

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)

**Meeting of October , 2007
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
Angela Moore,
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. Tate gave a Thank you to the City Manager Latimore for the hospitality extended to OCR. Mr. Tate welcomed all for their attendance and began introductions, Houston Tate, Manager w/OCR, Duane Gainer, Senior Planner w/OCR, William Wynn, OCR, additional introductions (could not be heard). On completion of introductions Mr. Tate turned the meeting over to Mr. Gainer.

2. Review of Minutes (meeting)

Meeting minutes have been delayed due to our secretarial vacancy.

3. Follow-up Issues – October Meeting

Mr. Gainer stated that there no follow-up issues noted from last meeting, he asked if there were any issues an answer was expected on today.

(Discussion going on)

- 4. Discussion:** A need to have a strategic planning and more participation, How do we generate the interest to those who need it the most to attend and give their input on the decisions that many need done, Houston Tate, OCR Manager

Mr. Gainer, reviewed the last CCRT meeting which turned into a planning meeting on OCR's mission statement and objectives, he explained that we would like to do the same type meeting for November for in South Bay. Turn over to Mr. Tate for overview.

Mr. Tate, Planning is crucial to making certain that the organization has information about the direction that it is going. To make certain that Stakeholders are informed in a way that they have ways in which to have a reasonable expectation as to what can occur, what they should do in terms of participation. In order for departments to be effective all parties have to want to work and be effective to solve some of the real issues that face the public today. That's is a part of this planning process. It will help us as a department to obtain a reasonable idea of what this region should need, the key is how do you create the kind of connectivity so that from the County stand point, all County departments can come together and understand what those priorities are and come together to complete those priorities.

What is needed here, your help is needed to reach your communities. Responses from your communities are needed on a broad base consensus to determine priorities, way of putting together a team of representation of the entire stakeholders, this will bring about greater results. From this strategic planning, come up with a real voice of this community that says that we are interested in making those improvements in this community, that we have put aside differences philosophically, and we are sharing the need to share resources to work together. I am asking that contact OCR with a list of stakeholders that you feel should be there, and think about the dynamics within your environment that is going to make it effective for you.

Q. From the audience? Does GTAC still have the kind of direction set that Comm. Steve has in a problem solving committee?

A. H. Tate; what happens is that the rules change because the players change. What I am suggesting is that if you understand the dynamics of looking at past experiences and evaluating it with present realities and then at the same time try to prognosticate what's going to occur in the future, we can't. I want to forget about what we did or didn't do, and I want to see numbers and motivation. When we talk about those type issues during our planning sessions. I want to talk about the need to move forward.

Q. From the audience (couldn't hear intro)? Taking into consideration Tallahassee, what is our comprehensive planning and outside of our

comprehensive planning that we have, all those mainstream activities to make all that happen.

A. There are many pieces in terms of participation, the Municipal participation which is a different part then the community. There are many pieces that the community may not be aware of the number of programs that the County has and as a result the Glades have not been participating in receiving their share of those resources. That's the beauty having the planning meetings is to raise issues and to identify what priorities are. OCR wants to be able to filter what your concerns are and to coordinate those concerns those concerns, with those players that can assist us with that.

(Discussion going on regarding CCRT planning meeting/GTAC members that work in the district and meeting attendance and generation of interest)

Mr. Tate, what we need to do is suggest that we look at a documented effort, evaluate that to determine whether we are effective or not.

(Discussion regarding who should be involved in the planning meeting, like Freddy and DOT informing the community of what's going on in the community with several projects and the status of them)

Mr. Gainer

Mr. Gainer asked for one conversation at a time so that proper minutes could be made.

Mr. Tate, What I am really trying to do and what I am listening for at this moment, is to make sure that I do the best job I can of being conclusive with those who should participate.

Audience (male), Ron Klein's Office and Alcee Hastings Office, Army Corp.
Audience (female voice cant hear)

(Static noise)

Mr. Tate, Mr. Roberts is here, ask for Mr. Roberts to please stand to be recognized and then he also asked if we could stay focused on today's meeting.

(Audience speaking)

Mr. Tate, certainly what you are sharing is that as we have out regional participants we obviously can open that up to other who can participate.

Audience request to speak

Mr. Tate, asked if they could state their name and where they were from.

(cant hear the speaker)

Mr. Tate, LaToya was busy trying to bring resources from a grant that the Beacon??. Thank you to LaToya and Mr. Moore for his assistance in working together to get supplies to his community.

Mr. Tate asked for anyone who wanted to speak.

Sheriff's Office

(Cant hear the speaker)

The sheriff's office is making a concerted effort to touch basis with???, touch basis with ???? (Can't hear voice is in and out would probably help if speakers used a microphone, and everyone introduced himself or herself before speaking. Considering transcription needs to take place)

Mr. Tate, The Sheriff's office has been extremely receptive to the CCRT meetings is the same as the GTAC meetings and at times we have 15 to 20 Sheriff's officers in that meeting. The have taken an active role in the communities and they have been attending the meetings, it just needs to be done here (Glades area). Once we get going, as Pam stated earlier, those staff members who are here need to be here.

Audience (male voice, cant hear)

Mr. Tate, Thank you, good point and what we will do is send invitations to all the pastors.

Audience, I think each office has their own list. Diane Walker she is at Belle Glades County Courthouse (can barely hear) 996-1670.

Mr. Tate called for any more comments. I think that we have a real good list and OCR staff will make sure that we get the invitations out. Mr. Tate will make phone calls out to see if we can make certain that people see that we are serious. I think at this point we certainly have to understand that people have lost trust in government; it's a reality that has gone on for quite sometime. However I think that we are in a very interesting situation where we can generate interest and motivate to make that change.

Mr. Tate called for comments based on whatever concerns you may have and not just based on the planning. First, the concern for the update to the sewer.

Q. Only concern was that allocated some 100? And I happen to think that its time for the sewer ?? Help me understand?

A. (Female voice) What takes so long? In that making it a priority on both sides, of the County (cant hear) Well its and the City of Pahokee, so we

have had to go back and recommend an amendment (cant hear) When we go out to bid? At this point when we hire they're on the outside, and maybe their load is so huge and what happens (cant hear) is it low pressure is it gravity, which one are we going to do? Yes our projects take a longtime, if this is a priority of by water utilities ??? but its not, so were all on ??? (in and out) This project is, the engineer has to go thru with the electrical engineers to make sure that everybody has the right level of ??? Then we're going to try to work with???, to set up a meeting to inform all the residents in the area who are effected by the sewer, ??? and that's where we are.

Mr. Tate, Mike can you share with respect to the meetings that you are ready to start and what the purpose in what you're doing.

Mike, October 29th we are going to start (cant make out)

Mr. Tate, will any of these meetings be in regards to

Participant Updates/Comments:

Duane Gainer, OCR Staff, reported on the following:

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Pam Nolan, Economic Development, reported on the following:

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Roswell Harrington, Canal Point, reported on the following:

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

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

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6. Adjournment of Meeting:

The next GTAC meeting will be held on _____ at _____. The next Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) meeting is on December 11, 2007, Exhibit "B" at the Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Building: 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL .

Minutes prepared by:

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