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Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director
Scribe (recorder): Audley Reid, Senior Planner
Date/Time: February 27, 2020, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: City of South Bay

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Comments: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Those assembled recited the Lord 's Prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor of the City of South Bay, Mayor Joe Kyles welcomed all attendees and special guests to the City of South Bay.

OCR Director, Houston Tate then introduced FDOT Community Outreach Manager Meredith Cruz. Ms. Cruz and her colleague provided information on the upcoming State Road 15 Resurfacing Project.

The cost of the project would be approximately \$ 3,861,123 with construction scheduled for March 15, 2020 to a completion date in late 2020.

FDOT invited GTAC attendees to an open house on Feb. 27 2020 at the City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation Center from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

An icebreaker took place among GTAC members. The icebreaker was meant to introduce the challenges associated with intergenerational relationships and how these challenges affect seniors.

Mr. Tate then introduced Mr. C. Ron Allen President of CRA Media Group. Mr. Allen informed GTAC members that he

2. Special Presentations

Following the icebreaker, Mr. Tate introduced the main speaker Ms. Sharon Rose, Gerontologist and Vice President of Elder Services Resource Network.

Ms. Rose spoke to the group via Zoom as she was unable to join in person.

Mr. Rose focused on the fact that seniors are often placed in the role of caregivers to a younger generation of relatives and loved ones. The Presentation also involved 2 videos which helped to highlight the challenges seniors face as caregivers.

There are informal caregivers and formal caregivers. An informal caregiver is someone who is an unpaid individual who is involved in taking care of others usually loved ones without compensation. Formal caregivers work in CLF or a long-term care facility.

A third term, is gaining popularity in caregiving called a Grand Family, which is a family unit consisting of a grand parent that is taking care of a great grand kid.

A significant number of Baby boomers turn 65 each year. Starting in 2011, approximately 10 000 baby boomers officially reach the age of 65 annually. Many in this age group will become informal caregivers.

Following the video presentations of the senior caregiving experience, A number of GTAC members commented on their own past and current experiences as caregivers and the hardships as well as the blessings that come with this role.

There are any number of intergenerational activities that can be shared between seniors and younger adults and kids: from volunteer groups that drive seniors to appointments, or assist in grocery shopping.

In turn seniors can teach kids activities; such as knitting, cooking various foods etc.

The public libraries also have services that help people learn how to text and use their cell phones. Libraries are a key site where intergenerational learning can take place.

Dr. McNeal of PBSC commented that her campus library could engage in many of these activities for the benefit of seniors and young kids.

Terry Mitze of Florida Rep Tina Polsky's office mentioned that there are Veteran's Administration services that provide support for Veteran's (many of whom are seniors) that are similar to the support services Ms. Rose is sharing with the group. There is definitely support available.

Terry Mitze also encouraged GTAC members to remember to vote in the upcoming Florida presidential primary and encouraged members to consider voting by mail in order to that ensure their vote is counted.

1. Adjournment

Comments: Mr. Tate Thanked Ms. Sharon Rose for her insightful presentation. And he thanked the GTAC seniors for attending and participating. The GTAC meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director _____