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Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director
Scribe (recorder): Derrek Moore, Senior Planner
Date/Time: January 28, 2016, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: City of Belle Glade Civic Center

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Keith Babb | Dept of Senior Services |
| 2. Whitney Baldwin, Esquire | FL. Rural Legal Services, Inc. |
| 3. Marilu Baltazar | Pahokee Housing Authority |
| 4. Comm. Allie Biggs | City of Pahokee - Commissioner |
| 5. Regina Bohlen | Exec. Dir. of Pahokee Chamber |
| 6. Margaret Brice | Gulfstream Goodwill |
| 7. Ralph Butts | City of Belle Glade |
| 8. Leondre Camel, City Manager | City of South Bay |
| 9. Inger Cheves | Community Partners |
| 10. Barbara Davis | Rep. Rader's Office |
| 11. Dorothy Davis | PBC West County Senior Center |
| 12. Elea Dean | City of Pahokee – P&R Asst. Dir. |
| 13. Charles Duval | CareerSource PBC |
| 14. Karis Engle | Exec. Dir. of Glades Initiative |
| 15. JoAnn Finney | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority |
| 16. Sgt. Jeff Garten | PBSO |
| 17. Greta Godaert | Pahokee Resident |
| 18. Barbara Haider | Pres/CEO of One Love-One Community |
| 19. Danielle Hanson | Hunger Relief Exec. – United Way |
| 20. Clara Hessing | PBC Youth Services |
| 21. Comm. Felsia Hill | City of Pahokee – Commissioner |
| 22. Keith Hurbs | MD\$ Plus Inc. |
| 23. Tammy Jackson-Moore | City of Pahokee – Deputy City Mgr. |
| 24. Demean Kennedy | CPK 7 Trucking |
| 25. Edward Kerr | City of South Bay – Dir. of Public Svcs. |
| 26. King Kindred | City of South Bay |
| 27. Jason Larrimore | Glades resident |
| 28. Pat Lucey | Red Cross |
| 29. Cartheda Mann | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority |
| 30. Cylenthia Mann, Director | Bridges at Pahokee |
| 31. Derrek Moore | OCR Senior Planner |
| 32. Rod Myrick | AE Engineering |

33. Robin Nunley	Red Cross
34. Annette Parchment	City of Belle Glade – Dir of Community Dev.
35. Marty Parker	City of South Bay
36. Ivory Paschal	City of Pahokee – Dir. of Parks & Rec.
37. Myrtle Raines	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
38. Eddie Lee Rhodes	Belle Glade resident
39. Donia Roberts	Attorney at Law – LORE & GCRR
40. Rick Roche	Lakeside Hospital – Chief Admin. Officer
41. Milagros Rodriquez	PBC Healthcare District
42. Trenesia Rozier	Bridges at Belle Glade
43. Shilondra Sheppard	Bridges at Belle Glade
44. Kelly Smallridge	Business Dev. Bd. – President & CEO
45. Houston Tate	Dir. of OCR
46. Caroline Villanueva	Florida Crystals
47. Javin Walker	2SBW
48. Ralph Walker	2SBW
49. Vernell Williams-DesRosier	Safe Schools – PBC School District
50. Commissioner John Wilson	City of South Bay – Commissioner
51. Lisa Wilson	Commissioner McKinlay's office
52. Joseph Horvath	PBC Senior Svcs. Mgr.
53. James Belersdorfer	
54. Jasper Brown	
55. Rentz Cooper	
56. Ethel Edwards	
57. Vincent Fraser	
58. Thelma Green	
59. Barbara Harper	
60. Elizabeth Henry	
61. Anne Jeudy	
62. Rudy Marsicano	
63. Mary Moore	
64. Maria Perez	
65. Nellie Webster	
66. Harvey Hodges	
67. Lethia Allen	
68. Jack Barham	
69. Corine Bethea	
70. Patsy Brown	
71. Dorothy Davis	
72. Mary Lee Johnson	
73. Gene Scott	
74. Loraine Smith	
75. Pinkie Wheeler	
76. Mary Johnson	
77. Jessie White	
78. Betty Lee	Senior Citizen - Pahokee

- 79. Annie Butler
- 80. Annie Wallace
- 81. Pearl Freeman
- 82. Jackie Kelly
- 83. Nellie Smith
- 84. Grace Orr
- 85. Dorothy Murgerson

Some attendees did not sign the attendance sheet (Total was over 100 attendees).

