

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Mangonia Park Town Hall – Town of Mangonia Park**

**MINUTES**

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

President Lisa Tropepe 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:** Lisa Tropepe, Todd Wodraska, Martha Webster, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Scott Maxwell, Bill Thrasher, David Harden, Mike Mullaugh, Matt Willhite, Calvin Turnquest, Robert Shalhoub, and Isaac Robinson, Jr. (*arrived 10:28*) **Absent were:** Jerry Beavers, Steve Wilson, David Levy, Dawn Pardo, and Woodrow Hay.

Past president in attendance: David Stewart.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; Mangonia Park Councilmembers Sarita Johnson and Peggy Cook; Highland Beach Mayor Bernard Featherman; Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Greg Freebold; Lake Park Mayor James DuBois; Laurent Van Cott, Mangonia Park Engineer; Geoff Sluggett; Murray Kalish, Joe Walsh, and Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Laura Corry, SFWMD; Chuck Stoddard; League Co-Counsel Brad Biggs, Esq., and Jennifer Ashton, Esq., Corbett and White; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je’Riise Hansen.

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

Mr. Radcliffe reported the addition of Item 6d, New Associate Member Application.

**Motion by Todd Wodraska, second by Matt Willhite to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the Board Meeting, October 26, 2011**

**Motion by Martha Webster, second by Todd Wodraska to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on October 26, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Financial Reports**

Finance Committee Chair Mo Thornton reported that Riviera Beach is the only city that hasn’t paid membership dues for 2011 – 2012.

**Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Matt Willhite to accept the financial reports.**

There was discussion.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 5. Scheduled Presentations

### a. Homeless Coalition Ten-Year Plan

President Tropepe introduced Audrey Wolf, Palm Beach County Director of Facilities Development and Operations, who presented on behalf of the Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board. She spoke on the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County, and encouraged cities to participate. She took questions.

## 6. Miscellaneous Business

### a. Appointment to Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

President Tropepe explained that there is one alternate vacancy, formerly held by Jo-Ann Golden. Lake Park Mayor James DuBois has applied for the seat. Mayor DuBois spoke of his interest in the position.

**Motion and second to appoint James DuBois as the Seat 6 Alternate on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carried unanimously.**

### b. Appointment to Water Resource Task Force

President Tropepe explained that Juno Beach Councilmember John Callaghan has applied for one of the two alternate openings on the task force.

**Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Todd Wodraska to appoint John Callaghan as an alternate on the Water Resource Task Force.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### c. Florida League of Cities Report/Discussion

Mr. Radcliffe reported that the Florida League of Cities' policy committees have completed their meetings and determined their legislative priorities. Local league members sitting on those committees gave reports: Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Greg Freebold for Energy & Environmentally Quality; South Palm Beach Manager Rex Taylor for Finance & Taxation; North Palm Beach President Pro Tem Bill Manuel for Intergovernmental Relations; and Delray Beach Manager David Harden for Urban Administration. Mr. Radcliffe reported on Growth Management & Transportation, on behalf of Boca Raton Deputy Manager George Brown.

### d. New Member Application

President Tropepe reported that the League received an application for Associate membership from Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. They are sponsored by Ocean Ridge Manager Ken Schenck.

**Motion and second to approve the membership application of Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **a. Education**

Committee Chair Martha Webster reported that the speakers bureau formed for City Government Week will be utilized year-round for classroom presentations. The committee is reviewing the book list compiled by Mr. Harden, looking for ways to improve its presentation and usefulness. Youth Delegate Carl Amritt attended the National League of Cities' Congress of Cities; she thanked Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Thrasher for their donations for the trip. A newly elected officials workshop is being planned for the spring, and a member survey will be distributed in January.

### **b. Scholarship**

Committee Chair Mo Thornton reported that the applications for the 2012 Cruickshank Scholarships have been distributed to the schools, city managers, and legislators.

## **8. Legal Report**

Mr. Biggs reported there is a legislative mandate that cities which may discharge to nutrient-impaired water bodies must enact a fertilizer ordinance, though the legislature would like all cities to adopt it. This affects 26 cities in the county. A draft ordinance has been created. All commercial applicators must be certified by 2013.

Ms. Ashton reported that the County Clerk and Comptroller Sharon Bock has filed a motion to intervene in the Inspector General funding lawsuit brought by 15 cities in the county. She is seeking direction from the court as to whether the payments are legal. Ms. Bock will not forward to the IG office any funds collected from cities, pending the outcome of the lawsuit. If the funding mechanism is found to be illegal, those cities that have paid probably would not get a refund, so she is holding the funds in the event that the cities prevail.

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

The Tri-Cities barbecue is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Events added this year include a tour of a local farm and fishing. If there's no freeze, there may be vegetables. The League is accepting donations for the event. He thanked Corbett and White for their contribution.

The January meetings will be the third Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in Delray Beach, to avoid conflict with the Florida League of Cities' Legislative Action Day on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The ITE committee will be meeting again soon to discuss Northeastern University's commercial graphics plan and the Sheriff MSTU.

The Florida League of Cities will conduct an advocacy webinar; details coming.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the Commission on Ethics ruled on allowing professionals to sit on municipal advisory boards. The cities prevailed and the standards were not changed.

## **10. District Reports – None**

## **11. Member Comments**

Mr. Harden reported that the 60 Minutes show airing this Sunday will focus on family homelessness.

Mangonia Park Manager Lee Leffingwell and Councilmember Sarita Johnson welcomed everyone to the town.

## **12. Meetings Announcements**

**13. Adjournment** - The Board adjourned at 11:27 a.m.