

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex**

**MINUTES**

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

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Board members present were:** Scott Maxwell, Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Bill Thrasher, Allie Biggs, David Levy, Keith James, Robert Shalhoub and Todd Wodraska **Absent were:** Robert Gottlieb, Mike Mullaugh, Woodrow Hay, Angeleta Gray, Matt Willhite 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 Brad Biggs, Esq.; Dr. Carmine Priore; Chuck Stoddard; Palm Beach County Commissioner on Ethics Pat Archer; Harry Raucher and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso, City Manager Mike Bornstein and Georgina Cid, Lake Worth; Richard Pinsky; Vice Mayor Patti Waller and Village Manager Karl Umberger, Palm Springs; Mary McNicholas, Geoffrey Sluggett & Associates; Anna Yesky; Mayor Michael Dahlgren, Atlantis; Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District and League staff Je'Riise Hansen.

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

None

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes of Board Meeting, June 26, 2013**
- b. **Financial Reports for June 2013**

**Motion by Keith James and second by Bill Manuel to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Special Presentations**

- a. Andrew McMahon is the Chief Assistant PBC Attorney and he made his presentation on Predatory Lending practices. He informed the board that the County is currently working on filing a lawsuit in regards to predatory lending which may benefit some municipalities since they may have experienced lost revenue due to the high foreclosure rate and depreciated values. The Predatory Lending practice that is being questioned is "Reverse Red Line". Historically regular "Red Line" is a practice in which banks would not provide loans to certain communities regardless of the qualification of the borrower. However with "reverse red line" the banks would specifically seek out and target poor communities and approve loans to borrowers who do not qualify. The banks would then package the mortgage and break them into pieces to be sold to investors around the world instead of maintaining the mortgage themselves. Lawsuits have

already been filed by the Justice Department, State Attorney General and the State of Florida to name a few. Mr. McMahon stated that in the settlements the one question that has not been addressed is the impact of these practices on taxing authorities. The county is hoping to get the answer to that question from their lawsuit. He said his reason for bringing it to the municipalities is because he did not want them to read about it in the newspaper and think that if the county is successful in the lawsuit that they would keep all the funds that may be awarded. Mr. McMahon says he anticipates that agreements will be made with the municipalities affected and the funds will be disburse the same way as taxes.

## **5. Miscellaneous Business**

### **a. Beach Management Agreement Resolution**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the board that at the June meeting they requested a resolution supporting the Beach Management Agreement to be brought for review and approval.

There was discussion.

**Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by David Levy to approve the resolution supporting the Beach Management Agreement. Motion carries unanimously.**

### **b. PBC Fire Rescue Advisory Board**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that he was contacted by former League President Dick Galeta, who sits on the Fire Rescue Advisory Board regarding possibly getting municipal representation on the board since the decision they make affect the municipalities. Mr. Radcliffe stated that the advisory board formed a Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee, which included two League seats but the committee has since been disbanded. Manager Karl Umberger of Palm Springs, who sat on the Level of Service Committee from its creation, gave a brief background information on the function of the committee.

There was discussion.

**The board came to a consensus to have Palm Springs Village Manager Karl Umberger assist Executive Director Richard in meeting with the Fire Rescue Advisory Board to see about getting municipal representation on the advisory board.**

### **c. C-51 Governance and Finance Workgroup**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the C-51 Governance and Finance Workgroup, created by Broward County, to look into the governance and finance of the C-51 basin. The resolution states up to four elected officials from Palm Beach County and they have already requested Boca Raton Councilmember Mike Mullaugh and Atlantis Mayor Mike Dahlgren to serve on the workgroup. Mr. Radcliffe asked the board if they will like to recommend anyone else to serve on the workgroup.

There was discussion.

**The board will recommend Councilmember David Levy, Palm Beach Gardens to serve on the C-51 Governance and Finance Workgroup and put the availability out to the general membership in order to fill the fourth seat.**

## **5. Committee Reports**

### **a. Code Enforcement**

President Maxwell deferred the Code Enforcement Committee report until the next meeting in order to keep the meeting running on time.

### **b. FEMA Flood Map Technical Committee**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board of the FEMA Flood Map Meeting. Mr. Radcliffe stated that based on conversations the group had with FEMA representatives, FEMA is staying on schedule to roll out the maps. The 90 day clock started on June 1st when they provided the maps for review. FEMA has set up a meeting on July 31st with the municipalities to discuss the maps. The Issues Forum meeting on the 29th of August is on hold pending the outcome of the FEMA meeting on July 31st.

### **c. FEC Task Force**

Executive Richard Radcliffe informed the board that he is creating a task force in regards to the All Aboard Florida Project. The task force will be made up of one policy maker and one elected official. There are 12 cities that will be directly affected. Mr. Radcliffe asked those that have not provided the contact person for the task force to do so. The MPO will also be involved with the task force. The initial meeting will be to determine possible funding sources to pay for the upgrades since the project cost will fall on the municipalities. Mr. Radcliffe stated he will like to have the meeting in early August and will be contacting the stakeholders so that a meeting date can be set.

## **6. Legal Report**

Attorney Brad Biggs reminded the municipalities to post their budget on their website.

In Regards to the Red Light Cameras and the Heightened Evidentiary Burden to Enforce Regulatory Programs no action has been taken.

## **7. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reported that the Water Taxi Task Force is still waiting on the county attorney to provide the Water Taxi Ordinance. He informed the board of the Sober House Task Force who meet on July 9th in preparation of the DCF public hearing, which had been implemented since the legislation failed. At the second public hearing in Delray Beach Mr. Radcliffe stated that he along with others spoke about the necessity of regulating Sober Houses. The third and final hearing will be held on August 5th in Tallahassee. People who cannot make it will be able to join in via conference call. Mr. Radcliffe reported that the Chandler brothers are in town. The brothers make public records request then sue the municipality over the request. Mr. Radcliffe informed the board of the FLY-In in Washington Dc on September 10-11, the FLC Conference in Orlando on August 14-17 and the Gold Coast Breakfast which is being held on Saturday August 17th in conjunction with the FLC Conference. He stated the topic for the breakfast will be the All Aboard Florida Project. Mr. Radcliffe says he is in his third year as executive director and will be sending out a performance evaluation to everyone to get feedback.

## **8. Member Comments -**

Commissioner Robinson informed the board of the FAU internship program, which will be providing interns to municipalities to give the political science major "real world experience".

**9 Meetings Announcements**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Newcomb Hall, Riviera Beach Marina... 10 a.m. August 28
- b. General Membership Meeting, Newcomb Hall, Riviera Beach Marina....Noon August 28

**10 Adjournment** - The Board adjourned at 11:29 a.m.