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Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director
Scribe (recorder): Duane Gainer, Senior Planner
Date/Time: July 26, 2012 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Location:

Meeting Attendance:

- 1 Glen Armbruster, P.B.C. School District
- 2 Jim Cartmill, P.B.C. School District
- 3 Nadine Caudill, AmeriGas
- 4 Kervin Clenance, P.B. Broadcasting
- 5 Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
- 6 Quinn Hayes, ACHIEVE
- 7 Selena Lamotte, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
- 8 Derrek Moore, City of Pahokee
- 9 Angela Morlok, P.B.C. Metropolitan Planning Organization
- 10 Herb Redmon, P.B.C. Fire Rescue
- 11 Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
- 12 Stephen Stokes, Target Engineering Group
- 13 Wayne Messam, Messam Construction
- 14 Javin Walker, "2" SBW and Associates
- 15 Berkley Finley, P.B. State College
- 16 C. Paulik, Hedrick Brothers Construction
- 17 Luke Lewis, AmeriGas
- 18 Gary Pirtle, Pirtle Construction
- 19 Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
- 20 Rodney Spencer
- 21 Keith Rollin, WFLM Radio
- 22 Ivory Paschal, City of Pahokee
- 23 Diane Walker, City of Pahokee
- 24 Gail Vorpagel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
- 25 Lieutenant Wesley White, P.B.C. Animal Care and Control
- 26 John Wilson, City of South Bay
- 27 William Wynn, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) facilitated the 7/26/12 GTAC Meeting in order to create an environment for residents to express their concerns, share opinions, learn of inspiring local successes, clarify miss-information, and address their barriers with a panel of distinguished guest. The panel consisted of the three general contractors that were awarded the Glades school construction contracts, Hedrick Brothers Construction Company, Pirtle Construction Company, and Suffolk Construction Company; the sub-contractors awarded contracts to the Glades school construction projects, Asset Builders and “2” SBW and Associates; Palm Beach County School District, Palm Beach County Community Action Programs, Palm Beach County Office of Small Business Assistance, Palm Beach Broadcasting and Workforce Alliance.

2. Special Presentations

Kervin Clenace-General Sales Manager, Palm Beach Broadcasting

Mr Clenace stated that Palm Beach Broadcasting, representing Sunny 107.9 FM, WIRK 103.1, X102.3, and WRMF 97.9 FM, will be taking a proactive role in combating the issues of Obesity, Literacy, and Drowning Prevention. This wide diversity of stations will allow PB Broadcasting to reach a majority of Palm Beach County residents with important Public Service Announcements (PSA’s). Because of airtime cost, these PSA’s can become quite expensive, so the suggested PSA’s are 10 second spots with a short message.

PB Broadcasting has a couple of upcoming events that could provide venues for distributing important community information, if desired: Learn To Swim With X102.3’s Poet at the YMCA in Boca Raton on July 4th and the X102.3 4th Annual Custom Car and Bike Show at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center on Saturday, August 4th.

James Green, Program Coordinator, PBC Community Services Department/Community Action Program

Mr. Green provided an overview of the Community Action Program, which is intended to remove barriers and create opportunities for low-income individuals and families to enable them to become more self-sufficient. There are six (6) service centers throughout the County.

Mr. Green spoke about their Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), designed to provide financial relief from high-energy costs to prevent service disconnection for families in crisis. Extensive Outreach Campaigns are conducted to ensure maximum participation of the neediest families. Particular efforts are made to serve the elderly and those with special needs, including home visits, telephone interviews and group intakes. Applications for assistance may be made by contacting the nearest Community Action Service Center. Types of assistance available include:

- Home Energy Assistance-up to \$300 once every 12 months
- Crisis Benefit-up to \$600 twice a year for past due, final notice or disconnection
- Weather Related Benefit-assistance during a natural disaster
- Weatherization-assistance with weatherizing home to lower electric bill

Mr. Green also spoke about the Community Service Block Grant or CSBG. This program operates under six national goals that focus on helping individuals and families to become self-sufficient, increasing agency collaboration and promoting community enhancement. Community Action's mission is to provide opportunities to the poor by combining, organizing and adjusting the available resources so that programs are tailored to the genuine needs of low-income people and communities. Services may include: tax assistance, employment support, housing assistance, access to food and nutrition, and utility assistance.

Community Services has funding available, and needs Glades area clients.

3. Participant Updates/Comments

Residence expressed the need for better chances to getting jobs and related job-training. Subsequent to the GTAC meeting, OCR plans to coordinate collaborative discussions with the appropriate county departments and agencies to brainstorm options, work on action items that will identify possible viable solutions to develop and implement an action plan.

4. Adjournment

Comments: 11:45 a.m. The next meeting will be on August 23rd in South Bay.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director _____