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## Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

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Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Facilitator: Audley Reid, Senior Planner  
Coordinator/Scribe: Audley G. Reid, Senior Planner  
Date/Time: March 28, 2019, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Location: City of Belle Glade Civic Center

### Meeting Attendance:

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### Meeting Minutes

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Comments: Mr. Reid called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and asked for introductions. He announced that the second speaker had not yet arrived, Rosalind Murray, and that OCR Director Houston Tate was unfortunately under the weather but would be at the next GTAC in April. Mr. Reid then introduced the featured presenter Mrs. Chrystal Matthews, Senior Planner and Program Manager of PBC Office of Community Revitalization.

#### 2. Special Presentations

Mrs. Matthews introduced and spoke about the NEAT Grant that offered annually by PBC through the OCR.

The NEAT - Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program provides grants of up to \$10,000.00 to neighborhood- based groups and/or organizations for resident driven neighborhood improvement projects located within unincorporated Palm Beach County and the Lake Region municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee. Priority funding is given to projects that are proposed for designated Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) areas.

Projects must fall under the following categories to be eligible for funding: 1) Neighborhood Beautification; 2) Neighborhood Identification; 3) Festivals and Special Events; 4) Neighborhood Organizing and Sustainability; 5) Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building; 6) Public Safety and Crime Prevention; 7) Community Gardens; 8) Neighborhood Green Projects; and 9) Emergency Preparedness projects.

Ms. Matthews announced that potential applicants must attend a mandatory Pre-Application Conference scheduled for April 25, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Vista Center (Room 1E 58/59),

Ms. Matthews also emphasized that the BCC and OCR would like to see even more participation and successful grants by Glades region residents and qualified organizations.

A copy of this presentation is available online at: <http://discover.pbcgov.org/ocr/Pages/NEAT-Program.aspx>

### **3. Participant Updates/Comments**

Mr. Reid Thanked Ms. Matthews for her presentation and supported her call for Glades residents to challenge themselves and apply.

Carlos Serrano, Director of Strategic Planning and Operations for PBC Housing and Economic Sustainability Dept. The Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability announced that (DHES) is seeking input from the public on community needs in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, social services, infrastructure, community facilities, and economic development. This input by residents will be considered in planning for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Programs funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Serrano encouraged those in attendance to please visit the DHES website at [discover.pbcgov.org/hes](http://discover.pbcgov.org/hes) for more information on these programs and on the Action Plan for FY 2019-2020.

No later than, Mr. Serrano reminded the audience that written comments can be submitted online with a deadline date of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Residents should go to: [hescments@pbcgov.org](mailto:hescments@pbcgov.org) or to DHES Strategic Planning Section, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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