Meeting Minutes

1. Prayer & Pledge:

Comments: **Mr. Tate** called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and introduced **Comm. Allie Biggs** (City of Pahokee - Commissioner) to lead us in prayer. She also led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Welcome & Presentations:

Mr. Tate welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting by introducing Mrs. Verdenia Baker. During the introductions, Mrs. Lisa Wilson brought her cell phone to Mr. Tate and advised him that her husband, Mayor Steve Wilson (City of Belle Glade), and the other two Glade's Mayors were on the phone and wanted to say a few words to Mrs. Baker. Mayors Steve Wilson (City of Belle Glade), Colin Walkes (City of Pahokee) & Joe Kyles (City of South Bay) welcomed Mrs. Baker and apologized for their absence. They were on their way to Tallahassee, FL. for a meeting with state legislators. They all thanked her for taking the time out of her busy schedule to come out to the Glades and meet with Glades' residents. They were very appreciative of her commitment to come out and personally hear from the community.

Mr. Tate recognized the following other guests and dignitaries: Comm. Allie Biggs (Pahokee), Comm. John Wilson (S. Bay), Mrs. Barbara Davis (Rep. Rader's office), Mr. Williamson (City Mgr. - Pahokee), Mrs. Lisa Wilson (Comm. McKinlay's office - Dist. 6), Tammy Jackson-Moore (Deputy City Manager - Pahokee), Mr. Leondre Camel (City Manager - South Bay), & Mr. Rick Roche (Lakeside Hospital - New Chief Admin. Officer), & Comm. Felisia Hill (Pahokee).

3. Special Presentations

Mr. Tate introduced Palm Beach County's new County Administrator as the hardest working woman in the state of Florida, Mrs. Verdenia Baker. He thanked her for coming out to the Meet & Greet on Sept 14, 2015 in the City of Pahokee and for placing the Glades on her schedule for the GTAC meeting. She received a warm welcome of applause from the audience.

Mrs. Baker began by giving the audience a round of applause and thanked everyone for coming out to the GTAC meeting. She further expressed her appreciation for them coming out to brave the cold rainy weather to hear what she has to say, today. She thanked her sorority sisters (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Glades Alumnae Chapter) and others that she recognized in the audience for coming out and supporting her. She stated that she will be calling on them to continue to work towards accomplishing the things that are needed

to be accomplished in the Glades. She acknowledged several representatives including: Mrs. Smallridge (BDB), Red Cross, United Way, & CareerSource stating that we are all partners and that we are going to have to work together to continue to improve the lives of our senior citizens and millennials. We have a lot of work to do and it is going to take all of us. She encouraged the senior citizens and the audience to not hesitate to call her about things that she needs to address.

Mrs. Baker gave a little bit of her history with the County by stating that she has been with the County about 28 years and that she started in the OFMB office as a Budget Analyst. She was promoted to Impact Coordinator, then to Dir. of Financial Management, to Asst. County Administrator, and on to Deputy County Administrator (15 yrs.). Mr. Weisman was the County Administrator for 24 years and she served under him during his tenure as County Administrator. Through the County's competitive hiring process, she became the County Administrator at the end of last August (2015).

Mrs. Baker recognized the first employee that she supervised at the County, Mr. Keith Hurbs. Mr. Hurbs was in the audience. She remarked that Mr. Hurbs has a couple of healthcare facilities countywide (a couple in the Glades). Mrs. Baker expressed how pleased she was to see him and how proud she was of him. Mrs. Baker went on to express how committed we are to our children and how we want to see them do well and return home (not in our houses, per se) to serve the communities that they grew up in. We want our children to return home and serve the communities that they grew up in.

Mrs. Baker mentioned that 39% of our households in Palm Beach County (PBC) are elderly. They are eligible for social security benefits. It continues to grow. Over a million in population. These are residents that are 55 and older. As the County grows, this particular group of individuals will grow. We will need special care for this group. We have Palmtran Connections. Senior citizens can call and make an appointment to be picked up and delivered to their doctor's appointments and returned to their homes. They will also provide transport for seniors to and from grocery stores. If you need this assistance, just call 561-649-9838. Mrs. Baker was reminded of a saying that her mother frequently used, "If you're not giving me any information to take away, why were you talking?" We also partner with the Area Agency on Aging and they provide elderly assistance. Their number is 1-866-684-5886. Mr. Tate will have those numbers if they are needed. You can also go on the County's website or call the County's general number.

