

**Minutes**  
**Town of Lake Park, Florida**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**September 7, 2005 7:30 p.m.**  
**Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue**

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Mayor Garretson, Commissioners Carey, Daly and Balius, Town Manager Paul Carlisle, Town Attorney Thomas Baird and Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas. Mayor Castro was absent.

Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas led the Invocation.  
Town Manager Paul Carlisle led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas performed the Roll Call.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*None.*

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Daly to approve the September 7, 2005 Regular Commission Meeting Agenda; Commissioner Balius made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC and OTHER COMMENT**

The following person(s) addressed the Commission:

*None.*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

***Florida Atlantic University Presentation***

*Diane Reeves*, Florida Atlantic University, provided a presentation on the programs that at offered at the Helen Wilkes Honor College located in Jupiter, Florida.

***Proclamation to Daniel Munyer***

A proclamation was presented to Lake Park resident Daniel Munyer in recognition of his accomplishments; Young Mr. Munyer was asked to represent the Town of Lake Park at the 2006 Florida Youth Leadership Conference. (see Exhibit "A").

***Presentation fromfrom Palm Beach County Commissioner Karen Marcus regarding the Northlake Boulevard Task Force***

*Palm Beach County Commissioner Karen Marcus and the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Vice Mayor Eric Jablin* provided a presentation regarding thethe Northlake Blvd Task Force. They both urged the Town Commission to reconsider joining the Task Force in that the Town will benefit from the landscaping enhancements and other incentives. The item will be official addressed by the Town Commission at the September 21, 2005 Regular Commission Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commission Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2005.

Budget Workshop Minutes from August 24, 2005.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Carey to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Daly made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST ADOPTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-2005- Adoption of Millage Rate.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TOWN**

OF LAKE PARK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; STATING THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK; STATING THE PERCENT BY WHICH THE TOWN MILLAGE RATE EXCEEDS, IF ANY, THE ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE; AND LEVYING FOR AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Daly to approve Ordinance 07-2005; Commissioner Balius made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO: 08-2005- Adoption of Budget.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TOWN BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING VARIOUS FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; PROVIDING FOR A EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve Ordinance 08-2005; Commissioner Daly made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-2005 – Budget Amendment**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19-2004; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that largely due to the recent devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the Town employees have expressed interest in financially supporting the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Town Manager Paul Carlisle requested the Commissions' support to match the employee donations up to \$5,000.00 which will be send directly to the American Red Cross.

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve Ordinance 09-2005 including the amendment to adjust the promotional budget line item by increasing it by \$5,000.00 for a donation to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina; Commissioner Carey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member   | Yes | No | Other |
|---------------------|-----|----|-------|
| Commissioner Balius | X   |    |       |
| Commissioner        |     |    |       |

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| Daly                    | X |  |        |
| Commissioner<br>Carey   | X |  |        |
| Vice-Mayor<br>Garretson | X |  |        |
| Mayor<br>Castro         |   |  | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2005 – Customer Service Requirements**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 2.8 AND 2.9.02 OF ORDINANCE 8, 1998 BY REPLACING SAME WITH NEW SECTIONS 2.8.01 AND 2.8.02, ENTITLED “CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS;” PROVIDING FOR AN ENFORCEMENT DATE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve Ordinance 10-2005; Commissioner Carey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member       | Yes | No | Other  |
|-------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner<br>Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner<br>Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner<br>Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor<br>Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor<br>Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-09-05-FY 2005 Employee benefits package**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE**

**APPLICATIONS PROVIDING EMPLOYEES INSURANCE BENEFITS AND COVERAGE FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT, SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE, SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM DISABILITY, AND AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Manager Paul Carlisle introduced Kurt Gehring from the Gehring Group, who explained the proposed employee benefits package.

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Daly to approve Resolution 27-09-05; Commissioner Balius made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-09-05 – Marina Rates**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL, SEASONAL, AND TRANSIENT RATES FOR THE USE OF BOAT SLIPS AT THE LAKE PARK HARBOR MARINA TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

After discussion, the pleasure of the Town Commission was to set the rate to \$17.50 and revisit the progress of the wet slip rentals after the rates has been advertised.

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*James Dubois, 516 Sabal Palm Drive – Chairman of the Harbor Marina Board.*

*Robert Ferguson, 52 Yacht Club Drive, North Palm – Marina concerns.*

*Jim Lloyd, 220 Lake Shore Drive – Marina concerns.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Carey to approve Resolution 28-09-05; Commissioner Balius made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
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| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-09-05 – State Aid to Libraries**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY THE TOWN REQUESTING STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT FUNDING FOR LIBRARY SERVICES, PROVIDING THE REQUIRED ASSURANCES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve Resolution 29-09-05; Commissioner Carey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member   | Yes | No | Other |
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| Commissioner Balius | X   |    |       |
| Commissioner Daly   | X   |    |       |
| Commissioner Carey  | X   |    |       |

