



Board of Directors Meeting

June 11, 2009

Topic: Community Councils Appointments

Item: III.B.

Recommended Action: Approve Five (5) New Members to the Community Councils

Issue: Community Engagement

Strategic Plan Goal: Goal 3: Increase the Efficiency of JWB's Work

Background: At the October 2005 JWB meeting, the Board approved a new set of guidelines that governed the operation of the Community Councils. Included in the operating guidelines was the provision that all Community Council members must be approved by the Board. The Board approved the divisions from which the recruits would be selected. Those divisions included the following categories: Community Representative, Government, Business, Education, Civic Organization, and Youth/Young Adults.

Current Situation:

Staff is recommending five (5) persons to serve on the Community Councils. Four (4) will serve on the South Community Council: Patsy Buker, Patricia Wright, Donald Taylor, Jr., and Lauri Lee; and one (1) on the North County Community Council – Rachael Kilpatrick. All background checks have been completed with one being provided by an employer. The membership count of each community council consists of 13-South County; 14-Mid County; and 14-North County, collectively totaling 41 regional members.

Patsy Buker is self employed and lives in south St. Petersburg. She is the former executive director of Help-A-Child, has extensive experience in the child welfare system, and has served Pinellas County for 29 years. She has attended and actively participated in more than six (6) council meetings and workshops. Upon Board approval, Ms. Buker would serve in the Community Representative category for South County.

Patricia Wright is the Director of School Operations for Region IV for the Pinellas County School Board. She has avidly served Pinellas County for nearly 22 years. She has attended and actively participated in more than seven (7) council meetings. Upon approval, Ms. Wright will serve in the Education category.

Donald Taylor, Jr. is the business owner of Taylor Consulting Group and resides in Gulfport. He has broad knowledge and experience with youth team building, character education, and leadership development. In addition, he has positive collaborations with the Character Education Program, NCCJ – Camp Anytown, Pathfinder, as well as other youth programs. He has attended and actively participated in more than three (3) council meetings and workshops. Upon approval, Mr. Taylor would serve in the Community Representative category for South County.

Lauri Lee, is the owner and a Pediatric Physical Therapist of the Therapy Playhouse. She currently serves as the President-Elect of the Junior League of St. Petersburg. She has attended and actively participated in one (1) council meeting since her President-Elect status. Upon her Board approval, Ms. Lee would serve in the Civic Organization category for South County.

Rachel Kirkpatrick is an Oldsmar resident working on her master's in public health with a specialty in behavioral health at the University of South Florida. She is interested in building more cohesive communities that are inclusive of all citizens, including the growing Hispanic population in Oldsmar. She has actively participated in two (2) council meetings. Upon approval, Ms. Kirkpatrick would serve in the Young Adult category for North County.

Staff is recommending these applicants be appointed to serve on South and North Community Councils:

Applicant:	Regional Area	Category
Patsy Buker	South County	Community Representative
Patricia Wright	South County	Education
Donald Taylor, Jr.	South County	Community Representative
Lauri Lee	South County	Civic Organization
Rachel Kirkpatrick	North County	Young Adults