

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)

Meeting of February 28, 2008

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Belle Glade City Hall

Minutes

Present at the meeting:

David Broadbent, Pastor of Canal Point United Methodist Church
Natalie R. Fazio, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Roswell Harrington, Canal Point Resident
Kai Jones, P.B.C. Department of Health/ PACE EH
Roy M. McGinnis, P.B.C. Dept of Health/PACE EH
Deputy Natasha Mitchell, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Community Policing Unit)
Derrek A. Moore, Finance Director, City of Pahokee
Angela Morlok, P.B.C. Metropolitan Planning Organization
Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development
Cpl. George Searing, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Lillian Tomeu, Assistant City Manager, City of Belle Glade
Barry Trombley, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office (Code Enforcement)
Diane Walker, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office, City of Pahokee
William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

1. Welcome and Introduction

Duane Gainer introduced himself and asked meeting participants to introduce themselves.

2. Review of Minutes

Mr. Gainer asked if there were corrections to the January minutes. There were no corrections to the minutes.

3. Follow-up Issues (January meeting)

Mr. Gainer stated that they're no follow-up issues noted from last meeting.

4. Discussion/Updates:

Canal Point Bike Safety /Rodeo

- Much discussion was exchanged for the need for a Bike Rodeo and different resources that are available.
- Cpl. G. Searing stated Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) would coordinate the paperwork to get the rodeo event arranged. He requested OCR's assistance regarding funding for food and beverages.
- Lillian Tomeau mentioned DOT supplies bicycle helmets. The Bike Rodeo is an excellent event.
- Mr. Gainer mentioned OCR might be able to commit some funds. The Canal Point Steering Committee is working with the County to lay out the future.

Mr. Gainer explained briefly about the past maps and drawings of the boardwalk and the Canal Point visioning. Office of Community of Revitalization has funds set aside for focus areas. Canal Point is a focus area.

Discussion entailed between Mr. Gainer and Mr. Harrington regarding Canal Point.

Mr. Gainer mentioned letters have been sent out to the different municipalities that have received funding.

- Belle Glade – two contracts spent (approx. \$200,000).
- Pahokee -\$336,000. Storm water and sewer repairs related to hurricanes.
- South Bay- has not touched its funds (approx. \$400,000).

Lillian Tomaeau mentioned she has reported to the city manager the contract for the \$14,500 for the perimeter fence has not been received. Mr. Gainer responded the agreement for the contract has not been approved by the County Attorney, Ms. Tomeau further mentioned the initial permission to request has been received in order to do the resolution the contract needs to be received.

Pam Nolan asked if Mr. Tate has met with South Bay in regards to the street improvement contracts.

Mr. Gainer mentioned that a letter has been sent out. South Bay has requested to change the agreement of the \$400,000 for street improvements. The County Attorney has spoken with the Office Financial Management Budget.

Cpl. Barry Trombley representing Belle Glade Code Enforcement mentioned the city recently updated traffic parking ordinances and additional funding is needed.

Roswell Harrington Resident of, & Representative of Canal Point:

- Discussed conversation with Mr. Tate about Historic Preservation /Zoning Meetings.
- Issues involving the boardwalk on the canal bank
- Waiting for a letter of Agreement from OCR.
- Steering Committee list is being prepared.

Pam Nolan, P.B.C. Economic Development:

- A meeting has been set up with South Florida Water Management District March 3. to discuss Canal Point
- A request to look at the canal banks; inquire for information to apply for grants for Canal Point improvements.

5. Participant Updates/ Comments

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

- Discussed the sewer project.

Pam Nolan responded

- Account has been set up with USDA.
- Engineering department will pay on copies of checks.
- Ms. Nolan announced that the City of Pahokee is on hold until March 19, 2008.
- Explained the process of how the City has to document the sewer improvements.

Ms. Nolan inquired for information on electrical contractors. Lillian Tomeau suggested Ultimate Lighting, Larry Peters.

Cpl. G. Searing informed the group regarding the City of Belle Glade Adopt- A- Park volunteer program.

Cpl. Searing briefly mentioned the need for basic equipment for tot lots.

The group discussed and made suggestions regarding organizations for grants or donation contributions.

Lillian Tomeau suggested the Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program (NPG).

Mr. Gainer suggested contacting Jean Mathews and Tim Granowitz inquiring if whether there is any assistance that Parks & Recreation Assistant Program can provide.

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

- Florida DOT grants are not giving extensions.
- Palm Tran budget cut pertaining to the Sunday, weekends, and night service.
- Transportation study is being conducted to develop a Transport Authority.
- Workforce Alliance meeting on January 30.
- Bus Pass Program issues being pursued.
- Rider ship has increased.
- May meeting will be scheduled to discuss the transportation issues.

Mr. Gainer stated that he would write a letter to Palm Tran if needed.

Ms. Nolan stated she will check into locations for bus passes.

Kai Jones, P.B.C. Department of Health/ PACE EH reported on the following:

- Coordinate a bike rodeo for Community of East Lake.
- Jupiter to Miami Bike Kick Off.
- Bike Study being conducted any ideas are welcomed.

Diane Walker, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office, City of Pahokee had no comments.

Derrek A. Moore, Finance Director, City of Pahokee had no comments.

Mr. Gainer discussed the REAP Program, a mock meeting being held at the Belle Glade Town Hall. Mr. Gainer mentioned a bus tour of the Glades. The REAP is a six (6) week program. The topics of discussion are designed to educate in: code enforcement, community policing/officers, crime prevention, youth involvement, & etc. He announced that the session in the Palm Beach area would begin on March 18th through April 22nd every Tuesday.

Ms. Walker inquired about the Neighborhood Home Beautification Program (NHBP)
Mr. Wynn gave her the contact number.

Mr. Gainer announced Palm Beach County Commissioner Jess Santamaria Glades Community Forum is being held Friday, February 29th, at the West Technical Education Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Topics of discussion.

- The new General Hospital- David Zechman
- Lake Region Water Treatment Plant- Bevin Beaudet
- Glades Area Youth Empowerment Center- Brenda Oakes
- Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance- Ashley Tripp
- Inland Port Update- Ed Oppel
- Parks & Recreation Project- Dennis Eshleman
- Palm Beach County Western Overlay- Lorenzo Aghemo
- Overview of the Glades- Michael Jackson

Mr. Harrington mentioned CERT training would be held next month. A schedule will be announced.

6. Adjournment of Meeting:

The next GTAC meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2008, 9:30 a.m. in South Bay. The next Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) meeting is April 8, 2008 10:00a.m. at Vista Center.

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