

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
International Polo Club Palm Beach – Wellington

MINUTES

1. Call To Order, Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions

President Todd Wodraska called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Todd Wodraska, Martha Webster, Scott Maxwell (*arrived at 11:00*), Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Mike Mullaugh, Matt Willhite, Keith James and Robert Shalhoub **Absent were:** Woodrow Hay and Gail Coniglio

Past presidents in attendance: Lisa Tropepe, Isaac Robinson, Jr., David Stewart, Susan Haynie and Bev Smith

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White, Esq.; Palm Beach County Commissioner on Ethics Pat Archer; Dr. Carmine Priore; City of West Palm Beach Environmental Resources Manager, Patrick Painter; City of Delray Beach Deputy Vice Mayor, Angeleta Gray; Royal Palm Beach Councilmember Jeff Hmara; Brad Biggs and Jennifer Ashton, Esq. of Corbett & White; League staff Je'Riise Hansen.

2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda

Addition 6 c Scholarship Committee Report
Addition 6 d Transportation Committee Report

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes of Board Meeting, January 23, 2013**
- b. **Financial Reports - January 2013**
- c. **New Member Application - Shraiberg, Ferrara & Landau, P.A.**

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by Mo Thornton to approve the consent agenda with additions to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Scheduled Presentations - None

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Board of Directors Large City Vacancy

President Wodraska discussed the opening on board left by David Harden former City Manager of Delray Beach. He informed the board that Angeleta Gray, Deputy Vice Mayor of Delray Beach has been asked and agreed that she would like to seat on the board of directors for the remainder of the term. Deputy Vice Mayor Gray gave a brief speech about her interest in the position and work history with the city as well as the League, sitting on the Education Committee.

Motion by Steve Wilson, second by Mo Thornton to approve the Angeleta Gray filling the vacancy on the board of directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Angeleta Gray was sworn in by Trela White.

b. Appointment to the Water Resource Task Force

As requested by the board, the current alternates were contacted to inquire of their interest to move to the vacant regular seat. Two were interested; Juno Beach Councilmember John Callaghan and Royal Palm Beach Councilmember Jeff Hmara.

There was discussion.

Motion by Matt Willhite, second by Robert Shalhoub to appoint Royal Palm Beach Councilmember Jeff Hmara to the vacant regular seat on the Water Resource Task Force. Motion carries unanimously.

c. Appointment to the Water Resource Task Force Technical Group

President Wodraska reported that there is currently one vacancy. City of West Palm Beach Environmental Resource Manager Patrick Painter has requested consideration for appointment.

Motion by Keith James, second by Steve Wilson to appoint Patrick Painter to the Water Resource Technical Group. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Appointment to the Fire Rescue Level of Service

President Wodraska reported that Riviera Beach City Manager Ruth Jones asked to be considered for appointment. Ms. Jones was able to present her interest in the board.

Motion by William Manuel, second by Lisa Tropepe to appoint Ruth Jones to the Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee. Motion was carried unanimously.

e. Adoption of PBC Ethics Awareness Month Proclamation

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe presented a proclamation designating March Palm Beach County Ethics Awareness Month. Several other entities that have passed similar proclamations are the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioner, the PBC School Board and Palm Beach State College. Mr. Radcliffe suggested to the board that the League adopt a similar proclamation which he had the League attorney draw up.

There was discussion.

Motion was made by Robert Shalhoub, seconded by Lisa Tropepe for the League to adopt the PBC Ethics Awareness Month Proclamation. Motion carries with Bill Thrasher opposing.

f. Appointment to the Commission on Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board the Board of County Commissioner decided to reopen the Commission on Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee. The two items the BCC wanted the committee to vet are increasing the membership from five (5) to seven (7) and to discuss the potential of term limits. Mr. Radcliffe explained that the board will need to appoint two people to fill the League seats on the Drafting Committee.

There was discussion.

A ballot vote was done Mo Thornton and Bill Thrasher was voted to serve on the Commission on Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee.

Issue 1. Decide whether to increase the number of commissioners on the ethics board from five to seven.

Lisa Tropepe made a motion, second by Matt Willhite to retain the Commission on Ethics as a five member board and to adhere to the ordinance as written. Motion carries unanimously.

Issue 2. Whether or not the commissioner should have term limits.

Bill Manuel made a motion, second by Robert Shalhoub opposing term limits. Motion carries unanimously.

g. Inspector General Budget Review Process

League attorney Trela White explained the Inspector General (I.G.) budget review process. The ordinance states no later than April 1st the I.G. must provide the League with his/her preliminary budget for review and prior to May 1st the IG will make him/herself available to discuss to the budget. The League will need to set up a budget delegation to review the budget. The delegation will have the opportunity to present their questions and/or concerns to the Board of County Commissioners who will make the final decision on the I.G.'s budget. Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board of the current delegation members: Mayor Michael Dahlgren of Atlantis, Vice Mayor Bert Premuroso of Palm Beach Gardens, Manager Bill Thrasher of Gulf Stream, Manager Joseph LoBello of Juno Beach, Councilor Stella Jordan of South Palm Beach and Manager Michael Couzzo of Tequesta.

