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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: June 27, 2013 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: Belle Glade City Hall

Meeting Attendance:

1. Rev. David Broadbent, Canal Point United Methodist Church
2. Kim Ciklin, P.B.C. Department of Economic Sustainability
3. Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
4. Joe Glucksman, Quiet Waters Assisted Living Facility
5. Jerome Govan, Glades Guardian
6. Carol Thompson, P.B.C. Department of Economic Sustainability
7. Rashonda Warren, City of Pahokee
8. Patricia Hill, I.B. Coordinator, Thomasville, GA.
9. Gary Hawkins, Workforce Alliance
10. Andrea Pacini, The Corradino Group
11. Derrek Moore, City of Pahokee
12. Angela Morlok, Metropolitan Planning Organization
13. Gloria Perkins
14. Jermaine Ford, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
15. Eddie Rhodes, Tri-City Education
16. Houston Tate, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
17. Harma Miller, Glades Guardian
18. Henry Miller, Glades Guardian
19. Diane Walker, City of Pahokee
20. Javin Walker, 2SBW & Assoc.
21. Nina Wills, Bridges at Pahokee

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Comments: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m., and asked for introductions to include the attendee's name, their favorite movie, and their favorite food.

The introduction/ice breaker allows group members to feel more comfortable to relate to each other on a personal level. Getting to know each other and developing a rapport with each other will strengthen their discussions and aid in the exchanging of opinions, brainstorming options, identifying viable solutions and developing an action plan.

2. Participant Updates/Comments

Mr. Tate updated the group of the following:

- The **2013 NFL High School Player Development Program** was held in Pahokee: There were a number of speakers, about 300 youth with an emphasis on sport and academic success.
- **Robotics Program:** Met with the Maria Vaughan, School District, Instructional Team Leader West Area 3; Viviane Ross, Instructional Team Leader West Area 3, Jim Politis, School District, CHOICE Specialist; Karen Abrams, Principal, Pahokee Elementary; LaVoice Taylor-Smith, Principal, Pahokee Middle; Derrick Hibler, Principal, Canal Point Elementary, Ariel Alejo, Principal, Pahokee High, Lawanda Harper, Pahokee Elementary, Estella Pyfrom, Estella's Brilliant Bus, Ivory Paschal, City of Pahokee, Nancy Edwards, Mass Multi Service, and; Alex Masis. A Dancing Dream Studio.

The meeting discussed and compared the School District's Science Engineering Communication Mathematics Education (SECME) Program with the benefits of the FIRST Robotic Competition.

Mr. Tate sees this as an excellent enrichment activity and opportunity to encourage and improve strong academic performance in math and science for the Glades' Elementary, Middle and High Schools. The FIRST Robotic Competition as experienced in other Palm Beach County Schools has encouraged, empowered and increased the number of High School graduates; provided additional sources of resources and college scholarships, and; can began the development and implementation of Corporate Internship Programs and career paths in the space related industry. A second meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2013 at 11:30am at the West Tech Facility.

- **Back to School Bash.** OCR is partnering, and leveraging funding, with the Community Back to School Bash (BASH), a 501.c.3 organization, PBSO and other nonprofit organizations as well as agencies throughout Palm Beach County that serve disadvantaged students pre-K through 12 by providing supplies, backpacks, information and resources to empower children to begin the school year with confidence.

Through the partnership, we will be able to reach about 15,000 kids at 4 proposed distribution locations in Palm Beach County, including the following: Glades area (at Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay); Central County (at the Convention Center); South County (at Village Academy in Delray Beach); and North County (at the Roger Dean Stadium). The idea is that at each

location will provide greater convenience for each child to get free backpacks and supplies, and potentially school physicals, immunizations, health screenings, new and used school uniforms and haircuts. Services to be provided will be upon resource availability. All family members will get a free meal as well.

- **Mrs. Estella Pyfrom** was recognized for being invited by The President and Mrs. Obama's reception to be held at The White House on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 1:00pm. The reception was in recognition of the 5000th Daily Point of Light Celebrating the Vision of President George H. W. Bush.

Gary Hawkins, reported on the following:

- **Job Corps** is conducting a major recruitment effort. This is an excellent opportunity for those residents who are currently unemployed to find career path information. It is like college; 0 tolerance for drugs; can get GED; No cost; Job Corp foots the bill; participants have to be 16-24 years of age. The person will come out and talk to a group of kids; it is a two year program. This program is not available for those residents with a criminal record.

Carol Thompson, Department of Economic Sustainability, reported on the following:

- Her office administers the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Challenge Planning Grant. They have a team of people that are meeting to ensure proper planning. In addition, they have a core planning committee to represent the Glades community in various functions. The stakeholders in the community and public at large should have a large stake in the vision for the Glades. Then the grant lays out infrastructure and then costs-out the services needed. The projects will need federal money to get the work done in grants. Forty percent of the grant work is done. September to January will be big push to involve the community. There are offices are available to people to share concerns. The deadline for submitting the needs to the HUD grant by September 2015.
- Their deadline here will be September 30, 2014. The contact for the committee can be reached at 561-233-3671.

Andi Pacini, The Corradino Group (FDOT), reported on the following

- They are replacing the bridge deck on SR 15 near the Gas Company.
- Another project is SR 80 bridge rehab. It will begin in August.

4. Adjournment

Comments: The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held on July 27th, 2013 at Pahokee Wellness Center.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director

