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## Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

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Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director  
Scribe (recorder): Derrek Moore, Senior Planner  
Date/Time: August 27, 2015, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Location: South Bay City Hall

### Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Mayor Joe Kyles      | City of South Bay                             |
| 2. Herbert Crawford     | Palm Beach County School District (Canal Pt.) |
| 3. Michelle Rodriquez   | Community Partners (Bridges)                  |
| 4. Barbara Davis        | State Rep. Rader's Office                     |
| 5. Milagros Rodriquez   | PBC Healthcare District                       |
| 6. Melissa Beltz        | The Sun Newspaper                             |
| 7. Ms. Mary Evans       | City of Belle Glade                           |
| 8. Trenesia Rozier      | Community Partners (Bridges of BG)            |
| 9. Lisa Wilson          | PBC (Comm. McKinlay's Office)                 |
| 10. Belinda Camero      | Community Partners (Bridges)                  |
| 11. Comm. Diane Walker  | Pahokee Commissioner                          |
| 12. Arthur Jones        | South Bay Resident                            |
| 13. James Green         | PBC Youth Services Dept.                      |
| 14. Eddie Lee Rhodes    | City of BG Resident                           |
| 15. Tammy Jackson-Moore | Deputy City Mgr. – Pahokee                    |
| 16. Leondre Camel       | City Manager – South Bay                      |
| 17. Javin Walker        | South Bay Resident                            |
| 18. Loraine Cain        | South Bay Resident                            |

### Meeting Minutes

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#### 1. Prayer & Pledge:

Comments: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He turned the meeting over to Mayor Joe Kyles (City of South Bay's Mayor) to lead us in prayer. The Mayor also led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, as well.

## 2. Welcome & Presentations:

Mr. Tate welcomed the attendees and briefly discussed the upcoming list of exciting speakers scheduled to speak/present at the upcoming GTAC meetings. He thanked everyone for coming out and went on to mention a few other items listed below:

- a) Mrs. Verdenia Baker will be appearing at the Pahokee Marina on Sept 14, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. She was invited by Mr. Javin Walker and the Concerned Citizens of South Bay to come out to the Glades for the “Meet & Greet”. The Concerned Citizens of South Bay will be hosting the event. Special thanks to Comm. Allie Biggs, The City of Pahokee, City of Belle Glade, City of South Bay & the Office of Community Revitalization.
- b) Robotic Engineering Club will begin at Pahokee elementary School sometime this year. Dr. Abrams, (Pahokee Elementary School Principal) & Dr. Matthew Shoemaker (Area 3 Superintendent) has been and will continue to work with OCR to bring Robotic Competition to the Glades. This year’s robotic engineering program will initially start as a robotic club. Next year’s plans are to organize and put into operation a First Robotic Competition, an international robotic competition that gives students real-world engineering experience.
- c) Briefly discussed the OCR’s support and partnership with PBC’s Youth Services dept. to secure mentors for male students of color.

## 3. Special Presentations

Mr. Tate introduced Mr. James Green, Palm Beach County’s Director of Community Outreach & Programming for the Youth Services Department. A copy of Mr. Green’s presentation is attached for your convenience; however, below is a brief outline of the material and information that he covered during his presentation:

The topics covered: 4 Components to Challenge

- ☐ STEP #1: ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE
- ☐ STEP #2: CONVENE A “LOCAL ACTION SUMMIT” TO BUILD AN MBK COMMUNITY
- ☐ STEP #3: CONDUCT A POLICY REVIEW & FORM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION
- ☐ STEP #4: LAUNCH A PLAN OF ACTION, NEXT STEPS & A TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW

My Brother’s Keeper (MBK)  
Milestones

1. Ensuring all children enter school cognitively, physically, socially and emotionally ready
2. Ensuring all children read at grade level by 3rd grade

3. Ensuring all youth graduate from high school
4. Ensuring all youth complete post-secondary education or training
5. Ensuring all youth out of school are employed
6. Ensuring all youth remain safe from violent crime

#### I. Q&A

Some of the questions from the audience are shown below:

- What are the steps being taken to complete background checks and what are the requirements?
- Is there an opportunity for people with records to get involved with the initiative?
- Will there be any additional presentations of this initiative done in the Glades? If so, when and where will they be held?
- Is the program only open to Black boys?
- Does the County offer the Racial Sensitivity course that many PBC School District members have taken? If so, when will it be offered again and where? Can the course be offered in the Glades? Is there any financial assistance for the course available? The course cost approx. \$350.00.
- The next Racial Sensitivity course will be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mr. Tate & Mr. Green will work together to try to see if the course can be brought to the Glades and to inquire about possible subsidy for possible course attendees.

#### **Important Dates:**

August 1st - Nov. 10 - Official Recruitment Period

Sept 17 - West Technical School – Male Mentor Recruitment 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sept 28 - Meeting at Vista Center – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

TBD - Glades Task Force Meeting

#### **4. Participant Updates/Comments**

Mr. Tate recognized everyone and thanked them for coming out to the meeting. He re-emphasized the Robotic Competition program & our upcoming “Meet & Greet” for Mrs. Baker in the Glades. He applauded Mr. Green’s efforts on the My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) initiative and thanked him for coming out to speak to the group. He reiterated the importance of everyone attending the GTAC meetings and our plans to develop a standing committee for the GTAC meetings. He recognized Derrek Moore, and I encouraged everyone to come out and participate and hear some of our exciting upcoming speakers (i.e., Dr. Avossa, PBC School

District New Supt. of Schools, President Ava Parker, PBSC New President, Mrs. Verdenia Baker, soon to be Palm Beach County's new County Administrator, and others). He also provided the dates for the next CCRT & GTAC meetings and invited everyone to come out to Pahokee to hear Mrs. Marcia Andrews to talk about the direction, goals & plans for Palm Beach County's School District. Dr. Avossa had to cancel, due to a conflict in his schedule and Mrs. Andrews will be speaking in his absence.

## 5. Adjournment

### Comments:

Mayor Kyles thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and thanked Mr. Green for being our speaker. He also thanked Mr. Tate and OCR for bringing the speakers to South Bay.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held September 24, 2015, at the City of Pahokee's Marina.

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

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Date