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| Vice-Mayor<br>Garretson | X |  |        |
| Mayor<br>Castro         |   |  | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-09-05 – VALIC Pension Plan Eligibility for Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, REVISING THE TOWN PENSION PLAN FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY OF THE TOWN MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve Resolution 30-09-05; Commissioner Carey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING (S)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-09-05 – Sanitation Rates**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR LATE FEES, FREQUENCY OF BILLING AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COLLECTION POLICY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Carey to approve Resolution 31-09-05; Commissioner Balius made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **Employee of the Year Program**

Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that this program was previously approved by the Commission and \$500.00 placed in the budget for this program. The department heads nominates an employee for this program. Commissioner Balius suggested modifying the eligibility process stating that if an employee has received any type of disciplinary action taken against the employee during the fiscal year they should not qualify.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve the Employee of the Year Program with the revision that if an employee has received any type of disciplinary action taken against the employee during the fiscal year they should not qualify for the Award. Commissioner Carey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member   | Yes | No | Other |
|---------------------|-----|----|-------|
| Commissioner Balius | X   |    |       |
| Commissioner Daly   | X   |    |       |
| Commissioner Carey  | X   |    |       |

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| Vice-Mayor<br>Garretson | X |  |        |
| Mayor<br>Castro         |   |  | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Award of Town Hall Generator Contract.**

Town Manager Paul Carlisle explained that once the contract is awarded to Northern Improvement District it will take between six (6) to ten (10) weeks to have the generator installed including the wiring. The total cost of the Town Hall Generator will be \$86,000.00 because it is a smaller unit than originally proposed. Town Manager Paul Carlisle indicated that this unit will allow only the rooms that are being utilized to be air conditioned, versus the entire building.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Daly to approve the Town Hall Generator Contract; Commissioner Balias made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balias  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**Award of Lake Park Harbor Marina Lighting Contract.**

Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that the previous Harbor Marina Lighting bid came back with an astronomical figure. Town Manager Paul Carlisle indicated that the lights will be purchased directly from Municipal Lighting and installed by CR Dunn. Town Manager Paul Carlisle indicated that both the lighting and landscaping projects will run concurrently.

**Public Hearing Opened.**

*None.*

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve the Lake Park Harbor Marina Lighting Contract; Commissioner Carey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other  |
|----------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |        |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |        |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |        |
| Mayor Castro         |     |    | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

**Approval of Blakely Park Landscape Plans.**

Town Manager Paul Carlisle indicated that the Town asked Jeff Blakely for an improvement landscaping plan of Blakely Park; the irrigation portion was previously completed by the Town. Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that Target is doing this project at no cost to the Town.

**Public Hearing Opened.**

**None.**

**Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Carey to approve the Blakely Park Landscaping Plan; Commissioner Daly made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member    | Yes | No | Other |
|----------------------|-----|----|-------|
| Commissioner Balius  | X   |    |       |
| Commissioner Daly    | X   |    |       |
| Commissioner Carey   | X   |    |       |
| Vice-Mayor Garretson | X   |    |       |
| Mayor                |     |    |       |

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| Castro |  |  | Absent |
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Motion passed 4-0.

**COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY**

**Commissioner Balius**

- Commissioner Balius indicated that he has received numerous complaints of lights being out in Town.
- Commissioner Balius stated that the Code Compliance report indicates that 50% of the citations written are for unregistered vehicles parked in the swales. Commissioner Balius stated that the police department should be taking care of these citations so that the Code Officer has time to tend to other business in Town.
- Commissioner Balius asked if Code Compliance can schedule their time to work on weekend. Most of the violation are conducted on weekends. Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that the Code Compliance Officer's do a flexible schedule.
- Commissioner Balius addressed the topic of security at the Harbor Marina. Town Manager Paul Carlisle indicated that the most important issue is the hours allowed for access to the Marina. Currently the time is midnight, which means the security guard can not ask anyone to leave the grounds until after midnight. After some discussion the Commission came to consensus on the following issues: a new bid should go out for a security company, and the current company should participate; adding additional staff to the Marina; adding gates; an Ordinance to adjust the hours at the Marina; and security camera. Town Manager Paul Carlisle was directed to send a letter of termination of contract to the current security company.
- Commissioner Balius stated that we need to gain control of the ball fields.

**Commissioner Daly**

- Commissioner Daly stated that he was in a situation at the ball fields where three (3) players approached him and made comments which left a bad impression. The fields are being used by too many people.
- Commissioner Daly requested a status on the Sexual Offenders Ordinances. Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that the Attorney is currently working on this Ordinances.

**Vice-Mayor Garretson**

- Vice-Mayor Garretson also addressed the issue of the ball fields and gaining control.

**Commissioner Carey**

- Commissioner Carey asked the Town Manager for his 5 to 10 year plan of the Town including a budget for those projects. Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that the first thing that will be brought to the Commission will be priorities list. Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that he has started interviewing for a Public Works Director. Town Manager Paul Carlisle would like to have the new Public

Work's Director assist with the Capital Improvement Plan. Included in the Capital Improvement Plan will be roads, parks and rezoning issues.

