

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)

Meeting of August 23, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Canal Point

Minutes

Present at the meeting:

David Broadbent, Pastor of Canal Point United Methodist Church
Deputy Willie Brookins, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Fremd Village in City of Pahokee)
Larry Caraceio, PZB/Code Enforcer Officer
Steve Collins, P.B.C. Fire Rescue
Roswell Harrington, Canal Point Resident
Michael E. Jackson, County Commission District 6
Kai Jones, P.B.C. Department of Health/ PACE EH
Theresa Fordham-Jones, Rep. For State Representative Priscilla Taylor
LJ Margolis, South Bay RV Camp Ground/EOA 1 Coord
Deputy Natasha Mitchell, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Community Policing Unit)
Angela Morlok, P.B.C. Metropolitan Planning Organization
Pam Nolan, P.B. C. Economic Development
Derrek Moore, Finance Director, City of Pahokee
Deputy Jessie Moreland, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Marshall Heights in South Bay)
Ivory Paschal, Pahokee Beacon Center, & REAP Graduate
Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
LaToya Ricketts, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Michael Sklar, P.B.C. Housing & Community Development (HCD)
Lillian Tomeu, City of Belle Glade
Mr. Underwood, City Manager, City of Belle Glade
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Audley Reid introduced himself, announced that Duane Gainer could not attend the meeting today due to the death of his Grandfather, Mr. Ralph Rolle, Sr. and asked meeting participants to introduce themselves.

2. Review of Minutes

Mr. Reid stated there were no minutes from the July 26, 2007 GTAC meeting.

3. Follow-up Issues (July meeting)

Mr. Audley Reid stated that there were no follow-up issues from the July 26, 2007 GTAC meeting.

4. Discussion/Updates:

David Broadbent, Canal Point, Pastor of Canal Point Methodist Church, asked about:

- Low water pressure in hydrants in Canal Point, how is the new water treatment plant progressing?

Steve Collins, PBC Fire Rescue discussed about regulatory issues and concerns that the residents have regarding the problem with the water pressure and how it is being monitored.

Ms. Lillian Tomeu, Assistant City Manager of Belle Glade,

- Stated the technical preparations for the new water plant system are extremely well planned to start up.
- CTM Consulting is working together to check pressure see how water flows is very planned out.
- 90-120 days prior to the new water plant going live, tests would be performed.
- As a group this is a step towards the future, June 2008 is an estimate start up date.

Roswell Harrington Resident of Pahokee, & Representative of Canal Point, mentioned that there is a problem with the water pressure, and pipe diameter issues.

Deputy Willie Brookins, Palm Beach County Sheriff Department mentioned Putting Kids First event was tremendously successful. Serviced over five thousand (5000) children with backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, and refreshments. He further stated that this event would not have been possible without the funding from OCR.

Deputy Natasha Mitchell, Palm Beach County Sheriff Department,

- Announced there is an upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner for needy families and programs associated with the Christmas Season. The information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Roswell Harrington, Resident of Pahokee, & Representative of Canal Point inquired about the bike safety courses. Deputy Willie Brookins responded they would look into it.

Angela Morlok, P.B.C. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) reported on the following:

- Belle Glade Route will no longer be funded by the Florida Department of Transportation after this fiscal year.
- Metropolitan Planning is assisting in finding funding resources.

Mr. Audley Reid discussed about a workshop. Canal Point is community planning a 2nd workshop that is scheduled for late September.

Audley Reid commented that Mr. Harrington had been kind to tour the Staff of OCR to see first hand about the issues, or challenges being faced in Canal Point. Mr. Houston Tate, Manager of OCR is requesting a future date with Jon MacGillis, Zoning Director and the Planning Division to set up a future date for a site visit since it was unfortunate they were not able to attend.

5. Participant Updates/ Comments

Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development, reported on the following:

- Announced the plans for an entryway design are moving forward.
- The signs will consist of historic facts, figures as well as A Points of Interest Touring Map.
- Interested in scenic locations, interesting facts, graveyards that are unknown, Ms. Nolan asked the group to contact her if they have any suggestions.
- Christian Davenport, County Archaeologist is considering granting historic designation to Neemaha within Canal Point; Old Canal Point Elementary is also being considered.
- On Wednesday, September 12, 2007 a meeting is scheduled addressing the relations with the municipalities in the event of a disaster.

LaToya Ricketts, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

- On Tuesday, August 21 BCC approved 6 Reap Projects:
- Working on REAP for next year will be meeting with steering committee members.
- Steering Committee Meetings are starting January 24- February 28.

6. Adjournment of Meeting:

The next GTAC meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2007, 9:30a.m. In Belle Glade. The next Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) meeting is September 11, at 10:00a.m. at Clayton Hutcheson.

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