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Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Facilitator: Derrek Moore, Senior Planner
Scribe (recorder): Derrek Moore, Senior Planner
Date/Time: February 25, 2016, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: City of Belle Glade Civic Center

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. David Aiken | Cemex |
| 2. Whitney Baldwin, Esquire | FL. Rural Legal Services, Inc. |
| 3. Marilu Baltazar | Pahokee Housing Authority |
| 4. Gary Blake, Sr. | Youth Empowerment Center |
| 5. Leondre Camel, City Manager | City of South Bay |
| 6. Barbara Davis | Rep. Rader's Office |
| 7. Tammy Fields | PBC Dir. of Youth Services Dept. |
| 8. Barbara Haider | Pres/CEO of One Love-One Community |
| 9. Julius Hamilton | BSA |
| 10. Willie Haulstead | City of Belle Glade |
| 11. Gary Hines | Sr. V.P. Business Dev. Bd. |
| 12. Tammy Jackson-Moore | City of Pahokee – Deputy City Mgr. |
| 13. Mayor Joe Kyles | Mayor - City of South Bay |
| 14. Jason Larrimore | Glades resident |
| 15. Jean LeStrage | Bridges of Belle Glade |
| 16. Capt. Ed Luty | PBSO |
| 17. Cylenthia Mann, Director | Bridges at Pahokee |
| 18. Eugene Mann | Boy Scouts of America |
| 19. Monica McCoy | PBSO |
| 20. Cynthia McMillan | Farm Workers Career Dev. Program |
| 21. Derrek Moore | OCR Senior Planner |
| 22. Martie Parker | City of South Bay |
| 23. J.D. Patrick | Manager – Belle Glade Parks & Recreation |
| 24. Lt. Daniel Picciolo | PBSO |
| 25. Myrtle Raines | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority |
| 26. Jaison J. Raju | Dir. of Comm. Dev. - City of Pahokee |
| 27. Michelle Rodriquez | Community Partners |
| 28. Milagros Rodriquez | PBC Healthcare District |
| 29. UnTavious Scott | Bridges of Pahokee |
| 30. Vernell Williams-DesRosier | Safe Schools – PBC School District |
| 31. Chandler Williamson | City Manager – City of Pahokee |
| 32. Lisa Wilson | Commissioner McKinlay's office |

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Prayer & Pledge:

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and introduced **Reverend Julius Hamilton** (City of South Bay -) to lead us in prayer. He also led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Welcome & Presentations:

Mr. Moore welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Gary Hines, Sr. V.P. of Administration for the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County. Mr. Hines began with a brief overview of the purpose and intent of the Business Development Board (BDB). He went on to explain BDB's activities and role in the Glades by explaining that LORE raised funds to support a full-time person to serve as a dedicated BDB staff member for the Glades. This agreement lasted 3 years until Palm Beach County (PBC) stepped up and agreed to cover the cost of this staff member. Mr. Luke Jackson is the BDB staff member that has been hired to dedicate his efforts exclusively to bringing businesses to the Glades. Additionally, the BDB's resources are routinely utilized and allocated to the overall effort to bring businesses to the Glades.

Mr. Hines shared with the group some of the sites available for business development in South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee. He was very complimentary of the cities' willingness to work with BDB staff to bring businesses to the Glades. The BDB is committed to helping economic development in the Glades and PBC.

Q & A:

Ms. Tammy Jackson-Moore commented about the upcoming LORE Stakeholders meeting scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Lakeside Medical center (Cafeteria – continental breakfast will be provided). She invited everyone to come out and join the meeting and hear the wonderful work that LORE is doing in and for the Glades. She reiterated the partnership between LORE and the BDB. Mrs. Kelly Smallridge (President & CEO of BDB) will be speaking at the meeting and providing more detailed information about the business development and activities by BDB & LORE in the Glades.

Mr. David Aiken asked for the best contact number or person for any follow-up questions or comments. **Mr. Hines** provided his number and e-mail address: (561) 835-1008 and ghines@bdb.org.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Hines to share with the audience some of the projects that they are presently working on in the Glades and any that are being planned for future development. **Mr. Hines** mentioned the following projects: 1) Passages (Old Belle Glade hospital being converted into an assisted living facility (200+ jobs) medical professionals down to maintenance staff (target open late fall); 2) Manufacturing chemical (Ethylene) – Project Lana (200-300 million dollar project); 3) Green Technology project.

Mrs. Marti Parker (City of S. Bay Community Dev. Manager) provided an update on the Pilot gas station that is under construction on State Road 27 in South Bay. It will bring at least 35 jobs. Pilot will handle their own hiring.

