

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Gaines Park Community Center**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions**

President Robert Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Second Vice President Gail Coniglio called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Board members present were:** Robert Shalhoub, Keith James, Gail Coniglio, Robert Gebbia, Patti Waller, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Mike Mullaugh, Joe Casello, Andy Amoroso, Peter Noble, Jeff Hmara, Anne Gerwig, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Dawn Pardo **Absent:** Mo Thornton, Leondrae Camel and Ilan Kaufer

**Past Presidents in attendance were:** Steve Wilson, Todd Wodraska, Lisa Tropepe and David Stewart

Also in attendance were: Kris Garrison from PBC School Board; Ike Robinson former West Palm Beach Commissioner; Councilwoman Katrina Long- Robinson, Westlake; Tim Howard, Boynton Beach; Chuck Stoddard, League Counsel Jennifer Ashton and Mitty Barnard, Corbett White Davis & Ashton, P.A.; and League Staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen and Clarelle Prosper.

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

Addition: Miscellaneous Business: 4b. Economic Council Update

Deletion: Committee Report: 5d. Policy Procedure report

**Motion by Keith James and second by Dawn Pardo to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes of Board Meeting, August 24, 2016**
- b. **August 2016 Financials**
- c. **Appointment to the Environmental Committee – Councilman David Swift, Royal Palm Beach**
- d. **New Associate Member Application – Crowe Horwath, LLP**
- e. **New Associate Member Application – Family Lands Remembered, LLC**
- f. **New Associate Member Application – Renovate America**

**Motion by Keith James and second by Dawn Pardo to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.**

#### **4. Miscellaneous Business**

##### **a. FLC Fly-In Report**

Councilwoman Dawn Pardo informed the board that Palm Beach County had six representatives in attendance and that it was the first time that Palm Beach County had more in attendance than Broward County. Councilwoman Pardo informed the board that every city needs to draft an ordinance and get it approved so that the cities will be able to move forward with regulating sober homes.

Ms. Pardo stated that the committee discussed the heroin epidemic and CARA (Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act) which was funded for \$100,000 and they are asking Congress to continue to fund CARA to assist in curbing the problem. She stated that they also discussed FEMA De-Obligation and that everyone seems to be on board making sure that the Senators are on board for a 3-year statute of limitations because the statute of limitations is not on the bill as of yet. Ms. Pardo stated that the third item that they discussed was the Water Resources Development Act, which authorizes critical flood protection for the country to ensure that there is harbor maintenance.

Ms. Pardo stated that they continued to discuss the sales tax loopholes municipalities are facing since they do not receive sales tax on items purchased online. She informed the board when balancing the budget to please keep municipal tax-exempt status in place and explained that Municipal Financing was also discussed. Councilwoman Pardo concluded by saying that they were able to meet with two senators and the whole delegation along with Congressman Deutch. She encourages the board to join them on the next fast fly-in in February.

##### **b. Economic Council**

Joseph Rooney introduced himself to the board as the acting President and CEO of the Economic Council. Mr. Rooney provided a quick update about the campaign the Council is heading for the Penny Sales Tax. Mr. Rooney reminded the board that his predecessor led the charge in getting the penny sales tax initiative brought before the County Commission with hopes it would make it to the ballot. He stated that the Economic Council leadership decided that they would take the lead on the business community side and develop a campaign. Mr. Rooney explained that coalition with the Business Development Board and four main chambers of Palm Beach County would help to lead this effort. They hired a campaign group out of Tallahassee to help formulate our strategy and hired some people locally to manage the campaign. Mr. Rooney explained that the campaign, which would roll out in early October, would include direct mailer, yard signs and videos on their social media account. He stated that they are trying to get sponsorship to have the videos aired on TV. Mr. Rooney concluded by informing the board that the Council conducted a poll which came out positive and two focus group, in which they learned that voters are more supportive since the initiative has the business communities backing and keeping the message positive on schools and roads.