**Town Attorney**

- Town Attorney indicated that he distributed a litigation report, which shows two (2) cases that were dismissed.

**Town Manager**

- Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that he met with Commissioner Karen Marcus regarding funding different projects for the Town.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Balias, seconded by Commissioner Carey, by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Approved on this 21 day of September, 2005.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Paul Castro



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Stephanie Thomas, Town Clerk



TOWN OF LAKE PARK PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

\*\*\*Three (3) limit limitation on all comments

Name: Jim Lloyd

Address: 220 Lake Shore Dr

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

Maria Potes TABS

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

*Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.*



TOWN OF LAKE PARK PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

MEETING DATE: 9/7/05

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!  
\*\*\*Three (3) limit limitation on all comments

Name: James DuBois  
Address: 516 So. 1st Fl. 1st

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:  
Mayor Board Budget Request Technical Recommendations (5)  
and Parent Rick Stiles

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):  
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Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.



TOWN OF LAKE PARK PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

MEETING DATE: Sept 7 2005

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

\*\*\*Three (3) limit limitation on all comments

Name:

ROBERT FERGUSON

Address:

52 VACHEL CLUB DRIVE

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

IN PRINA KAPR INC. W/RE THE SECURITY

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

*Intructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.*

*BIOGRAPHY*

*OF*

*DANIEL V. MUNYER*

## ***Biography of Daniel Victor Munyer***

*My name is Daniel Munyer, I am 13 years old.*

*Through out my years, I have studied very hard to accomplish my goals.*

*At 3 years old I attended Pre-School. My school was Small World of the Valley, in Canoga Park, California. This is how it all started, Ms. Marita started taking notice in my achievements there I learned to count, read and sing.*

*At 5 years old, I went to Kindergarten, at Hill Crest Christian School, Porter Ranch, in California, where I started basic math, reading, and drawing. I paid close attention to my teachers and my parents who always encouraged me to do my home work. If I wanted to play sports I had to have good grades. So I started to play soccer.*

*At 6 years old, I went to 1<sup>st</sup> grade, at Granada Hills Elementary, Granada Hills, California. I studied very hard. I got 1<sup>st</sup> place for a project that I had to make in class called The Haunted House. I was recognized by my teachers and they told me I was doing well and to keep up the great work.*

*At 7 years old, I went to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, at Sumac, in Calabasas, California. For the 1<sup>st</sup> half where I continued to study very hard, I read lots of books in class and at home. I started to play Base Ball. For my 2<sup>nd</sup> half in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, I went to Ellis Elementary, Sunnyvale, California. This is north of California in the Silicon Valley of Engineering. Here in the Silicon Valley it was challenging. I had home work every night, lots of studying and reports to do. Then I started to play football for Pop Warner.*

*At 8 years old, through 11 years old, I am still attending Ellis Elementary, Sunnyvale, California. Here I completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. My hard work of studying paid off. I achieved Student of the Month, Perfect Attendance, and Honor roll for every quarter (all year), Reading, Science and Principal award, and I received the Gold Medal award from the Sunnyvale School District.*

*In 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Ellis Elementary all the students had to go to Science camp here we learned how to survive. I also had a chance to attend football camps, at San Jose State University and Stanford University Camp. I play football for Pop Warner and had to keep my grades up.*

*At 12 years old, I am in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, at Sunnyvale Middle School, California for the 1st half. I was awarded student of the Month. I listened to my teachers, and parents and did my home work and extra credit. I continued to play football for Pop Warner, as a team we worked very hard and became undefeated 10 and 0 and went to the playoffs.*

*At 12 years old my 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 6<sup>th</sup> grade went to Portola Magnet School in Tarzana, this is southern California. I continued my Honor classes and studied very hard. I played football for Pop Warner. I received an invitation to play on an All Star football team in Reseda, California. I was also selected to play football in Las Vegas on a traveling team.*

*At 13 years old, I moved to Florida in March 2005. I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, at Howell L. Watkins Middle School, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Here I am attending a new School, in a new State. I continue to study extra hard. I was awarded Student of the Month, Leader Ship Award, and Out Standing PE (Physical Education) Award. I also received the honor of an invitation form the National Young Leaders State Conference for the Academic Achievement of Leader Ship, to be held in Orlando, Florida. I was also nominated to represent the Town of Lake Park, Florida for Young Leaders.*

*My 2<sup>nd</sup> half of being 13 years old, I am going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade, at Howell L. Watkins Middle School, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. I am preparing for a new school year. Having Honor classes, you must study extremely hard, do all your home work and do extra credit. I will be learning more about the Town of Lake Park, and preparing to attend the National Young Leaders State Conference in Orlando, Florida in March 2006. I will be planning on doing a fund raiser to attend. I am playing football for Pop Warner in the senior division this year.*

*Yes, I have relocated a lot, but that did not stop me from studying and getting good grades and being on the Honor roll. I have a dream, and I am preparing for my future and it takes determination and discipline.*

*A leader is one who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way that he or she wants others to follow in.*