

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, at 10:00 am
Atlantis Country Club
Atlantis

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, Leondrae Camel, Monica Mayotte, Steven B. Grant, Ilan Kaufer, Peter Noble, Robert Gottlieb

Absent were: Gail Coniglio, Christina Lambert, Maria Marino, Lawrence Gordon

Past Presidents in attendance were: Anne Gerwig, David Stewart, Bev Smith

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

Also in attendance were: Cindee LaCourse-Blum, Community Land Trust Palm Beach County; Bob Gebbia, Sustainable Palm Beach County; Vice Mayor Chip Block, Jupiter Inlet Colony; Deborah Drum,PBC Environmental Resources Management; Patrick Rutter, Assistant County Administrator; Commissioner Kristine de Haseth, Tracey Stevens, Ocean Ridge; Rosemary Rayman, Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Ed Chase, Intergovernmental Affairs; Andrea McCue Greenacres, Chuck Stoddard, Constance Scott, FAU; Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen, Aziza Isles; PBC League of Cities; Keith Davis, League Attorney

2. President's Welcome

President Jeff Hmara welcomes the board membership to the Atlantis Country Club.

3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to Agenda

None

Motion and second to approve line item #3 with no additions, deletions and modifications to the agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting January 22, 2020 Minutes
- b. Approval of the January 2020 Financials
- c. Appointment of Debbie Manzo of Lantana to the PBC Citizens Committee on Airport Noise..

- d. Appointment of Council Member Gary Ready of Palm Springs to the PBC Community Land Trust
- e. Appointment of Council Member Gary Sullivan of Glen Ridge to the PBC Water Resources Task Force Alternate Seat
- f. Appointment of Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb of South Palm Beach to the PBC Water Resources Task Force Alternate Seat
- g. Approval of New Associate Member Application Living Hungry
Sponsored by Councilman Jeff Hmara, Village of Royal Palm Beach

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Environmental CommitteeInformation
Chair Patti Waller

Patti Waller provided membership with a recap of their last committee meeting. Mayor Dan Comerford of Jupiter Inlet Colony provided members a legislative update.

1. Proposed Environmental General Obligation Bond Referendum

*Deborah Drum, Department Director
PBC Environmental Resources Management
Patrick Rutter, Assistant County Administrator*

Ms. Drum started her presentation by providing board members with an introduction and background about steps the County is taking in protecting the environment, land, and water resources. She went on to highlight the proposed projects in the county such as: Restore Lake Worth Lagoon, Loxahatchee River, Lake Okeechobee and the Intracoastal Waterway. Also, she mentioned that some of the proposed projects include the acquisition and restoration of environmentally sensitive lands and/or mitigation rights. Then, Ms. Drum provided membership with the financial summary of the \$150 million bond, ballot referendum, and ballot referendum draft language. In conclusion, education & outreach opportunities regarding this proposed environmental bond are done through advocacy groups.

Q&A session took place.

6. Special Presentation(s).....Information

- a. PBC Community Land Trust
Executive Director Cindee LaCourse-Blum

Ms. Cindee LaCourse-Blum began her presentation by providing a history of the Community Land Trust and what they do. She goes on to define what a community land trust which is dual home ownership with residents and a community-based organization. Next, Ms. LaCourse-Blum mentions how the process works and home ownership becomes more affordable to the home owner. Then, she provided board members with examples of how a

city may partner with the Community Land Trust (CLT), such as working along with their Community Re-development Agencies (CRAs). In conclusion, Ms. LaCourse-Blum mentioned upcoming projects & reminded members of her organization's history.

7. Committee Reports

a. Nominating CommitteeDiscussion *President Jeff Hmara*

President Hmara thanks those named below for volunteering for the Nominating Committee.

The following are the committee members who have agreed to be on the committee:

- Mayor Bev Smith, Palm Springs
- Mayor David Stewart, Lantana
- Mayor Todd Wodraska, Jupiter
- Vice Mayor Pro Tem Scott Maxwell, Lake Worth Beach
- Mayor Steve Wilson, Belle Glade
- Council Member Robert Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores
- Mayor Keith James, West Palm Beach
- Mayor Anne Gerwig, Wellington

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded board members to submit their consent to serve forms if they have not already.

b. Cyber Security Sub Committee.....Discussion *Chair Leondrae Camel*

Chair Leondrae Camel provided a brief recap & the goal of the sub-committee. The committee wants to meet quarterly. Also, he urged board members to send an I.T. contact for the committee.

c. PBC BCC Joint Workshop.....Discussion *President Jeff Hmara*

President Hmara thanks & acknowledges attendees of the workshop: Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro, Commission President Christina Lambert, Town Manager Debbie Manzo, Mayor Steven Grant, and Mayor David Stewart. He mentions Tom Lanahan with IPARC provided attendees with a presentation. The county commissions & PBC League members discussed the status of the Issues Forum. President Hmara asked if any of the attendees would like to provide a brief recap of the workshop.

d. Sober Homes Task Force.....Discussion *Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso*

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso provided board members with a brief recap of his committee's last meeting. At the last meeting the committee chose new meeting times. Next, there is new development at the JFK medical center & they are collaborating with the task force. Vice Mayor Amoroso urged board members to support the opioid issues when they attend Florida League of Cities or National League of Cities events. In conclusion, he mentions the numbers are down for overdoses and that the state attorneys are doing a great job.

8. Legal Report

League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.

League Attorney Keith Davis provided the board with two cases. The first case, Quintero v. Diaz focuses on termination and absolute immunity. The next case, Quasha v. City of Palm Beach Gardens focuses on ADA compliance and reasonable accommodations.

9. Executive Director Report

Executive Director, Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminds the board of the upcoming Elected officials workshop at Palm Beach State College in Loxahatchee Groves on April 22nd after our general membership meeting. Next, he mentioned donating campaign funds to the PBC League’s William A. Cruickshank scholarship. Then, he reminds board members to fill out their consent to serve forms if they have not already.

10. Member Comments

Mayor Anne Gerwig of Wellington, announced that she has submitted her consent to serve form for the Vice President of the Florida League of Cities.

Mayor David Stewart of Lantana comments that the PBC League is not just the County and we always have a presence on a state level.

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso of Lake Worth Beach comments that it is important to get involved at the state level.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Greenacres Community Center, Greenacres..... 10:00 a.m., March 25th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Greenacres Community Center, Greenacres.. Noon, March 25th

SAVE THE DATE c. **Elected Officials Workshop 1:00p.m., April 22nd**

12. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:17 a.m.