

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)
Meeting of August 25, 2011
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
City of South Bay

Minutes

Attendees:

Corey Alston, City of South Bay

Dr. Arthur Anderson, City of South Bay

Rev. David Broadbent, Canal Point United Methodist Church

Patricia Brown, PBC Sherrifs' Office

Chief Gary Burroughs, PBC Fire Rescue

Scott Cavendish, The Corradino Group

Sgt. Jermaine Ford, PBC Sheriff's Office (PBSO)

Duane Gainer, PBC Office of Community Revitalization (OCR)

Derrek Moore, City of Pahokee

Angela Morlok, PBC Metropolitan Planning Office (PBC MPO)

Dan Murphy, LORE

Scott Ryder, C3TS Transportation Group

Consultant for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Brenda Thomas, Planned Parenthood

Caroline Villanueva, Florida Crystals Corp.

Comm. Diane Walker, City of Pahokee

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 is out of town.

2. Updates:

Mr. Gainer provided updates (by memo) on the following items (see attached memo): a) Canal Point Boardwalk Project; b) HUD Planning Grant; and c) Pahokee/Canal Point Drainage Issue

Mr. Gainer added that a few people from the Glades have been coming over to the office to sign their REAP contracts. He thinks about 8 different grants were awarded to the Glades area.

Some individuals are ready to take their individual agreements to BCC for presentation. He informed the group that he will be the REAP coordinator for next year and will be putting together his committee to assist him in the planning and implementation of the program.

Mr. Gainer also distributed a copy of the letter from Mr. Tate supporting the HUD Planning grant.

3. Participant Updates/Comments:

Mr. Alston, South Bay City Manager, stated that it was inappropriate for the BCC to be discussing the status of Cities, and that they (South Bay) have meetings scheduled with the Commissioners and have been sending emails with responses. Mr. Gainer stated that OCR does not have any comments on that matter at this time.

Dan Murphy, Executive Director, LORE, stated that he just started Monday. One of the 1st things he will be working on per his Board's request is to help all the cities on the Economic Plan. That is his background.

Someone stated that they are going to have a workshop next week to show what started this whole discussion.

Mr. Gainer stated that Mr. Tate will be meeting with Mr. Weisman and Mrs. Baker, but is unaware of any meeting with the Commissioners. A video tape is what started the BCC discussion.

Mr. Alston stated that he doesn't think that it is a great concern with the Commissioners. South Bay is a government just like them.

Keith Stokes, Target Engineering representative, stated that the guardrail project is about 30% complete. They should be done in the beginning of 2012. Sometime in October there is a new project that he will be part of which includes, re-surfacing SR 15/Main Street and the Winn Dixie shopping area, and drainage improvements on MLK (between SR 15 and County Road 880).

Caroline Villanueva, Florida Crystals representative, asked when is the next Tri-City meeting.

She indicated that she is familiar with the Tri-City area, and summarized her job duties.

Commissioner Walker stated that the Tri-City meeting is 09/24 in Belle Glade.

Angela Morlock, MPO representative, stated that her area is mobility. She worked with Belle Glade 2 years ago helping them put in City Shuttle service and they have 4 routes, soon they will have a 5th one. The existing 4 routes have been in use since January of last year. Pahokee is also in the process of getting service for their City.

Scott Cavendish, The Corradino Group, DOT contractor, stated that the railroad crossing at SR 700 on Bryant will be under construction starting Tuesday morning at 6:30, and should be completed Wednesday by 8 pm. The detour will be Muck City Road, County Road 729, and 441. This is not a State project but done by the owner of the railroad.

Pastor Broadbent, Canal Point Community Development Inc. representative, stated that he took a project from Jupiter last year and is bringing it to the Glades. If you know someone spending more money than they earn, the class will help.

Fire Rescue Chief Gary Burroughs updated the group on Fire Rescue activities stating the Sheriffs' Office has been very supportive. It helps us bring up slack. They are also getting a new fire house in Pahokee. They are having improvements done starting in 2014, including sidewalks, roads and landscaping. Last year they did not have enough money, but this year they were able to get enough money for school supplies. Almost 1200 people showed up to their back-to-school event.

Dr. Arthur Anderson, Asst. City Manager with the City of South Bay, stated that South Bay is very appreciative of everyone's support. On Saturday, they had a grand opening for the Civic Center and it was a great event.

They are concerned about their streets. He doesn't know if South Bay is large enough to have a shuttle service but he would like to find out more information on it.

Mr. Gainer stated that the next meeting would again be the 4th Thursday, on the 22nd of September. The meeting will be held in Canal Point.

Roswell Harrington wants to talk about the County/State redistricting process and the public hearing.

It is not something that our office is directed to have an impact in. Mr. Gainer thinks his (Mr. Harrington) concern was that the closest meeting was in Clewiston and he wanted to make sure Glades area residents had the meeting dates and places.

It is going to be a major issue in the upcoming months.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next GTAC meeting will be held Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the Canal Point Community Center.

Minutes prepared by Duane Gainer

Approved By Houston L. Tate, Director

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