meeting

Mr. Gainer stated that there were no follow-up issues from the last GTAC meeting.

Roswell Harrington commented regarding an issue with calling 911. He stated that the residents of Canal Point would like to thank GTAC and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for doing excellent job in trying to resolve this issue.

4. Presentation: Canal Point Visioning Workshop, Audley Reid, OCR Staff

Mr. Gainer commented that Audley Reid, new OCR staff person, was assigned the responsibility of handling the Street Lighting Program, and the Neighborhood Visioning Process.

Mr. Reid began to discuss the upcoming Canal Point Neighborhood Visioning Workshop. The workshop is scheduled tentatively for October. OCR would like the workshop to be held prior to the harvest season begins. The workshop could possibly be postponed for November. He stated that the goal of the workshop is geared toward addressing issues and concerns and getting consensus among Canal Point residents to deal with comprehensive neighborhood revitalization. Mr. Reid stated that he is aware of previous visioning process efforts done before it was OCR. OCR would be going forward with this effort from this point. This workshop will also assist the community with a community plan for Canal Point residents and neighbors. Mr. Reid is in the process of putting together a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is responsible for implementing these plans after the workshop. He further talked about why it is importance to have a versatile and responsible Steering Committee. At the workshop, the residents will have an opportunity to express their views, concerns, and needs of the community. Mr. Reid commented that when the workshop is over, he would like to see some work being done toward the concerns brought out at the workshop. He is looking at coming up with an effective approach for getting as many residents at the workshop as possible. Mr. Reid asked the group for questions or comments.

Pam Nolan inquired about incorporating the visioning workshop with the County's charrette. She mentioned that Vicki Silver and Emily O'Mahoney have a history of plans and designs that were created for this area. Also, they were involved in a previous charrette. She feels that Ms. Silver and Ms. O'Mahoney could share a lot of insight at the meeting.

Roswell Harrington commented that he participated in the first charrette. Mr. Harrington suggested several people to be on the Steering Committee. The group began to share names of people that they feel should be on the committee. Terry Reed stated that he would put together a list of names. Mr. Reid will contact him for that list.

Mr. Gainer explained that the past visioning processes had a much smaller budget; along with one (1) staff person.

Mr. Gainer talked about how you go about revitalizing a neighborhood. He commented that first the residents have to agree on what they want the community to look like, show an interest by implementing the projects, and focus on monitoring the projects until they are completed.

In reference to the Steering Committee, Pam Nolan would like a representative from the School District, and the Army Corp. to attend. Roswell Harrington suggested contacting someone from the South Florida Water Management District (B.J. Kattel). He also mentioned contacting the Treasure Coast Regional Council.

Someone inquired if the residents that are renting would be invited to the meeting. Mr. Gainer commented that OCR invites the landlord and the tenant to attend the visioning process workshop.

Terry Reed wanted clarification regarding the terms strategic plans, visioning process, and a charrette. Mr. Gainer explained that the process was originally called a charrette. Since OCR has been involved, it has been called a visioning process. OCR has done four (4) neighborhood's visioning processes: San Castle, Kenwood Estates, Wallace Street West, and Royal Palm Estates.

Pam Nolan commented regarding the State looking at redeveloping the roads. She mentioned that MPO funds and DOT funds are involved in road projects.

Roswell Harrington commented regarding a resurfacing project on State Road 700 from the intersection (North to the County line); which includes replacing the sidewalk and placing French drains from 1st Street to 3rd Street. The contract should be out for bid in March. In reference to the neighborhood visioning process workshop, he suggested inviting the United States Sugar. He further mentioned that at the last charrette community organization meeting held, they tried to get some projects started but there were some issues. He is very happy to have OCR handling the neighborhood visioning process.

Mr. Harrington inquired about the location of the workshop. He stated that he was told that the community building would be ready in October or November. Mr. Gainer stated that he would email Dennis Eshelman regarding the status of the building.