Mrs. Baker stated that the County is growing and we have to work together to manage the challenges that face the County and the Glades. She is aware of many of the challenges of the Glades and she wants to work, collaboratively with the Glades community to face and deal with these challenges. She stated that she has worked on housing projects for the Glades in the past and it is still her number one priority for the Glades. She believes residents should have decent, safe, and affordable housing. She is presently working on Glades Glen project to revamp that property for availability to the public for decent affordable housing (over 300 units). She is working with Habitat for Humanities. She's working with the Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) to renovate some of the elderly homes. She is also working with partners to bring jobs to the area. If you don't have a job, it is difficult to access services or other benefits brought to the community. We need to provide legitimate jobs that allow residents to make a legitimate living. **Mrs. Baker** mentioned Mrs. Smallridge and the partnership between the County and the BDB. She shared the commitment made by the County to the Glades by allocating dollars to the budget of BDB for a specific person to work on behalf of the Glades from the BDB. Their focus and priority is to bring businesses and jobs to the Glades area. The County is continuing to work with the cities and Mayors to bring additional funds to the Glades for Roads & Streets in the Glades. The County's legislative group, under the direction of Dir. Todd Bonlarron is pushing this initiative forward in Tallahassee. We are seeking approximately \$2.5 million for roads in the Glades from the state, this year. We were successful in getting the following allocations for roads & streets from the state legislature: 2013 - \$1 million allocated; 2014 - over 4 million was secured, and 2015 - \$1 million. Further discussion will be had about backlog infrastructure and our plans to address the backlog.

Mrs. Baker discussed the partnership with the Army CORP of Engineers to complete the dike work. We're asking them to report out by providing more information about their work and the timeline or work schedule for the work to be completed on the dike. This plays a role on our flood maps. FEMA wants to use the existing maps in designating and/or identifying flood zones. The County has appealed to them to allow us to fly our own and create our own maps. They can review and provide feedback and accept them for our purposes. We are in that process now. This will allow us to avoid huge costs associated with flood insurance costs and will save our residents millions of dollars. We are focused on the Glades and we continue to work on getting adjustments made to the maps to save residents money in insurance costs.

The County has committed \$25 million towards replacement of water lines throughout the Glades over the next 5 years. The County has accepted and assumed the challenge issued by President Barak Obama through his "My Brother's Keeper" (MBK) initiative to engage our children better. Just over a year ago, the County created a new department focused on our youth; The Youth Services Department. All youth services programs for the County were consolidated under one department. Mr. James Green is a County staff member, a young African American gentleman, who relates well with our young people. He is heading up the MBK mentoring program. He is the Director of Outreach & Community Programming for the Youth Services department (Ms. Tammy Fields, J.D., Director of Youth Services Dept.). We want our children to know that they are loved and we are going to help guide them so that they will have a better future. We will be calling on all of you to help assist us in these areas.

We have eliminated the box on our job application: "Are you a convicted felon?" We did this because it prejudices people's views, even before they read your resume or application. This does not mean that we will be hiring mass murderers or people that have committed fraud in our Finance department(s), NO! It does mean that we will be giving individuals that have not committed crimes in certain areas an opportunity to be reviewed and considered for employment. If they present no danger or harm in the areas that they are being considered for, they will be given an opportunity as all of the other applicants. We must give people a second chance, when possible and plausible. We are working on programs to increase the wages of our youth. We are also working on entrepreneurship programs. Our children are very very talented, but they do not get the opportunity to show their talents or to be exposed to the possibilities to share their talents. We are also targeting disconnected students that have walked away from education. We want to re-engage those young people and provide them with options and opportunities to learn and grow towards gainful employment. While all of our children will not go to college, all of our children need a high school education. We need to make available all of the options to our children.

Recently, a woman in a group in Ft. Pierce commented that we do not stress education enough in our communities. When she was growing up, education was stressed as important. We don't do that enough, today. Mrs. Baker stated that her mom stressed to her that "You must get an education!" No if, ands, or buts about it. No one can take that away from you! We need to go back to that and become the village that we should be. Neighbors caring for neighbors. Going back to our foundation. We are here to work with you to make things better. My mother use to make us sweep the sidewalks. People had pride in their communities and we want to improve ourselves and communities so that we continue to have pride in our communities. It affects the behavior of the community.

