

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Delray Beach Marriott – Delray Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.. Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay gave the invocation and led the membership into the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Cities represented were: Atlantis, Belle Glade, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta and West Palm Beach.
Absent were: Boca Raton, Manalapan Mangonia Park and Palm Beach Shores

Mayor Gary Clickstein welcomed the membership to the City of Delray Beach.

President Maxwell thanked Mayor Clickstein for having the League meetings in Delray. President Maxwell provided the associates an opportunity to introduce themselves and thanked them for their continuous support of the League. President Maxwell then asked all elected officials who will be running in March to stand up and introduce themselves.

President Maxwell introduced new members Rebecca Waldorf, and Gerda Klein of Boca Raton Promise, who were given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

Deletion: 11a Ratification of the reappointment to the Land development Regulation Advisory Board

Addition: 11d. Ratification of the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2014 General Membership meeting

Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. President's Report

None

6. Presentations -

a. Executive Director George Linley, PBC Sports Commission

President Maxwell informed the membership that today's guest speaker PBC Sports Commission Executive Director George Linley has been with the Sports Commission for 11 years and has

served as an event manager responsible for bringing a variety of sporting event to Palm Beach County and was a marketing sales executive at Roger Dean Stadium prior to Sports Commission. Mr. Linley thanked the League for inviting him to speak to the membership. He co-signed President Maxwell's statement, stating that he has been with the Sports Commission for 11 years and the executive director for the last 4 years. Mr. Linley informed the membership that the will be talking about the impact of sports in our communities. He stated that when many think of sports they think of recreation and athletic programs that the municipalities offer their residence; the entertainment side of sports, hosting an event; or the life lessons that sports teaches, like team work and participation. Mr. Linley stated that revenues from sporting events are a major contribution to tourism in Palm Beach County. He continued by saying that nationally the sports travel market is the fastest growing segment in the tourism industry in the country. He stated that the National Association of Sports Commissions did a recent study regarding the sporting event market, focusing on transit events (events that change location) and found that in 2013 the economic impact was \$7.8 billion for the U.S., which is up 9% from 2012. Mr. Linley informed the membership that the Sports Commission is a private nonprofit contracted by Palm Beach County to bring sporting events that generate bed tax revenues to Palm Beach County by marketing on the National and International level and maximize the use of county facilities thru sports. He mentioned that the sports commission's main source of funding is the bed tax revenue, which has collected over \$30 million this year. He stated that the commission receives 4.2% of the overall bed tax collection, which gives them a budget of about \$1.3 million. Mr. Linley continued to inform the membership that Palm Beach County has an economic impact of \$264 million. He stated that some events that help contribute to the revenue is the Wellington Equestrian Festival which generates approximately \$100 million and the Cardinals spring training which generates approximately \$50 million and the Honda Classic generated \$35 million. Mr. Linley concluded by stating sporting events does not only bring jobs to the county but potentially future visitors and residents.

7. Miscellaneous Business

b. Ratification of Reappointment to the Advisory Boundary Committee

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's meeting, the Board of Directors voted to reappoint Commissioner Allie Biggs of Pahokee and Stephen Waldman to the Advisory Boundary Committee. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the re-appointment of Commissioner Allie Biggs of Pahokee and Stephen Waldman to the Advisory Boundary Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ratification of the Appointment to the Commission on Ethics

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Carmine Priore to serve on the Commission on Ethics board. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Dr. Carmine Priore to the Commission on Ethics board. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ratification of Vehicle for Hire Ordinance

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's meeting, the Board of Directors voted 'No Objections' to the proposed changes to the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the vote of ‘no objections’ to the proposed changes to the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White reported the success of both the Boca Raton case and the Jupiter Code Enforcement case which the League filed amicus briefs.

Mrs. White informed the board that the summary judgment hearing on the Inspector General funding lawsuit, which will commence on Monday March 3rd.

9. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board the Gas Tax Maps are available for review and to contact the county if the map is incorrect.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board of the new radio system P25. He stated more information will be provided on the weekly update.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that Palm Beach County Day will be on March 4-5.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that any elected official who won unopposed and have extra campaign funds can donate to the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County on behalf of the League and the William A. Cruickshank Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the National League of Cities Conference is coming up, March 8-12th. He asked anyone who will be attending to inform him.

Mr. Radcliffe updated the membership on the FEMA Flood Maps. He stated that the information for the maps is due on February 28th or else it would not be incorporated and the next step would be going thru the field process. Mr. Radcliffe thanked Todd Bonlarron and Rachel Merlan for their assistance with the legislators. He stated that there was federal legislation that passed in the senate and legislation in the house that is being considered.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that the League has a vacancy on the County’s Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services. He stated that the applicant has to have a social services or medical background and asked that if anyone knows someone from their municipality that would be interested to contact the League office.

10. Member Comments

None

11. Upcoming Meetings - *Announced*

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Greenacres.....10 a.m., March 26th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Greenacres.....Noon, March 26th

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.