

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Jupiter Community Center

MINUTES

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

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

Board members present were: Robert Shalhoub, Keith James, Gail Coniglio, Robert Gebbia, Patti Waller, Robert Gottlieb, Leondrae Camel, Mike Mullaugh, Joe Casello, Andy Amoroso, Jeff Hmara, Anne Gerwig, Ilan Kaufer, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Dawn Pardo **Absent:** Bill Thrasher and Peter Noble

Past Presidents in attendance were: Todd Wodraska, Lisa Tropepe, David Stewart and Susan Haynie

Also in attendance were: John Carter, Mayor of Boca; Dianne Verner, Louis Gonzalez and Sophia Eccleston of FPL; Pamela Guerrier Director of Office of Equal Opportunity; County Attorney David Ottey; Lori Laverriere, Boynton Beach City Manager; Rev. Steve Nolen with Belle Glade Canal Point Baptist Church; Pastor Bill Taylor with Belle Glade Community United Methodist Church; Rand Hoch with PBC Human Rights Council; Rosemary Rayman and Harry Raucher from Lake Worth Drainage District; Elliot Cohen of My PR Guru; Chris with The Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance; Dan Clark, Lake Clark Shores Town Administrator; Vice Mayor Mary Ross Wilkerson; League Counsel Jennifer Ashton and Mitty Barnard, Corbett White Davis & Ashton, P.A.; and League Staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen and Clarelle Prosper.

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

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Board of Directors Meeting November 23, 2016 Minutes
- b. November and December 2016 Financials
- c. Appointment to the Education Committee – Manager John D’Agostino, Lake Park.....
- d. Appointment to the Environmental Committee – Associate Member Ernie Cox, Family Lands Remembered
- e. New Associate Member Application – The Merchant Strategy
- Sponsored by Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso, Lake Worth*
- f. New Associate Member Application – My PR Guru
- Sponsored by Commissioner Keith James, West Palm Beach*

Motion by Dawn Pardo and second by Leondrae Camel to move items 3e. & 3f. to miscellaneous business under item 4a.. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Miscellaneous Business

a. New Associate Member Applications

1. New Associate Member Application – Everglade Trust
Sponsored by Mayor Robert Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores
2. New Associate Member Application – The Merchant Strategy
Sponsored by Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso, Lake Worth
3. New Associate Member Application – My PR Guru
Sponsored by Commissioner Keith James, West Palm Beach

President Shalhoub gave the board a history on Everglade Trust.

There was discussion.

Motion by Mo Thornton and second by to approve new associate members. Motion carries with three dissenting.

b. PBC Equal Employment Ordinance Amendments

County Attorney Dave Ottey explained to the board that the changes being made to the ordinance were revisions to some of the definitions that are outdated, to add an additional protective class and to also amend the internal process of handling complaints.

Motion by Gail Coniglio and second by Mo Thornton to support the amendments made to the PBC Equal Employment Ordinance.

There was discussion.

Motion by Keith James and second by Ilan Kaufer to support the amendments made to the PBC Equal Employment Ordinance. Motion carries with one dissented.

c. Florida League of Cities Nominating Committee Recommendations

FLC President Susan Haynie informed the board that she has the task in creating a nominating committee that meets twice a year and they recommend who will fill the 2nd Vice President seat on the FLC Board. Commissioner Keith James was recommended and was asked to serve on the committee.

Motion by Mo Thornton and second by Ilan Kaufer to approve the recommendation of Commissioner Keith James to serve on the FLC nominating Committee. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Conversion Therapy

Vice Mayor Pro Tem presented the board with an ordinance to ban conversion therapy and asked for the ordinance to be passed along to their municipalities.

5. Committee Report

a. Education Committee

Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara reminded the board of the three objectives of the committee. Vice Mayor Hmara asked the board for its approval of establishing a Municipal Internship Subcommittee that would report to the education committee and would be chaired by Constance Scott of FAU.

Motion by Leondrae Camel and second by Anne Gerwig to approve the Municipal Internship Subcommittee. Motion carries unanimously.

b. Legislative Committee

1. 2017 Legislative Priorities

Chair Keith James informed the board the committee met with different committee members from the school board, the county and palm beach state college to discuss 2017 legislative priorities.

There was discussion.

Motion by Mo Thornton and second by Anne Gerwig to approve the 2017 Legislative Priorities. Motion carries unanimously.

c. Finance Committee

1. Infrastructure Citizen Oversight Committee Resolution

Chair Mo Thornton informed the board that the committee drafted a resolution that the oversight committee would have five regular members and one alternate and that these members would have either an engineering or financial background.

Motion by Leondrae Camel second by Jeff Hmara to approve the Citizen Oversight Committee Resolution. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Transportation Committee

Mayor Susan Haynie informed the board the committee met to discuss the Palm Beach County MPO becoming independent. She also stated that the committee advised her to look into the inter local agreement the MPO has with the county to see if the concerns the MPO has regarding staffing and compensation can be addressed with a possible amendment to the agreement. She also informed the board that the committee asked her to meet with the general counsel of the state MPO to compare other hosted MPO's inter local agreements. She also asked the board for any recommendations of policy makers to join the committee.

6. Legal Report

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton reported to the board about a case regarding the inspector general funding. She stated that the Fourth District Court of Appeal ruled in favor of the municipalities. The court held that the municipalities have sovereign immunity over their budgets and that the county cannot sue them for not budgeting certain dollars towards the OIG Program. She also reported that the court did not address the issue of the unlawful tax because sovereign immunity controls. The county had till January 20th to appeal and the decided not to. She also reported that the OIG contacted the BCC asking them to fully fund the OIG.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the FLC will be launching a medical marijuana portal on January 30th and also the FLC will be having a Q & A regarding medical marijuana February 3rd at 10 am.

8. President Report

a. Strategic Planning Retreat Report

President Robert Shalhoub informed the board that 16 of our current board and past presidents showed up to the retreat and that the discussions were very positive.

9. Special Presentations

a. Resolution Supporting Adequate Funding of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton gave the board a brief overview of what LIHEAP is, stating that it is a Federal block grant program that assists low income families with heating and cooling costs.

Louis Gonzalez an FPL Customer Assistance Programs Manager elaborated that many people are now familiar with how LIHEAP is funded and how it works. He explained that there is a legal formula that determines that amount of funding each state receives and that currently Florida is losing out on an average of 30-50 million dollars yearly because the congressional diversions away from the formula. Ms. Gonzalez provided an example, stating that Florida has a high population than New York however New York receives more funding than Florida. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he is seeking support for municipalities asking them to pass a resolution for them to take when they go back to Washington to encourage the US Congress and congressional appropriators to stop pushing money away from Florida and other southern states.

Dianne Verner FPL Special Consumer Services stated that while there are other assistance programs that LIHEAP is the “go to” program and provided other resources such as Community Action and 211.

The board directed league attorney Jennifer Ashton to draft a resolution supporting adequate funding of LIHEAP to bring back to next month's meeting.

10. Member Comments

None

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center .. 10 a.m., February 22nd
- b. General Membership Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center 12 p.m., February 22nd
(RSVP Required)

12. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:56 a.m.