5. Participant Updates/Comments:

Duane Gainer, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- CCRT Budget Recommendations & Funding Allocations – to be presented for approval to the Board in October. OCR has approximately \$4.6 million dollars. He talked about the funds being allocated for streetlights. Audley Reid briefly talked about the Street Lighting Program. The program is for unincorporated areas in Palm Beach County. Mr. Gainer further mentioned the funds to be allocated for the Home Beautification Program. Approximately seventeen (17) houses have been completed. Mr. Gainer mentioned funds allocated to South Bay for street improvements, funds allocated to the Sheriff's Office for Putting Kids First (Glades & the Coast), and funds allocated to the City of Belle Glade for a Lift Station and Storm Water Improvements.

Pam Nolan mentioned that the City of Pahokee is submitting a request for funds for an Emergency Detour, and a Lift Station.

- CCRT Neighborhood Assessment – Chrystal Mathews is handling this project.

Pam Nolan, Economic Development, reported on the following:

- Entryway designs to the dike – waiting on the Glades community recommendation for the entryway designs. She talked about incorporating the consultant efforts, and plans for the trail to the dike.
- Canal Point Sanitary Sewer – The project is going out for bid next week. She submitted a letter to OCR requesting funds.

Roswell Harrington, Canal Point, reported on the following:

- South Florida Water Management (SFWM) Master Recreation Plan – There are two (2) public hearings scheduled in the Glades: Tanner Park on September 25th; and Everglades Recreation Center on September 26th. He asked Mr. Reid about a document to include SFWM.
- FEMA – FEMA will be donating the mobile homes to either government agencies or non-profit organizations. He briefly explained what is involved with setting up the mobile homes, the cost, and occupancy requirements. Mr. Harrington commented that this is important because there is a lack of housing. Also, the mobile homes are hurricane approved. He further suggested contacting a non-profit organization to handle this issue.

Pam Nolan mentioned a code enforcement issue regarding storage of items on the property. The group began to discuss code enforcement policies, and resolution of violations. Mr. Gainer commented that he would speak with Larry Carascio about the property mentioned. Mr. Gainer further commented that it seems to be more effective when the Code Enforcement Officer takes a Sheriff's Deputy with him. Willie Brookins suggested contacting the Sheriff's Office requesting community policing for Canal Point.

Terry Reed, Pahokee Beacon Center, reported on the following:

- The Pahokee Beacon Center through a partnership group and is a member of Neighbor Works will be sending a resident to a Resident Leadership Conference in October in Baltimore to get training in neighborhood organizing. Through the Prosperity Center they are going to try to do some neighborhood organizing in Pahokee, and Canal Point.
- First Annual Latino Festival – will be on September 16th, held at Pahokee High School. He mentioned the activities at the event.
- Palm Beach Community College – He met with Beverly Robinson and will be acting as the host for the college in the Pahokee/Canal Point area. They will be starting some adult education classes; and certificate track classes, such as: small businesses, computers, and office management. Also, in reference to some Economic Development, they have been hosting accelerated eight heavy equipment trainings once a month at the center.
- Gateway Signs – In regards to Pam Nolan's report made about the designs, he stated that Lillie Latimore asked the center to do a design for a gateway signage. He gave her the design. Pam Nolan asked Mr. Reed for his business card, and she will forward it to Vicki Silver.

Pam Nolan inquired about getting population data from the census data versus crime.com; which is a computer data resource. Someone stated that he uses googoo. The group discussed the various websites, and census data for the Glades.

David Broadbent, Canal Point, Pastor of Canal Point Methodist Church, reported on the following:

- Installation of Hurricane Shutters – He is in the process of placing hurricane shutters on both church buildings.
- Generator – Looking into getting a generator for when using the church as a shelter.
- Working on finding out what the resident's plans are for a hurricane category 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.
- Working on finding out the needs or special needs of the residents.

6. Adjournment of Meeting:

The next GTAC meeting will be held on September 28, 2006, 9:30a.m., at Belle Glade City Hall. The next Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) meeting is September 11, 2006, 10:00a.m., at the old PZ&B location: 100 S. Australian Avenue, 2nd Floor Conf. Room.

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