

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
Atlantis Country Club – City of Atlantis

MINUTES

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

President Todd Wodraska called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Todd Wodraska, Scott Maxwell, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Mike Mullaugh, Matt Willhite, Woodrow Hay, Keith James, Robert Shalhoub, Gail Coniglio and Robert Gottlieb (*arrived 10:30*) **Absent were:** Martha Webster

Past presidents in attendance: Lisa Tropepe, Isaac Robinson, Jr., David Stewart, and Susan Haynie.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White and Brad Biggs, Esq.; Councilmember Anne Gerwig, Wellington; Commissioner Sylvia Moffett, West Palm Beach; Councilor Wendy Harrison, Jupiter; Palm Beach County Commissioner on Ethics Pat Archer; Dr. Carmine Priore; Chuck Stoddard; Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District; League staff Je'Riise Hansen.

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

Addition 6 e Palm Tran Report by Councilor Wendy Harrison, Jupiter

Lisa Tropepe made a motion to approve agenda with additions. Motion was second by Dawn Pardo.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes of Board Meeting, December 7, 2012**
- b. **Financial Reports - November, December 2012**
- c. **New Member Application - Marcum Rachlin**
- d. **Ratification of League Committees Membership**

Motion by Bill Manuel, second by Woodrow Hay to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Scheduled Presentations - None

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Board of Directors Large City Vacancy

President Wodraska discussed the opening on board left by David Harden former City Manager of Delray Beach. He informed the board that the executive committee will meet regarding filling vacancy in near future pending the municipal election cycle.

b. Request for Amicus Brief from the City of Boca Raton

League Counsel Trela White explained the reason for the request. There was discussion.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by Mike Mullaugh approving the City of Boca Raton's

request for an Amicus Brief not to exceed the legal cost of \$5,000.00. If more funding is needed it will be brought back to the board for approval.

c. Appointments to the Advisory Boundary Committee

President Wodraska reported that current appointees Commissioner Allie Biggs and Stephen Waldman have requested reappointment. Associate member Robert Weinroth has also requested consideration for appointment.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Lisa Tropepe to reappoint Commissioner Allie Biggs and Stephen Waldman to the School District's Advisory Boundary Committee. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Appointment to the Water Resource Task Force

Motion by Steve Wilson, second by Mo Thornton to appoint Chip Block to the Water Resource Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion. The board instructed staff to reach out to the current alternates and inquire about their interest in moving to a regular seat and bring it back to the board.

e. Appointment to Homeless Advisory Board

President Wodraska reported that Associate member Robert Weinroth and West Palm Beach Commissioner Sylvia Moffett have asked to be considered for appointment. Commissioner Moffett was able to present her interest in the board.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Lisa Tropepe to appoint Commissioner Sylvia Moffett to the Homeless Advisory Board. Motion was carried unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

a. ITE Task Force

Chair Lisa Tropepe reported four issues that were discussed that their last meeting.

Jeff Rubenstein created the software Smart Procure that allows municipalities to see purchase orders done in the state of Florida instead of the municipality going out for a request for bid. This program allows staff to look at all the public records.

David Harden has volunteered to continue to do research on creating a MSTU for the Palm Beach Sheriff Office.

Mike Zito spoke about concrete being an alternative for road surfaces instead of asphalt, whose cost has increased due to the increased cost of petroleum.

Ms. Tropepe along with Dr. Carmine Priore; Roy Gold, Past Mayor of Coral Springs and Commissioner Patricia Asseff of Hollywood created a non-profit organization called the Florida Municipal Charter School Foundation. The mission is to assist any municipality who would like to pursue a municipal charter school in the state of Florida. There are currently nine municipalities in Florida who already have 16 municipal charter schools collectively. Eight of the nine municipalities have agreed to collaborate and share best practices.

b. Policy & Procedures Committee

Chair Scott Maxwell reported that the committee does not recommend having an Associate

Member to have a seat on the board at this time.

c. Transportation Committee

Chair Susan Haynie reported that the committee reviewed the comprehensive plan from the county's transportation element. The county is considering going with the MPO 2035 cost feasible plan instead of the current 2020 plan. Three suggestive language changes were done to the comprehensive plan. The committee had no objection to the revised plan with the suggestions included.