Last year, we came out and partnered with several agencies to put on an Expungement and Restoration of rights event for the Glades in the City of Belle Glade. We were able to help approximately 41 individuals by either Sealing &/or Expunging their records. The goal is to do it again, because it helps people with becoming employed. That's our goal. This helps with increasing the eligible pool of employable residents. When we come back encourage people to come out.

Mrs. Baker shared that some of the participants in the event were: Cunningham Bar Assoc., Public Defenders Office, State Attys. Office, FDLE, PBSO, FL Rural Legal Services, & Clerk's Office. It was free to the

participants! We found the dollars for the event. We have limited dollars, but we want to do what we can to continue to improve the lives of PBC residents.

Mrs. Baker discussed the backlog of infrastructure projects for PBC. The County has identified roughly \$650 – \$750 million worth of infrastructure needs for the County including: water lines, roads & bridges, buildings, shoring up canal banks, etc... The County staff is working on options to fund these improvements to take before the Board. Our options include: 1) Increasing the millage rate, 2) Issuing bonds (voter approved general obligation bonds) or 3) Add a ½ cent (generate \$1.3 billion) or 1 cent (just over \$2 billion) option sales tax (limited period of time). Sixty percent will go to the County (Roadways, Canals, Facilities & Parks). It will also allow the cities to do some of the same things within the cities. Millage is difficult to bring back down once it's been increased. The government bonds cost more because of issuance and processing costs. Sales tax is "pay as you go" for ten years. If we generate enough money prior to the ten year expiration period, then it will cease at that point. We will be looking for directions from the Board to determine how we will proceed in addressing these countywide needs.

Mrs. Baker explained that if the Board decides to go the route of the sales tax, we will see her a lot more to explain this process. The city's City Managers and city representatives will also be meeting with you to explain and discuss the options further.

Mrs. Baker opened the discussion up to questions.

Q & A & Comments:

Comm. John Wilson (S. Bay) asked about the Readiness to Serve charges (Perpetuity of Service fees). He wanted to know why people are being charged if they are not consuming water or sewer? **Mrs. Baker** responded that the base charges are in place to support having a water & sewer system. She further explained that those charges are necessary to support having a system for everyone. She also explained that it is a selling point for those that want to sell the house because there is a water & sewer system in place when they want to sell the house or structure. Someone has to pay for the availability of the water & sewer system.

Mr. Ralph Walker (2SBW) commented that he purchased a piece of property and he has an \$800.00 water & sewer bill already. He stated that he hasn't used any water and there is nothing hooked up and they took everything that could be hooked up. His question was, How much is Ready to Serve? He stated that Ready to Serve is designed to take people's property. Mrs. Baker stated that that isn't the purpose of the Readiness-to-Serve policy or fees and she advised Mr. Walker to call her office and she will find the answer to what is going on. **Commissioner Hill** commented that the fee is causing some problems. **Mrs. Baker** offered to have Mrs. LaRocque (Asst. County Admin.) and/or Mr. Stiles (Dir. of Water Utilities) and his staff to come out to further respond to and discuss this matter at a later GTAC meeting. She further instructed Mr. Tate to reach out to Mrs. LaRocque and set something up.

Mr. Javen Walker (2SBW) asked about the opportunities coming to the Glades. He stated that his company is the only African American construction company in the Glades. He was pleased to hear about the plans for the Glades but wanted to know how there could be some assurance(s) that local and minority contractors would get a share of the contracts and work that comes to the Glades. How do we ensure that my company gets a chance to participate in the process? How do we keep some of these jobs in the Glades to put some of our people from the Glades to work? **Mrs. Baker** responded by saying that the County has a local preference policy. There has been legislation passed to wipe that policy out. However, if we move forward with the sales tax, there will be no federal or state money involved and it will be easier for the County to legislate how the money will be allocated and spent. We will be in a better position to control participation by small and minority businesses. In addition to the regular preferences, the County has a Glades preference, specifically designed to increase opportunities for businesses from the Glades. Mrs. Baker stated that she will continue to work with any businesses to ensure their opportunity to participate in the contractor process.