Mr. Hines explained that he asks all new companies coming to the area to do two things shown below:

1. Start divorce proceedings – We want them to use local attorneys, banks, workers, accountants, etc... Start new relationships with local businesses and individuals. Leave the old ones behind.
2. Contact CareerSource to provide an opportunity for our local residents to secure some of the new jobs being brought to the area. Please give our residents a chance to be a part of the new work opportunities. Put local Underemployed and unemployed people.

Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Hines for agreeing to come out to speak at the meeting and invited and requested that someone from the BDB come back at least once a year to provide an update on BDBs activities in the Glades and Countywide. **Mr. Hines** agreed and commented that BDB will be out more than once a year to provide such updates. Because of another meeting, Mr. Hines left after his presentation to the group.

3. Special Presentations

Mr. Moore introduced Ms. Tammy Fields, Palm Beach County's Director of Youth Services Department. **Ms. Fields** commented that her department has been in existence, now, for over a year and therefore she would not refer to it as a brand new department. Her department focuses strictly on youth. YSD opened its doors on January 5, 2015. She commented that she was pleased to see so many youth oriented groups in attendance at the meeting, this morning. **Ms. Fields** did a **power point presentation**. That presentation is attached herewith. Please refer to it for the outline of her presentation; and for any details from her presentation, please refer to the **DVD**, which is available from the OCR dept. Ms. Field's presentation lasted for approx. 20-30 mins.

Mrs. Fields opened the discussion up to questions.

Q & A:

Mr. Eugene Mann (S. Bay) asked whether the Youth Services Dept. supports the Boy Scouts of America?

Mr. Fields responded that she has had meetings with top administrators at Boy Scouts of America; however, she does not have specific funding earmarked for the group. She also shared that as they complete the Youth Master Plan for the County, she will be doing an RFP, and she fully anticipates that Boy Scouts of America will be applying for funding. Gulfstream has been very complimentary of the work that the Glades Boy Scouts branch has been doing with the boys in the Glades. She has been having discussions with them. Mr. Moore briefly commented that OCR has been trying to coordinate a meeting with the Boy Scout troop leaders in the Glades, but because of everyone's busy schedules, it has been difficult. Ms. Fields commented that she has instructed Mr. Green to make the Youth Master Plan a priority and they have a deadline of June 1, 2016. That may be causing the difficulty in him coming out to meet with groups.

Mr. Moore asked Ms. Fields to stay for a while after the meeting. A few attendees want to make her acquaintance. Ms. Fields agreed to stay for a little while after the meeting to talk with GTAC attendees.

Upcoming Important Dates:

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.)
Mar. 8	- LORE Stakeholder’s Meeting – 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Mar. 8	- REAP Class – WPB (Vista Ctr.) – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mar. 12	- Pahokee Youth Empowerment Summit 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	- Red Apple Supplies Grand Opening (WPB)
Mar. 16	- REAP Class - WPB (Vista Ctr.) – 6 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mar. 16	- Dept. of Econ. Sustainability (Annual Action Plan) – BG – 10:00 a.m.
Mar. 22	- REAP Class – WPB (Vista Ctr.) – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mar. 24	- GTAC Meeting – Mr. Danny Martel & Mr. Oscar Alvarez

4. Participant Updates/Comments

Ms. Whitney Baldwin announced that Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.’s will be partnering with the Pahokee Housing Authority for their upcoming community connect outreach event, which will be held in Padgett Island on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. She invited everyone to come out and asked for any contributions that can be made towards the event. They need vendors, ice, food, funds, chairs, etc... Lt. Picciolo agreed to assist FRLS.

The City of Belle Glade is having a clean-up this Saturday as well and it is being sponsored by PBSO.

Mrs. Williams-DesRosier announced that she is applying for a REAP grant for the Glades Interagency Network (GIN) and she needs her partners to provide signatures and letters of support for the grant. She asked some of the representatives to stick around to provide signatures for the grant. GIN is seeking to become a 501(c) 3.

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for coming out again.

Mr. Un’Tavious Scott announced that Bridges at Pahokee will be hosting their “Strong Starts Dialogue to Action Group” from March 9 – April 13th. It will be held at City of Pahokee’s Senior Citizen’s room from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support this endeavor. The focus is school readiness.

Mayor Joe Kyles welcomed everyone to the City of South Bay and thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He also thanked Mr. Tate & Mr. Moore for all that they are doing to make a difference in the Glades. He went on to thank Ms. Fields for coming out to speak in South Bay and encouraged her to continue the work that she is doing to make a difference with our young people.

5. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting will be held **March 24, 2016, at the City of Pahokee's Campground & Marina. Mr. Danny Martel, J.D. (President & CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County & Mr. Oscar Alvarez, J.D., Palm Beach County's Director of Contractor's Certification** will be the guest presenters/speakers.

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Date: March 22, 2016

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director _____

Date