



**Recharge East Winter Garden Community Meeting**  
**Meeting highlights**  
**April 14, 2015**

**In attendance:**

Wallace Wilson – West Orange Habitat for Humanity  
Patrice Phillips – West Orange Habitat for Humanity  
Lynette Fields – St Luke’s United Methodist Church of Windermere  
Adam Hartnett – St. Luke’s United Methodist Church of Windermere  
GayBrielle Crawford – The King’s Academy  
Bobby Olszewski – Winter Garden City Commissioner  
Larry Cappleman – Winter Garden CRA Advisory Board  
Bob Battaglia – Winter Garden CRA Advisory Board  
Alan Haughey – Winter Garden CRA Advisory Board  
Sandy Schupp – Winter Garden CRA Advisory Board  
Joy Bouler – Winter Garden CRA Advisory Board  
George Spigener – Winter Garden CRA Advisory Board  
Mike Bollhoefer – City of Winter Garden  
Amy Martello – City of Winter Garden  
Tanja Gerhartz – City of Winter Garden  
Steve Pash – City of Winter Garden  
Mike Kelley – City of Winter Garden  
George Brennan – City of Winter Garden  
Kathy Rathel – City of Winter Garden  
Harold Bouler  
Alice Williams  
Mary Rozier

Economic Development Director Tanja Gerhartz welcomed everyone and asked each person to introduce themselves. She mentioned that she had spoken with Pastor Snell and Pastor Stevenson and that they were not able to be present but wanted to be involved.

Director Gerhartz stated the City had a great meeting with Habitat for Humanity and discussed how their projects may align with the City's plans for East Winter Garden. She gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) stating that four of the homes in the program hit the \$50,000 threshold requiring that they be rebuilt instead of being rehabilitated. A local architect designed the house plans, approved by the CDBG, which will fit into the community and will be an ADA accessible 900 square foot single family home to meet HUD standards.

City Manager Mike Bollhoefer addressed the group and talked about how the goal was to coordinate and work together on different projects in East Winter Garden. The primary goal for the City of Winter Garden will be to define the area to work in within East Winter Garden, having the greatest need being housing rehabilitation. The infrastructure has been completed so the City will discuss ways to build homes on some of the City owned lots. This will help transform the community by increasing homeownership. The City understands that it will take proof of improvement before the local community gets involved.

The group discussed other goals:

- See what the community wants and ways to get them involved
- Have programs to help educate families become better for the community
- Work with Westside Vo-Tech to do more specified job training programs
- Transportation issues for the community

Lynette Fields with St. Luke's United Methodist Church stated that they have been doing house-to-house surveys to get the community's response as far as what the community needs.

Alan Haughey suggested starting a website with a map to let everyone add comments, ideas, list the projects they are working on, and state progress so all others can be kept up to date.

Alice Williams volunteered to gather the information and be contact person for the website.

It was suggested to invite representatives from Florida Hospital and Health Central to the community meetings and possibly someone from the legal field to help educate residents.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2015 at the Maxey Community Center.