Mr. Jason Larrimore (Glades resident) asked what efforts are being or can be made to extend recreational opportunities to the kids in the Glades? How can we extend some of the educational opportunities to the kids in the Glades, which will also open up other job opportunities to those kids? **Mrs. Baker** responded by saying that mentoring will help. We have a number of those programs in operation, now. She stated earlier that Mr. Green is actively promoting the MBK program; however, we need residents from the Glades to step up and be volunteers. Children generally relate better to people they know. Glades' mentors are needed as well. Our children need to see the top officials and administrators involved with these programs. We have tourism type programs and other initiatives coming soon. She went on to say that the new President for PBSC has an interest and commitment to improving things in the Glades. The Glades is always foremost in her mind when she is talking with partners and possible projects to improve resident's lives.

Ms. Whitney Baldwin (Attorney – Florida Rural Legal Services) thanked Mrs. Baker for the opportunity to partner with the County on the Expungement & Restoration of rights event in the Glades and she shared that Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS) would very much like to continue partnering with the County on these events. Mrs. Baker echoed that sentiment and expressed her interest in partnering with FRLS to continue the events.

Mrs. Barbara Haider (One Love-One Community) asked what we could do to be proactive in increasing the number of participants in the Expungement & Restoration of Rights initiative? She also asked why aren't there more residents participating in the events? **Mrs. Baker** responded and said that there are certain criteria that must be met and there are certain felonies that cannot be expunged from your record. There is a lot of paperwork and people get frustrated. There is also quite a bit of paperwork to fill out in the application process. The cost can also be prohibitive for some residents. Because the Sheriff's office covered some of the costs and the Clerk's office covered their own costs, we were able to do the event; however, the cost of the process is real and we have to figure out how to cover those costs. There were over 300 people that attended the event and only 41 were able to complete the process.

Mr. Charles Duval (CareerSource) asked, Is there a better way to be aware of the opportunities in the Glades to facilitate getting involved and getting the word out to residents? Mrs. Baker responded saying absolutely! If you are a registered small business in PBC, you get a notice of any project(s) being advertised in the County. Mrs. Baker said that she will be happy to put him in contact with Ms. Tonya Johnson. She is PBC's Director for the Office of Small Business. Ms. Johnson is scheduled to speak at the CCRT & GTAC meetings. Mrs. Baker asked us to add Mr. John Chesser to the agenda with Ms. Johnson. He is very familiar with our capital projects plan. The influx of dollars will determine the course that we will take to fund the capital improvements needed for the County.

Ms. Karis Engle (Glades Initiative) thanked Mrs. Baker for the County's support in the healthcare services area. She mentioned Glades Initiative's weekly e-blast in the Glades. She thanked Mrs. Baker for supporting the system of care that supports healthcare services in the Glades. **Mrs. Baker** thanked Ms. Engle for her kind words and for the work that Glades Initiative does in the Glades. **Mr. Tate** took the opportunity to thank Mr. Horvath for bringing the senior citizens out for the meeting from the senior services center.

King Kindred (Parks & Recreation City of S. Bay) commented that we have to make sure that we develop programs and things that the young people are interested in. He also commented that the City of South Bay does not have a county park. He asked whether the County has plans to put a park in or near the City of South Bay? **Mrs. Baker** responded by explaining that this is not a part of the County's comprehensive plan. It is something that can be discussed; however, county parks are typically placed in unincorporated areas; not within cities. Each city is responsible for parks within its city limits. If the sales tax passes, it will provide dollars for these types of projects. We may partner or assist, but we don't build within the cities, usually.

Mrs. Baker recognized Mrs. Caroline Villanueva (Florida Crystals). She mentioned that they have been working on the Intermodal Logistics Center (Inland Port), which promises to bring a number of jobs to the area when completed. Mrs. Villanueva mentioned the Glades Career Readiness Roundtable (GCRR), West Tech, and their efforts to get young people to go back to get their high school diplomas. She mentioned several projects that they are partnering with others in the Glades to make a difference. She stated that she is pleased to have the opportunity to work with the County and other partners to improve things in the Glades.

Mrs. Baker concluded by encouraging all of us to get involved and pressure our kids to take advantage of and utilize the opportunities that they have before them. Let's work together and get involve to make a difference.

