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## Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

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Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Facilitator: Duane Gainer, Senior Planner  
Scribe (recorder): Duane Gainer, Senior Planner  
Date/Time: March 27, 2014 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Location: Pahokee Wellness Center

### Meeting Attendance:

1. Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
2. Rashonda Warren, City of Pahokee
3. Derrek Moore, City of Pahokee
4. Diane Walker, City of Pahokee
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## Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Comments:

### 2. Special Presentation-Shirlon McCarty, Dept. of Juvenile Justice,Roadmap to System Excellence

**Ms. McCarty** – This started as a review on their policies and procedures to help kids before they get into the system. How are we (DJJ) dealing with the youth? A strategic plan to get the right services, for the right individuals. What are they looking at? Prevention; provide services; improve communication.

She attends a lot of meetings and they talk about the same thing, but everyone is not getting together. DJJ closed a lot of residential beds because of funding. Everyone needs to come and work together so that everyone can be on the same page. They want to provide schools with prevention – like now at Palm Beach Lakes HS they have a probation officer on ground all day. They want to expand this to 10 schools. In the schools, they have females that get in trouble because the females think different than males. They are looking for a place to meet. Mr. Tate stated that he will work with her to find a place.

There are a number of County locations that could be used as a meeting place. If you do not live in certain areas, you may not get the same services as the kids that live in other geographical areas. If they go into their program they do not get a record. They also try to catch them when they come into their Center, especially when they are 1<sup>st</sup> offenders. They are trying to reduce school arrests. They are increasing family awareness and expanding the areas of the Family Centers and want to increase the opportunity to get a certificate for careers.

Mr. Tate asked how can we find funding to work with the kids to help prepare them for college? Those are the types of programs he is interested in.

Ms. McCarty replied that they have residential programs that some youths have to go to because they could be a threat. They have residential homes but very few beds. There are private agencies but a lot of time they cannot afford it. Right now every staff members has to take a “common sense” test just knowing how to work with youth in everyday situations. You cannot just go by the policies, you have to work with youth. They are trying to improve job satisfaction so they now have an “Employee of the Month”. They get a \$25 gift card/ lunch or car detailing. There is constant additional staff training. Ms. McCarty showed different statistics for youth in her power point presentation (presentation available at [www.pbcgov.org/ocr](http://www.pbcgov.org/ocr)).

Commissioner Diane Walker asked Mr. Tate why he thinks attendance is down. She states that this happens around the same time every year when it get close to the summer.

Mr. Tate replies that the “Glades” are different and that he has to call, not send emails.

Discussion ensued.

Someone suggested meeting will at the hospital. – maybe that way they see what is going on and want to get more involved

Mr. Tate stated that he is looking at the Glades Master Plan and how can we better the area and improvements to the community. He can go back to his Board and say we are moving in the direction of the Master Plan.

He will come back in May and meet regarding how we focus on the Glades Master Plan and how does the community come and work with us.

Duane: June is the Belle Glade meeting. We were in Pahokee last meeting.

???: Told Tate to talk to Desmond and see if we can attend that meeting.

???: Maybe talk to Steve Nolan

This was a chat session? It did not seem like a meeting.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Comments: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next GTAC meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Canal Point.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director \_\_\_\_\_