

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 10:00 am
American Finnish Club
Palm Springs

MINUTES

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

President Jeff Hmara called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Debbie Manzo called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board Members present were: Jeff Hmara, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Andy Amoroso, Debbie Manzo, Patti Waller, Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson, Christina Lambert (*arrived 10:05*), Monica Mayotte (*arrived 10:05*), Steven B. Grant, Ilan Kaufer, Maria Marino, Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon (*arrived 10:10*)

Absent were: Gail Coniglio, Leondrae Camel, Robert Gottlieb

Past Presidents in attendance were: Anne Gerwig, Scott Maxwell, David Stewart, Bev Smith (*arrived 10:06*)

Absent were: Keith James, Robert M.W. Shalhoub, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch, Steve Wilson

Also in attendance were: Chuck Stoddard; Eric Call, Parks & Recreation; Shannon Fox , PBC Attorney's Office; Aziza Isles, Charity Lewis, Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office; Vice Mayor Milton "Chip" Block, Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony; Mayor Abby Brennan, Village of Tequesta; Je'Riise Hansen, Richard Radcliffe, PBC League of Cities; League Attorney, Keith Davis.

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

Additions:

Consent Agenda 4f.

Approval of Associate Member Application. Southeast Florida Recovery Advocates, Inc. (SEFRA)

Consent Agenda 4g.

Appointment of Council Member Monica Mayotte of the City of Boca Raton to the PBC Water Resources Task Force Regular seat

Deletions:

Special Presentations 6a.

PBC Right-of-Way Permitting and Registration Ordinance

Motion and second to approve the modifications to the agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

3. President’s Welcome

President Hmara welcomed everyone to the American Finnish Club in Palm Springs. He thanks the Village of Palm Springs for hosting the Board & General meetings.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting June 26, 2019 Minutes
- b. Approval of the June 2019 Financials
- c. Appointment of Vice Mayor Rachelle Litt of the City of Palm Beach Gardens to the PBC Water Resources Task Force seat.....
- d. Appointment of Vice Mayor Donald MaGruder of the Town of Ocean Ridge to the PBC Water Resources Task Force seat.....
- e. New Associate Member Application..... Baptist Health South Florida
- f. New Associate Member Application..... Southeast Recovery Advocates, Inc. (SEFRA)
- g. Appointment of Council Member Monica Mayotte of City of Boca Raton to the PBC Water Resources Task Force Alternate Seat.....

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Contingency Recommendations to the FLC Board of Directors.....Discussion/Action
The PBC League’s board discussed the contingency recommendation to the FLC Board of Directors. Due to Mayor Anne Gerwig’s running for the FLC Board of Directors 2nd Vice President seat, the PBC League’s current Board members must nominate an alternate nominee for recommendation to the FLC Board of Directors. PBC League’s current Board members completed a paper ballot vote for their recommendations to the FLC Board of Directors. The nominees were Mayor Steven B. Grant of Boynton Beach & Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro of Lake Park.

The vote results reflected Kimberly Glas-Castro won 9-6.

6. Special Presentation

- b. PBC Vapor Free Playground Ordinance.....Information
Eric Call, PBC Director of Parks & Recreation
Shannon Fox, PBC Attorney’s Office
Mr. Call educated the League Board membership about the PBC Vapor Free Public Park Playground Ordinance. The PBC Parks & Recreation subscribes to an anti-smoking policy. The CDC has stated the use of E-Cigarettes are unsafe for teens, kids, adults and are more harmful than nicotine. The ordinance will be displayed at all public playgrounds, museums, sports facilities in Palm Beach County. Finally, the park rangers would be responsible for enforcing this ordinance. If violated then there would be a citation issued as a non-criminal civil matter.