Motion by Woodrow Hay, second by Bill Manuel to send a letter of no opposition to the plan including the revisions to Palm Beach County.

d. Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Task Force

Task Force member Dawn Pardo reported that the County will hold a Lake Worth Lagoon Symposium on May 15th at the Palm Beach Atlantic University. The goal is to come up with a management plan for the Lagoon. They will be revisiting plans made at the last symposium and discussing these topics: Lagoon Brand Awareness, Participation in Environmental Protection Restoration, Florida Friendly Landscaping and Youth Education and Engagement. The task force would like for municipalities who have received grants for storm water upgrades that go in to the Lagoon to make a presentation.

e. Palm Tran Service Board

Palm Tran board member Wendy Harrison reported that ridership has gone up 6% from December 2011 to December 2012. The service is providing more trips with the same amount of routes. The service board is working to prioritize all routes and improvements to be made on the routes if additional funding is provided. One issue they are tackling is the two main routes (north and south) have been cut over the years. Suggestions to combat this are to increase the span of service and/or decrease the wait time. The Palm Tran Staff proposed a sales tax referendum to be placed on the ballot and a possible fair increase as well.

7. Legal Report

Trela White reported on the South Florida Management District new heightened evidentiary burden to enforce regulatory programs through monetary penalties. The Florida Supreme Court has not taken action on this case as yet.

Recent advisory opinions from the Commission on Ethics are: A municipal worker having authority over a bid in which the municipal worker's brother-in-law submitted a bid. The COE concluded that another worker should preside and award the bid to avoid the appearance of impropriety. The second opinion was regarding a municipal official being able to serve on an ad hoc committee of a non-profit organization for which they are also a member of. The committee awards college scholarships. The COE concluded that the Code of Ethics does not prohibit the official from volunteering either in a personal or official capacity.

With regards to the Inspector General Funding Lawsuit, on December 17, 2012 the Fourth District Court of Appeal issued an order expediting the appeal. No further action has been taken.

An update has been provided for the City of Orlando Red Light Cameras lawsuit, which was originally reported on in July 2012. The city has filed a brief and on January 10, 2013 the Florida League of Cities filed a motion for permission to file an amicus brief. No further action has been taken at this time.

No updates for the City of Palm Bay lawsuit regarding the superiority of code enforcement liens.

8. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Radcliffe reported on the success of the December 12th legislative Delegation Joint workshop in Atlantis.

He has provided legislative updates of the League's priorities to the South County Democratic Club and the City of Greenacres and is also available upon request.

The board was provided with the League's 2013 survey which will also be distributed in the general membership meeting.

Reports on the Sober House conference call, Senator Clemons will be sponsoring the bill along with three sponsors from the house Representative Frank Artiles of Miami Dade, Rep. James Grant of Tampa and Mary Lynn Magar.

The Board of County Commission had the 1st reading of the Impact Fees, which the County has three increase alternatives. As per board director the executive director expressed the county the board's position of not raising the Impact Fees at this time. The ruling has been put off for a month.

Palm Beach County Days are on March 5th-6th

Fire Rescue Level of service vacancy left by David Harden, former Delray Beach City Manager.

9. Member Comments

Gail Coniglio informed about Florida's Department of Environmental Protection new concept called the Beach Management Agreement. The agreement goes for a more regional approach going from inlet to inlet instead of city by city. She ask that the cities support the initiative.

Dawn Pardo added that the board she sits on, Coastal Ocean Task Force, with Susan Haynie, County Mayor Steve Abrams and elected officials from Broward, Miami-Dade and Martin County have decided that beach erosion will be one of their top priorities. Beach restoration is more than a Palm Beach County issue.

10. Meetings Announcements

The location of next month's Board of Directors meeting has been changed to the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington.

11. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:14 a.m.