#### **5. Committee Report**

##### **a. Environmental Committee**

Deputy Mayor Mike Mullaugh informed the board that the focus of the committee is water and more specifically the lake. He informed the board that the committee discussed the Algae Crisis. Deputy Mayor Mullaugh stated the consensus of the committee is that they would like to make sure the lake has clean water and minimum out flow to the ocean. He informed the board that the best way of handling the algae was to do something to the Kissimmee River north of the lake. The problem he stated was the legacy phosphorous coming from the farms along the Kissimmee River because when the river overflows it pours into the Lake. Deputy Mayor Mullaugh discussed a 3 part plan which is to (1) build reservoirs on state own land north of the Lake that would be able to regulate the flow of the water into the lake, (2) flood some ranch lands north of the Lake in order to clean the water and (3) to build aquifer storage and recovery system. He stated the committee agreed that the first two plans

would work well.

Mr. Mullaugh also informed the board that the committee also discussed completing the dike as another storage option for the lake. He stated that the consensus of the committee was to not recommend any position be taken but the goal is to have clean water and they will continue to monitor activity and continue specific plans with viable funding options for septic tank conversion. Deputy Mullaugh also brought to the attention of the board a letter regarding the C-51 Reservoir in which the South Florida Water Management District is considering a for primary auxiliary water use. He also informed the board that the committee discussed the completion of the dike which may be used to store water.

There was discussion.

**Motion by Dawn Pardo and seconded to direct staff to write a letter to the Army Core of Engineers to encourage them to expedite the re-enforcement plans for the dike. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Motion by Keith James Second by Anne Gerwig to direct staff to write a letter encouraging South Florida Water Management District to designate the C-51 Reservoir as a pilot water alternative project. Motion passes eight to seven.**

#### **b. ITE Committee**

ITE Committee Chair, Vice Mayor Tropepe, informed the membership that the group received presentations from three speakers. She stated they were Rena Blades with the Cultural Council of Palm Beach, who informed the group of the cultural educational programs that the council provides at no cost; Devesh Nirmul of Renew Financial, who spoke about the PACE program; and Joseph Anderson, who provides construction services to the municipalities. Vice Mayor Tropepe also informed the board that the committee has started to rate the presenter with the intention of the ones who will most benefit the municipalities being able to present to the entire membership.

#### **c. Education Committee**

Committee Chair Vice Mayor Hmara informed the board that the Education committee had an organizational meeting where the members discussed the purpose of the committee and agreed that the intent is to help improve the quality of municipal engagement with local educational environment within the schools, including colleges. He stated that the committee decided on three initiatives: municipal internship, municipal government in schools, and education advisory boards.

#### **d. PBC Homeless Advisory Board**

League representative Bill Thrasher provided a report to the board regarding his first Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) meeting. Mr. Thrasher started by recognizing the County and its employees for their diligent work in the effort to end homelessness. He explained that the demand for available housing is great and that housing agencies need to make homelessness a high priority. Mr. Thrasher encourages everyone to contact the housing authority in his or her municipality in hopes of making that happen. He also stated that mental health is a big factor in homelessness and recognized Boca Raton promise for their work in that arena. Mr. Thrasher informed the board that the county has a 10-year plan to end homelessness and encourages everyone to get involved.

**6. Legal Report**

League Counsel Jennifer Ashton informed the board that the Inspector General (IG) has issued a tips and trends for audit selections.

Ms. Ashton reminded the board that their approved municipal budgets must be placed on their website within 30 days of being adopted.

Ms. Ashton updated the board on the case of Ober vs the Town of Lauderdale by the Sea in which a bank foreclosure property received multiple code enforcement liens prior to being sold. The issue arose when the new owner filed suit to “quiet title” and get the liens dismissed since the liens predated his ownership. The Town counterclaimed to foreclose the liens. The trail court found in favor of the Town.

**7. Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership that the first FLC Policy Committee meetings will be held on Friday in Orlando. He informed the membership that if anyone wants to carpool to call the League office.

Mr. Radcliffe provided a FEMA Flood Map update. He stated that the municipalities will receive a letter of final determination around February 2017 in which the official maps are to be adopted in order to receive funding. He stated they will become effective six month after.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony will be the guest speaker at the South Florida GIS Expo, if anyone would like to attend RSVP is required.

**8. President Report**

President Shalhoub informed the board that he would like to have the website revamped and the domain name reflect that of the organization and is seeking permission from the board to direct staff to do the research.

The consensus of the board was to have staff do the research to revamping the website.

**9. Special Presentations**

None

**10. Member Comments**

None

**11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Wellington Community Center.....10 a.m., October 26<sup>th</sup>
- b. General Membership Meeting, Wellington Community Center.....Noon, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
(RSVP Required)

**12. Adjournment** - The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.