Motion and second to not oppose the Palm Beach County Vapor Free Playground Ordinance. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Committee Reports

a. Fire Service Committee Report.....Information

Debbie Manzo, Chair

The Fire Service Committee met on July 22nd at the Village of North Palm Beach. There was a presentation done by the North Palm Beach Neighborhood Enhancement Team. The NPB neighborhood enhancement team is made up of the police, fire, and code enforcement. They work together to solve issues as they come in. One of the interesting items is that the cities know how to recoup some of their ambulance transport fees.

b. FLC Policy Committee Report (s)Information

1. Finance, Taxation & Personnel

Vice Mayor Milton “Chip” Block, Jupiter Inlet Colony

Vice Mayor Milton “Chip” Block provided membership with an overview of his committee’s meeting. The committee’s primary focus was the internet sales tax, where sales tax charges are applied to internet companies. The secondary focus was the firefighter cancer bill and the local business tax.

2. Land Use & Economic Development

Mayor Anne Gerwig, Wellington

Mayor Anne Gerwig highlights the Committee’s number one action item, which is the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Act. The committee’s membership looked at the changes and how it will affect the state. They are willing to make a legislative policy. The next focus was on annexation. Septic tanks were discussed as a Bert Harris claim because it is impacting the cost of development. Septic tanks are normally under the environmental committees.

3. Municipal Administration

Vice Chair, Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lake Park

Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro gave a recap of this committee’s meeting who’s primary focus was to narrow down their priorities to four items. They spoke about short-term rentals, public notice, medical marijuana, smoke-free zones in public parks, and Home Rule. The new priorities suggested were cyber security funding for technical assistance, employee training to protect municipal I.T. systems. Another priority added was the open-carry while fishing. Next the 911 fees that we assess.

4. Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Mayor Pro Tem Patti Waller, Palm Springs

Mayor Pro Tem Patti Waller provided membership with a brief overview of her committee’s meeting. The committee received a presentation form the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The primary focus was on the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP). This plan will shape the future of transportation in Florida. The other plan discussed was the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Both

plans will affect all road-users in the state of Florida. The committee received another presentation on autonomous vehicles and electric cars and one of the concerns were the loss of gas tax revenue. The committee had to choose a priority and to add an additional one or two. The committee conducted a tally where the results will be revealed at their August meeting. Many chose Home Rule as a priority although it was not provided as an option.

5. Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works

Mayor Dr. Daniel J. Comerford, III, Jupiter Inlet Colony

Mayor Dr. Daniel J. Comerford, III provided membership with a summary of his committee's meeting which included presentations focused on water. The committee has not decided but water may become their priority. They have to gather funding for the water issues. The Florida League of Cities supports legislation addressing water deficiencies and providing annual assessments. The key is ongoing support for the water including funding. Often there are mandates that comes from the state that does not involve funding then the responsibility is passed onto local governments.

8. **Past President's Report**.....Action

Mayor Anne Gerwig

Recommendation on Executive Directors Performance Evaluation and Contract

Mayor Anne Gerwig provided the board membership with an overview of the League's Executive Director's Performance evaluation. The evaluation included high levels of satisfaction. In addition, the Executive Board proposed a 4.5% raise on the Executive Director's salary.

**Motion and second to approve the proposed 4.5% raise on the Executive Director's salary.
Motion passes unanimously.**

9. **Legal Report**

League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.

League Attorney Keith Davis provided board with two cases: The City of Pembroke Pines v. Corrections Corporation of America pertaining to sovereign immunity and Matlacha Civic Association v. City of Cape Coral regarding annexation.

10. **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director, Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe provided membership with upcoming events and dates. On August 17th in conjunction with the FLC Annual Conference the Gold Coast Breakfast will be in Orlando at 7:30a.m. Next month the League's general membership meeting will be in Boca Raton at the Spanish River Library on August 28th. Next, is the Social Media Training in Greenacres at their City Hall from 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Parking is free and lunch will be provided between 12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m. Then, the mandatory State Ethics Training on October 30th at the Lantana Recreation Center from 8:00am- 12:00p.m. Finally, the Legislative Delegation Workshop will be on December 3rd at Palm Beach State College at the Loxahatchee campus.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board of the Board of County Commissions meeting that happened the day before where impact fees and mobility fees were discussed. He stated that the County is seeking the League's assistance in asking

11. Member Comments

12. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Spanish River Library, Boca Raton 10:00 a.m., August 28th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Spanish River Library, Boca Raton Noon, August 28th

13. Adjournment-

The Board adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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