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## Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

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Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director  
Scribe (recorder): Duane Gainer, Senior Planner  
Date/Time: February 28, 2013 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Location: Belle Glade City Hall

### Meeting Attendance:

1. Karis Engle, Glades Initiative
2. Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
3. Monica McCoy, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
4. Ivory Paschal, City of Pahokee
5. Stephen Stokes, Target Engineering
6. Brenda Thomas, Planned Parenthood of South Florida
7. Mary Jo Walker, City of Belle Glade
8. Diane Walker, City of Pahokee
9. Rashonda Warren, City of Pahokee
10. Gary Hawkins, Workforce Alliance
11. Latasha Crawford, City of Belle Glade
12. Dorothy Johnson, Pahokee Housing Authority
13. Linda Everett, Pahokee Housing Authority
14. Julia Hale, Pahokee Housing Authority
15. J.P. Sasser, City of Pahokee
16. Sandra Lusunariz, Bridges at Belle Glade
17. Getsy Castrillo, Bridges at Belle Glade
18. Doris Davis, P.B.C. Community Action Program
19. Cynthia McMillan, P.B.C. Farmworkers Bureau
20. James Green, P.B.C. Community Action Program
21. Nina Wills, Bridges at Pahokee
22. Nadine Caudill, AmeriGas
23. Jermaine Webb, Belle Glade Resident
24. Abner Fleuranvil, First Haitian Community Church/Glades Cellular
25. Ralph Butts, City of Belle Glade
26. Lawanda Harper, Pahokee Elementary
27. Houston Tate, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
28. Harma Miller, Glades Guardian

29. Henry Miller, Glades Guardian
30. Felisia Hill, City of Pahokee
31. Teddy Tomlin, Tomlin Enterprise
32. Maria Vaughan, P.B.C. School District
33. Courtney Shippey, Florida Department of Health
34. Louis Philor, Florida Department of Health

## **Meeting Minutes**

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Comments: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 9:44 and introduced the Glades Guardian Collaborative Committee members.

### **2. Special Presentations**

**Courtney Shippey, Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Public Health** – The Division is the focal point of the Palm Beach County Health Department’s effort to protect you and your family from the harmful effects of toxic chemicals, wastes, disease vectors, safety hazards, natural disasters, and contaminated air, food and water.

Their staff works to anticipate, recognize, evaluate, and eliminate or control hazards that might endanger our health or the quality of our environment. The Division is a critical component in protecting the health and well-being of the citizens and visitors of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Shippey stated that the division has renewed their commitment to working with communities to empower them to identify and solve neighborhood issues. This year their focus will be Obesity (adult and youth).

Question from an unknown participant: Who regulates rooming houses? Mr. Louis Philor, Florida Health Department and Environmental Manager responded that rooming houses or boarding houses are one of the areas that the legislature de-regulated recently.

Mayor JP Sasser asked if there is any data available about air quality during “cane burning”. Mr. Shippey advised Mr. Sasser to visit [www.pbchd.com](http://www.pbchd.com).

Discussion ensued regarding regulation and de-regulation.

Mr. Tate made a presentation on Youth Programs to the Palm Beach County School District.

Mayor Sasser stated that the City of Pahokee fully supports the recommended Youth Programs. He pledged to work with OCR to help bring the Robotic Engineering Science Fair to the schools in Pahokee.

He distributed handouts for the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) and the Glades Youth Robotic Engineering Program Preliminary Implementation Action Plan.

Mr. Tate would like the School District to also begin a Car Repair Program and a Youth Commission.

#### **4. Participant Updates/Comments**

**Mrs. Harma Miller, Glades Guardian Collaborative Update** – Mrs. Miller briefly spoke about the composition the Guardian Collaborative. They are as follows:

- 1.) Harma Miller, Guardian Chair
- 2.) Rev. David Broadbent, Guardian Secretary
- 3.) Frantz Gaudard, Guardian for the Haitian Community
- 4.) Javin Walker, Guardian for Entrepreneurs
- 5.) Estella Pyfrom, Guardian for Education
- 6.) Rev. Dr. Robert Rease, Guardian for the Ministerial Alliance
- 7.) Henry Miller, Co-Guardian for the Ministerial Alliance
- 8.) Eddie Rhodes, Guardian for the Youth
- 9.) Jerome Govan, Co-Guardian for the Youth
- 10.) Teddy Tomlin, Guardian for Glades Outreach
- 11.) Commissioner Felicia Hill, City of Pahokee
- 12.) Commissioner Diane Walker, City of Pahokee
- 13.) City Manager Derrek Moore, City of Pahokee
- 14.) Arthur Anderson, Assistant City Manager, City of South Bay

Ms Julia Hale asked the group to keep up the good work.

Someone asked when do they meet and Mrs. Miller responded next Thursday (3/7) at Palm Beach State College.

Javin Walker asked attendees to please support “local” businesses.

## 5. Adjournment

Comments: The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2013 in Pahokee.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director

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