

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 24th, 2018, at 10:00 am**  
**Tequesta Country Club**  
**Tequesta**

**MINUTES**

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

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Board Members present were:** Anne Gerwig, Jeff Hmara, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Mo Thornton, Gail Coniglio (10:20) Patti Waller, Leondrae Camel, Andy Amoroso, Terence Davis, Debbie Manzo and Keith James. **Absent were:** Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson, Steve Grant, Ilan Kaufer, Maria Marino, Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon.

**Past Presidents in attendance were:** David Stewart, Steven Wilson (10:14) and Bev Smith. **Absent were:** Robert Shalhoub, Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch.

Also in attendance were: Anna Yeskey of the Intergovernmental Coordination Program; Constance Scott, Florida Atlantic University; Chuck Stoddard; Rosemary Rayman and Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Joanne Cunningham, City of Greenacres; Sally Waite, Palm Beach County Emergency Management; Stephanie Sejnoha, Palm Beach County Public Safety; Shannon LaRocque, Village of Wellington; Charity Lewis, Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office; Drew Reyburn and Rick Christmas, Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Inc., Elvadianne Culbertson, Councilmember of South Palm Beach; Nancy Bolton, Palm Beach County Administration; James Green Palm Beach County Community Services Administration, League Attorney Jennifer Ashton; League staff Richard Radcliffe and JeRiise Hansen.

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

None

**3. President's Welcome**

President Gerwig welcomed the Board to the Tequesta Country Club and mentioned discussions she had had with Anna Yeskey of Intergovernmental Coordination about reviving the Issues Forum to work toward improved communication between the county and cities. Mayor Todd Wodraska of Jupiter was named the Issues Forum Chair with Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro of Lake Park as Second Chair.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting September 26, 2018 Minutes .....
- b. Approval of September 2018 Financials .....
- c. Appointment of Paul Schofield of Wellington and Scott Kelly of West Palm Beach to the Transportation Committee .....
- d. Appointment of Councilmember Elvadianne Culbertson of South Palm Beach to the Water Resource Task Force Alternate Seat .....
- e. Appointment of Shannon LaRocque of Wellington to the Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee .....
- f. Approval of New Associate Member Application for Jeff Industries.....  
*Sponsored by Mayor Michael Brown, Town of Hypoluxo*

**Motion and second to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes unanimously.**

**5. Miscellaneous Business**

- a. Palm Beach County Emergency Management Services Ordinance Revision

Sally Waite, Palm Beach County Logistics Manager and Stephanie Sejnoha, Public Safety Director, Palm Beach County Emergency Management summarized the details of the adjustment to the revision that came before the Board at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting. Two security companies were seeking to apply to be issued a special secondary COPCN with provisions of 6 months successful ALS service and implementation of a formal quality assurance program meeting 3 times during that 6 months. The Board of County Commissioners raised concerns that the security companies did not meet the experience criteria to be issued a special secondary COPCN as that level of care given by them does not qualify.

**Motion and second of no objection to the Emergency Management Services Ordinance Revision. Motion passes unanimously.**

**6. Special Presentations**

- a. Palm Beach County Homeless Center

Nancy Bolton, Palm Beach County Assistant County Administrator and James Green, Community Services Director apprised the Board of the Collective Impact Initiative that would involve residents and others in homelessness solutions. During the span of the previous 10 year plan, the Homeless Center funded the Louis Center, Salvation Army outreach programs, Reach Family Shelter that fund 19 different families and others that have navigated over 17,000 people through their programs, housing over 2,000 in permanent housing. They urged the Board to collaborate with the Center on the new 10 year plan and Collective Impact Initiative as well as the Economic Mobility Initiative.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **a. Fire Service Committee Report:**

Committee Chair Debbie Manzo reported that the committee discussed efficiency studies, the possible cost of drone programs per resident, and the Mobile Integrated Health Program. She then mentioned that Chief Michael Mackey of the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue had addressed the committee about the average cost per resident for a Fire Service call, \$2,726, from the PBCFR budget. Revenues for the Fire Rescue that determine the MTSU rate were also discussed as well as the ISO rating of 4.0 in Palm Beach County which impacts insurance ratings, non-reimbursement for transport to the VA hospital that were not pre-approved. The next proposed meeting for this committee is January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **b. Sober Homes Task Force Report:**

Chair, Andy Amoroso advised the Board on the draft of proposed legislation amending current provisions dealing with Sober Homes uniform fire safety standards. He also noted that new legislation would address the rise of addicted babies in hospital NIC units and 12 open beds in JFK North Hospital for addicts so they may work with peer counselors for services. The County Commission has provided 2 additional beds and \$550,000 for the task force and the Governor has allocated 6.3 million to be dispersed by DCF for Oxford Houses i.e. group homes to provide services for those in recovery and the possible future addition of service for mental health.

## **8. Legal Report**

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the board about a current case that deals with the issue of First Amendment protections in land development processes. In *Burns v. Town of Palm Beach*, 2018 WL 4677682. (S.D. Fla 2018), the plaintiff wanted to replace his existing residence on Palm Beach with a more modern styled house. When his design was declined by the Town, the homeowner sued, claiming that his first amendment rights to artistic expression were being denied. The District Court granted the Town's motion to dismiss as the homeowner failed to establish his conduct was under First Amendment protection

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

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe mentioned successful collaborative municipal conference calls that included EOC and Fire Safety personnel as well as providing signage to help municipalities deal with the red tide issue. He also mentioned the upcoming Tri Cities Barbecue and toy drive on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Pahokee Marina. The Legislative Delegation joint Workshop with the League will be headed by Chair Matt Willhite at the FAU campus on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The time schedule is: 12:45 --Welcome remarks, 1- 2:15 -- County Commission, 2:30-3:45 -- School District, 4:00-5:15 -- Palm Beach County League of Cities and the format will be up to 5 topics to be moderated by the Chair.

The Board and General Meetings will be at Benvenuto's in Boynton Beach on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Executive Director Radcliffe mentioned the DC Fly-In and the successful collaborative fight on getting the FEMA clawback through the House. The Policy committees will be meeting November 15-16<sup>th</sup> and the National League of Cities conference is in Los Angeles the first week of November.

**10. Member Comments**

Mayor Steven Wilson mentioned a need for the Board to advocate for a homeless sight for Belle Glade.

President Gerwig mentioned the need for cleaning supplies, rakes, shovels, and toddler size diapers as well as cash donations in the panhandle for hurricane relief.

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

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Benvenuto Restaurant, Boynton Beach  
..... 10:00 a.m., November 28<sup>th</sup>
- b. General Membership Meeting, Benvenuto Restaurant, Boynton Beach  
..... 12:00 p.m., November 28<sup>th</sup>
- c. Tri-Cities Barbecue, Pahokee Marina, Pahokee..... 12:00 p.m., December 7<sup>th</sup>

**(RSVP Required for all events)**

**12. Adjournment-The Board adjourned at 11:33.**