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Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director
Scribe (recorder): Audley G. Reid, Senior Planner
Date/Time: October 24, 2019, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: City of Pahokee Marina

Meeting Attendance: 27

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Comments: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer, each attendee introduced themselves.

2. Special Presentations

Angela Avery-Moore: Glades Region Superintendent, School District of PBC – She gave an overview of the challenges and successes that Glades area schools have experienced and that are ongoing today.

Superintendent Avery-Moore provided a Powerpoint presentation that is available on request through the Office of Community Revitalization.

As part of her overview, the Superintendent stated that the Glades Region has 12 schools in its' area. She also outlined various awards and commendations earned by Glades teachers and students over the past year.

There has also been significant progress made in terms of academic performance.

Superintendent Avery-Moore stressed throughout her presentation that

- students benefit and want parents to be involved and stay engaged in their education and the life of their schools.
- Student involvement in school activities leads to increased graduations rates.
- When school grades improve, businesses and families are more likely to move into the community.

In response to a question, the Superintendent stated that learning strategies are and must be very different from 20 years ago. Social media has an impact on student learning and teachers must learn to effectively respond how and when to use it to effectively make progress on student achievement.

Additionally, monitoring students in terms of accountability and providing support when needed is vital to improving attendance and performance. There is, however, no one factor that by itself leads to improvement, there is a variety of factors.

Some attendees voiced concerns over the lack of student attendance.

The Superintendent stated that unfortunately, a truancy officer is not available in every school. This is a concern that the Board is concerned with.

Dearmayl Sherrod, M.S. Special Projects Coordinator PBC, Dept. of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management – Mr. Sherrod's Powerpoint presentation is available upon request from OCR. Mr. Sherrod spoke about the Long-Term Recovery Coalition (LTRC) strategy from the Division of Emergency Management.

He encouraged participation in the Coalition. The Coalition will focus on the following:

- Serve as the coordinator for faith-based and charitable organizations to assist in disasters
- Fundraising to support future long-term recovery projects
- Community recognition and outreach
- Work to ensure sustainability

Mr. Sherrod pointed out the importance of recovery strategies as he reminded everyone that damage from Hurricane Dorian in South Florida would have been catastrophic had the storm shifted closer to shore.

The Coalition can also share information about how to assist hurricane victims in the Bahamas.

After his presentation, Representatives of Bridges if Pahokee, invited Mr. Sherrod to speak to their members about the LTRC.

3. Participant Updates/Comments

Meredith Cruz with FDOT interjected that there are a couple of DOT projects taking place. Steve Clark of AIM Engineering is the project manager and he will come to future meetings. The projects are 4 miles of resurfacing on Hooker Highway and some fog detection improvements on SR 80 and 700.

4. Adjournment

Comments: The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director _____