

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)
Meeting of February 24, 2011
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
City of Belle Glade Parks & Recreation
1224 SW Avenue E Place, Belle Glade

Minutes

Attendees:

Burley Adams, Jr., Okeechobee Lodge #54
Dr. Arthur Anderson, City of South Bay
Comm. Allie Biggs, City of Pahokee
Betty Boyer, The EDGE Center
Dawn Brady, Citizen of Belle Glade
Rev. David Broadbent, Canal Point United Methodist Church
Ralph Butts, City of Belle Glade
Leondrae Camel, City of Belle Glade
Inger Cheves, Bridges at Belle Glade
Walter Collins, Okeechobee Lodge #54
Jackie Cooper, Cooper CMC
Veronica Cooper, Cooper CMC
Meredith Cruz, The Corradino Group
 Consultant for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Nadine Dessaint, PEPPI Head Start
Mary Evans, City of Belle Glade
Berkley Finley, Palm Beach State College
Sgt. Jermaine Ford, PBC Sheriff's Office (PBSO)
Theresa Fordham, Office of State Rep. Mac Bernard
Duane Gainer, PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Comm. William Gear, City of Belle Glade
Dr. Marcia Hardney, Palm Beach State College
Lomax Harrell, City of Belle Glade
Jason Laramore, Revolutionized Fitness
Angela Morlok, PBC Metropolitan Planning Office (PBC MPO)
Lt. Michael Morris, PBC Sheriff's Office (PBSO)
Annette Parchment, City of Belle Glade
Eddie Rhodes, Tri-City Education
Scott Ryder, C3TS Transportation Group
 Consultant for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Lt. Robert Sandt, PBC Sheriff's Office (PBSO)
Darrell Searcy, Chandler & Campbelle Group
Geraldine Shelton, Cleanse Right Mobile Detailing & Pressure Washing
Darial Smith, Primerica Financial
Jeff Tarr, Citizen of Pahokee
Houston Tate, PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)
Ann Thigpen, Canal Point Community Development (CPCD)
Mike Trim, WPTV
Comm. Diane Walker, City of Pahokee
Mayor Steve Wilson, City of Belle Glade

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Duane Gainer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., introduced himself, and welcomed attendees on behalf of the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners, Palm Beach County Administration and Palm Beach County Office of Community Revitalization. Houston Tate thanked the City of Belle Glade Parks & Recreation for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting were reviewed. The minutes can be found at <http://www.pbcgov.org/ocr/gtac/gtacmeeting.htm>

3. Discussion / Updates:

The results of the discussions from the January meeting were presented. Mr. Tate stated that input from the residents is needed to let the cities and county know what issues are of concern to them. He said that it is important for residents to attend GTAC meetings regularly to be able to present their concerns, understand issues, form opinions based on all available information, and work together to implement solutions.

Mr. Tate encouraged residents to attend the REAP workshops to learn how to implement solutions in their neighborhoods and how to write grants.

Attendees broke into small groups to brainstorm issues, problems and solutions. The results of the discussions are presented in ***GTAC Part 3 Ideas, Themes, Questions***, which will be distributed as a separate document. Mr. Tate provided the results from a study on citizen dialogue by agenda: The study reflected the importance of providing thorough information to citizens and allowing them the opportunity to listen and exchange opinions with one another. The study stated that, "About half the participants (53%) changed their mind when discussing issues with each other; (71%) said that they have second thoughts about their own opinion, even though they did not change their mind. More than three quarters (78%) said that they encountered viewpoints different from their own and thought that these [other] views were good."

Mr. Tate urged attendees to invite residents to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next GTAC meeting will be held Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the Pahokee Parks & Recreation Department's Wellness Center, behind the Historic High School Building, 360 E. Main Street, Pahokee.

Minutes prepared by Duane Gainer and LJ Margolis.

Approved By Houston L. Tate, Director