Mr. Tate introduced the unveiling and presentation of the autographed picture of Mrs. Baker by residents of the Glades. Most of the signatures were secured at the Meet & Greet held at the Pahokee Marina for Mrs. Baker. Several people signed the autographed picture board including: 1) U.S. Congressman Hastings, Senator Abruzzo, Rep. Rader, Comm. McKinlay, School Board Member Marcia Andrews, Area 3 School Supt. Matthew Shoemaker and many residents. The dignitaries present came up and took pictures with Mrs. Baker surrounding the autographed picture board. **Mrs. Baker** expressed her appreciation for the autographed picture board and thanked everyone for coming out in the cold and rain.

Mr. Tate thanked Mr. Horvath for bringing the senior citizens out. He also acknowledged: Ms. Abigail Goodwin (Palm Healthcare V.P. of Grants & Community Investments), Mrs. Daniel Hanson (United Way – Hunger Relief Exec.), & Delta Sigma Theta sorority. He commented that we have a vibrant group supporting our senior citizens and hopefully we can work together to improve things for Glades' residents. Mr. Tate asked Mrs. Cartheta Mann to come up and say a few words about the work that the Deltas are doing in the Glades. **Mrs. Mann** commented that the Deltas have a new initiative focused on emergency operations and supporting our residents and senior citizens in the Glades. They are a part of an emergency response team for the Glades. They have had their first project in January and provided educational workshops centered around preparing for the cold weather. We're here for our senior citizens. We are planning an April community forum focused on hurricanes and flooding. Preparedness kits. We are also planning to get CERT training. We have and are developing partnerships through OCR and we look to serve in any way that we can.

Mr. Tate asked Mr. Horvath to say a few words. **Mr. Horvath** briefly spoke about the importance of the senior's speaking up and being more active in the processes of making known the senior's needs. He was pleased to see seniors from Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay. He stated that we all are going to be seniors one day and we need to make a list of things that the seniors need in the Glades. We need to do better and do more for our seniors. His group is going to get together and make a list of the seniors' needs. Let's take care of our seniors. There were 25 seniors that were suppose to attend from South Bay, but the weather prevented their attendance. We need everyone at the table.

Mrs. Goodwin spoke briefly about the six communities that were identified to launch an initiative centered around a health issue in those six respective communities. They are involved to providing funding and capacity building to address the identified issue for each community. Diabetes is one of the health issues that have been identified. **Mrs. Hanson** shared a little about her role with United Way and her upcoming efforts in the County. She will be actively seeking input and involvement from the Glades on the hunger issues in the Glades. She is focused on the plan developed by her predecessors.

Mr. Tate thanked Bridges for their attendance and partnering with OCR. Tonight REAP will begin. Please sign up and come out. There will be an opportunity to submit community grant proposals for consideration of funding the projects up to \$5,000.00.

Ms. Engles mentioned that the Glades' area food bank supports up to 14 area food banks in the Glades.

Mr. Larrimore commented that he appreciates GTAC and what OCR has brought to the Glades.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Feb. 4, **2016** - Pahokee Rotary Meeting – Mr. Houston Tate, Guest Speaker - 8:00 a.m.
Feb. 4 - REAP Class (Pahokee) – 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Feb. 6 - Loop the Lake – Literacy Coalition.
Feb. 8 - GCRR Mtg. – West Tech – 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 10 - PBSC Corporate College Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Feb. 11 - REAP Class - (Pahokee) – 6 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 15 - President's Day – Holiday
Feb. 18 - REAP Class – Pahokee – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Feb. 25 - GTAC Meeting – Mr. Gary Hines & Ms. Tammy Fields
Feb 25 - REAP Class – Pahokee – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Feb. 27 - Belle Glade Community Cleanup
Feb. 27 - Community Connect Event (FL. Rural Legal Services, Inc. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

4. Participant Updates/Comments

Mr. Tate commented that we have to continue to come out to these meetings and work together to resolve the issues in the Glades' community.

5. Adjournment

Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting will be held **February 25, 2016, at the City of South Bay's Commission Chamber. Mr. Gary Hines (V.P. of Administration for Palm Beach County Business Development Board) & Mrs. Tammy Fields, J.D., Palm Beach County's Director of Youth Services** will be the guest presenters/speakers.

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Date: February 18, 2016

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director 

2/18/2016
Date