There was discussion.

Motion was made Lisa Tropepe, second by Mo Thornton to retain the same budget delegation members. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

Chair Scott Maxwell updated the board on the Education Committee's work with the Youth Delegates regarding the foundation and future of the program. He informed the board of the current task, completing a policy and procedures manual and legacy that can be passed down to the new youth delegates. Mr. Maxwell asked all board members to challenge their councils/commissions to adopt a school high school and middle school student who will join the program. Susan Haynie commented on her meeting with Tess Saperstein a current youth delegate.

b. Nominating Committee

President Wodraska informed the board that he has selected three non eligible board members to serve on the nominating committee. They are Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, Lantana Mayor David Stewart and West Palm Beach Commissioner Isaac Robinson.

c. Scholarship Committee

Chair Mo Thornton informed the board that three (3) Solid Waste and Recycling Associates donated \$6,000 total to the scholarship fund. She asked permission from the board to use the entire \$6,000 since only \$3,000 was budgeted.

Motion by William Manuel, second by Angeleta Gray allowing the scholarship committee to award the \$6,000 contributed by the Solid Waste and Recycling Associates to this year's scholarship recipients. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Transportation Committee

Chair Susan Haynie provided information on two items that will be on the MPO's agenda for their meeting on February 21, 2013. The first is the Quiet Zones for the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC). The FEC is embarking on the All Aboard Initiative, a express train service from Miami, Fort Lauderdale or West Palm Beach directly to Orlando. It is a one billion dollar private sector funded initiative. The MPO has asked the FEC to provide the info structure so that they can apply to the FRA for Quiet Zones. Ms. Haynie has meet with Kim Delaney from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Ms. Delany is on contract with the Palm Beach MPO as the Transit Coordinator to formulate a plan to get the improvements funded to get a Quiet Zone thru the entire county.

Lisa Tropepe asked Ms. Haynie if she would like the board to make a statement for her to take back to the MPO at their meeting.

There was discussion.

Lisa Tropepe made a motion, second by Martha Webster to draft a letter support the exploration of a comprehensive analysis of Quiet Zones thru out the county. Motion carries with Matt Willhite, Martha Webster, Keith James and Steve Wilson abstaining.

The second item that Chair Haynie discussed was the MPO's board membership configuration which has not been visited since 2004. An analysis of the current membership the history of how the people became members, attendance records population were provided in the back up. Ms. Haynie strongly suggested the board review the configurations of the MPO board. It will be brought back to the League in the near future for the board to take a possible position on the makeup of the MPO board. Currently the MPO is mandated by a 19 member cap with 13 city seat 5 county commission seats.

7. Legal Report

Trela give an update on the Loud Car Stereo Law which was ruled an unconstitutional. The court stated the law violated free speech.

In regards to the I.G. Funding Lawsuit, there was a motion to intervene which was denied and has now been appealed. Oral argument is set for March 19 on an expedited basis.

No other updates on the Red Light Cameras or the Superiority of Code Enforcement.

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed everyone that the Gas Tax Maps are available and to make sure they collect the map from their municipality before leaving.

Mr. Radcliffe stated he attended a forum on community violence with Vice President Martha Webster. Two items that were addressed is the Run, Hide and Fight video that was done by the City of Houston regarding the actions that can be taken due to work place violence. Members of the Chief's Association will be posting the video on their websites. The second item is the Sheriff's request to the Board of County Commissioners for \$2 million for a Violence Protection Task Force to help the mentally and/or the emotionally disturbed.

Mr. Radcliffe mentioned the FLC Fly-In in DC February 26-27. Palm Beach County Day March 5-6 in Tallahassee will be at the Aloft Hotel. The NLC Congressional Conference is March 9-13. FLC Action Day will be on March 19-20. He asked for anyone who will be attending any of these conferences to inform him.

Palm Beach County BCC and the Congressional Delegation from Washington will be meeting on Thursday February 21 from 2-3:30 at the Convention Center.

Senator Clemons will be sponsoring the Sober House Bill and Jamie Grant will be sponsoring it on the House side. Florida Association for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (FAADA) are trying to put in language that would preclude the legislation.

Mr. Radcliffe also give brief updates on Yankee Town, House Bill 733 - Municipally owned utilities possibly being under the Public Service Commission, House Bill 303 Communication Service Tax and the Post Disaster Recovery program put on by EOC.

He stated that the Florida League of Cities will be doing a call in to provide legislative updates every Monday at 9am starting on March 4th.

9. Member Comments

Isaac Robinson introduced Craig Lawson, whom he invited to the meeting. Mr. Robinson also informed the board that Mr. Lawson was asked to submit his name for the Executive Director position in the Inspector General's Office.

Dawn Pardo reminded everyone of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Symposium Wednesday May 15th at the Palm Beach Atlantic University.

10. Meetings Announcements

The location of next month's Board of Directors meeting will be held at the St. Lucy's Catholic Church in Highland Beach.

11. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.