

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
Juno Beach Town Hall – Juno Beach

MINUTES

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

President Isaac Robinson Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Isaac Robinson, Jr., Lisa Tropepe, Todd Wodraska, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Martha Webster (*arrived 10:45*), Scott Maxwell, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson (*arrived 10:18*), David Harden, David Levy (*arrived 10:12*), Matt Willhite, and James Newill. **Absent were:** Dawn Pardo, Mike Mullaugh, Woodrow Hay and Calvin Turnquest.

Past presidents in attendance were David Stewart, Bill Moss, Dr. Carmine Priore, Dr. Ken Schultz, and Richard Radcliffe.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jamie Titcomb; League co-counsel Brad Biggs; Vice Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Andel, Town of Juno Beach; Councilmember Jerry Beavers, Town of Haverhill; Councilmember Michael Jawdy, Town of Glen Ridge; Kim DeLaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council; Scott Seeburger, FDOT; Laura Corry, SFWMD; Michael Brady; Dr. Mark Marciano; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda - None

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: July 28, 2010

Motion by Jim Newill, second by Mo Thornton to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of July 28, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financial Reports/Finance Committee/Budget

Mr. Titcomb presented the monthly report.

Motion by Matt Willhite, second by Jim Newill to accept the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Scheduled Presentations

a. SFECC Resolution

Scott Seeburger, Project Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation and Kim DeLaney, Growth Management Coordinator for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, reported on South Florida rail projects and the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study. They are asking cities and the League for resolutions in support of the project. They took questions.

President Robinson requested that the resolution be placed on the September agenda to give League counsel time to review and tweak it for consideration by the Board, and to learn the Florida League of Cities' opinion on the project.

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. County Boards/Commissions

Mr. Titcomb reported that there has been expressed interest in some of the available committee openings, but no official requests for appointment.

7. Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

Committee Chair Martha Webster encouraged the cities to recruit students for the youth delegation program, and to develop their own youth programs. Ms. Hansen reported on the Youth Program at the Florida League of Cities Program.

b. ITE Task Force

Task Force Chair Lisa Tropepe reported that the committee has narrowed its focus to five target issues. They are in the process of gathering information, and are meeting again on September 16.

8. Legal Report

Mr. Biggs reported that there is no order yet on SB 360 case.

The Fourth District Court of Appeal has upheld a lower court ruling on Delray Beach's 'First Night' case, confirming that the city is not responsible for a person being struck by a stray bullet shot into the air during a New Year's celebration.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Titcomb reported that the Black Elected Officials' annual GALA is October 16, and asked those interested in attending to contact the League office.

The lunch sponsor for the September meeting has asked to give a five minute presentation. He asked for Board direction, as this is the first request of this kind and will set a precedent. There was discussion. President Robinson passed the gavel to First Vice President Tropepe.

Motion by Isaac Robinson, second by Bill Manuel that there be no sponsor presentations at General Membership meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

The Gold Coast League breakfast was held at the Florida League of Cities Conference. There was a good turnout, with over 100 people. The meeting schedule for the year was presented; the lunch meetings will be held in Broward County.

The League received a thank you card from the Vice Mayor of Boys Town, who was honored at the May GALA.

The annual golf tournament is October 8th at the Atlantis Golf Club.

The Lobbyist Registration Committee will be meeting soon, with the county's Inspector General invited to attend.

The ethics ballot question is moving forward. Cities interested in opting in prior to the November vote can do so by ordinance. Mr. Moss requested that the League invite Inspector General Steckler to a meeting prior to the November election.

10. District Reports – None

11. Member Comments – None

President Robinson announced that at the Florida League of Cities conference, Dr. Priore received the 2010 E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Priore suggested that the Education Committee could advocate for civics instruction, his initiative as FLC President.

Mr. Harden brought to the Board's attention a bill passed increasing military leave for reservists from 17 days to six weeks.

Mr. Thrasher asked if the Policy & Procedure Committee could take up the issue of sponsor presentations.

Mr. Manuel asked if the League was participating this year in the Cities in Schools program with the school district. Mr. Titcomb said the League has not heard anything yet from the school district. Mr. Manuel also reported that North Palm Beach is hosting a candidates and amendments forum on October 11th.

Mr. Stewart asked if it was wise to purchase tables at functions, given current economic conditions. Mr. Titcomb stated he wanted to gauge interest in the event.

Mr. Wodraska asked if the ethics ballot language is available. Mr. Titcomb stated it was, and it would be distributed.

12. Meetings Announcements

13. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:26 a.m.