

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Delray Beach Marriott, Delray Beach

MINUTES

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

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. JeRiise Hansen called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Scott Maxwell, Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Mo Thornton (*arrived 10:14*), Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Allie Biggs (*arrived 10:14*), Woodrow Hay, David Levy (*arrived 10:30*), Matt Willhite, Keith James, Robert Shalhoub (*arrived 10:14*), Gail Coniglio and Todd Wodraska

Absent were: Mike Mullaugh and Angeleta Gray

Past Presidents in attendance: Isaac Robinson and David Stewart

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White, Esq., Corbett, White & Davis, P.A.; Executive Director Steve Cullen, Christie Kelley, Anthony Bennett, Gina Levesque and Mark Bannon, Commission on Ethics; Geoff Sluggett, Sluggett and Associates; Carmine Priore; Harry Raucher and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; Seth Bernstein and Gerda Klein, Boca Raton Promise.

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

Addition(s):

5e. Vehicle for Hire Ordinance

Deletion(s):

5a. Reappointment if Joni Brinkman to the Land Development Regulation Advisory Board

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes of Board Meeting, January 2014**
- b. **Financial Reports for January 2014**
- c. **New Member Application – Rebecca Waldorf**
- d. **New Member Application – Boca Raton Promise**
- e. **New Member Application – The Mathis Group**

Motion by Steve Wilson and second by Gail Coniglio to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Special Presentations

None

5. Miscellaneous Business

b. Reappointment of Allie Biggs and Steve Waldman to the Advisory Boundary Committee

Commissioner Allie Biggs of Pahokee and Steve Waldman in interested in continuing to serve on the Advisory Boundary Committee.

Motion by Steve Wilson and second by Dawn Pardo to approve the reappointment of Commissioner Allie Biggs of Pahokee and Steve Waldman to continue to serve on the Advisory Boundary Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Appointment to the Commission on Ethics

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board of the League vacancy left by the passing of Patricia Archer. He stated that only one person applied for the position, Carmine Priore former Councilman of Wellington. Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the League has 60 days to appoint someone to the commission.

Motion by Steve Wilson and second by Gail Coniglio to approve the appointment of Dr. Carmine Priore to the Commission on Ethics. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Policy & Procedure Committee Report

Committee Chair Dawn Pardo reminded the board that at the last meeting the board requested another recommendation from the Policy and Procedures committee regarding the procedures for Amicus Briefs. She informed the board that the committee is recommending the procedure to be as follows: that any request by a city for an amicus brief should be made at least 45 days prior to the Board of Director's Meeting. The Executive Board with the League Attorney should meet at least 7 days prior to the Board of Director's meeting to see if the amicus brief warrants inclusion in the agenda for the upcoming meeting. An Executive Board recommendation to support or oppose may or may not be given. When the requesting city makes the request, they must electronically supply (but not be limited to) copies of the court orders and copies of any memorandum of law that they have already filed in the case and/or that has been received by all of the parties involved. A white paper in laymen's terms should be presented at the same time. If the Executive Committee agrees to present the amicus brief request to the Board, 25 hard copies of the above material should be presented to the Board at the meeting.

There was discussion.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Mo Thornton to approve the committee's recommended procedure for amicus briefs. Motion carries unanimously.

e. Vehicle for Hire Ordinance

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the change to the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance is that an operator cannot be found guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, which aligns the ordinance with the current state law.

Motion by Steve Wilson and second by Gail Coniglio that the League has no objection to the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee

President Maxwell announced this year's nominating committee: Councilman Todd Wodraska, Jupiter; Commissioner Ike Robinson, West Palm Beach; Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, Palm Beach Shores; Mayor Bev Smith, Palm Springs; Mayor David Stewart, Lantana and Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, Boca Raton. President Maxwell stated he would like to suggest the implementation of a policy going forward, that once the committee has decided on the slate of officers that their decision be keep private.

b. Code Enforcement Committee

President Maxwell informed the board on the code enforcement committee which he stated is one of his priorities for his year as president. He explained that due to the housing market implosion some of the cities were hurt hard and that the current statute for code enforcement only permitted the cities to fine the property owner. President Maxwell stated that committee met and compared notes and a spreadsheet of the fees some municipalities are charging was provided in everyone's packet. He stated that he hope this information would provide everyone with an insight to what other cities are charging so that your city may consider adding to their fees since code enforcement is costly. He finished by saying he will provide the board with an update when more concrete information is brought forward.

7. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White reported the success of both the Boca Raton case and the Jupiter Code Enforcement case which the League filed amicus briefs.

Mrs. White informed the board that the summary judgment hearing on the Inspector General funding lawsuit, which will commence on Monday March 3rd.

Mrs. White reported that there has been no ruling on the Right Light Cameras case.

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the FEC Legal Task Force met and a small group of the attorneys will be working together on boiler plate language.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board the Gas Tax Maps are available for review and to contact the county if the map is incorrect.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that representatives from the Gold Coast League met and created a legislative agenda and that the representatives from the Palm Beach County League were himself, Steve Wilson, Todd Wodraska and Susan Haynie. He stated that Transportation, Insurance, Water Infrastructure and Sober Homes are the four topics the Gold Coast League felt were most important.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that Palm Beach County Day will be on March 4-5.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that any elected official who won unopposed and have extra campaign funds can donate to the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County on behalf of the League and the William A. Cruickshank Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board of the new radio system P25. He stated more information will be provided on the weekly update.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the National League of Cities Conference is coming up, March 8-12th. He asked anyone who will be attending to inform him.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that at the Florida League of Cities DC Fly-In that he was able to attend a meeting with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and FEMA.

9. Member Comments

Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay informed the board that he is term limited and this will possibly be his last meeting. He stated that it was a pleasure to serve with the board.

Council Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo informed the board of her Sober Homes discussion with Representative Bill Hager. Representative Hager informed Council Chair Pro Tem Pardo that he is getting push back from the Chair of Business of Professional Regulations sub-committee Representative Debbie Mayfield. Mrs. Pardo stated that Representative Hager suggested that the League, municipalities and even residents to send a letter or email to ask her to move forward with the sober homes.

Mayor David Stewart thanked Commissioner Robinson for his continuous support for the League Youth Delegation Program.

10. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Greenacres.....10 a.m., March 26th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Greenacres.....Noon., March 26th

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