

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
Greenacres Community Center – City of Greenacres

MINUTES

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

President Todd Wodraska called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

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

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

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Brad Biggs, Esq.; Mayor James DuBois, Lake Park; Rosemary Rayman, Joe Walsh and Mike Baker, Lake Worth Drainage District; Dr. Carmine Priore; Paul Davis, Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management; Tammy Fields, County Attorney's office; Capt. Eric Coleman, PBSO; Pat Archer, Mary Kay Murray, Education Foundation; Jennifer Ashton, Esq., Corbett and White; League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

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

Mr. Radcliffe added Item 5c, discussion of a suggestion by Associate member Carmine Priore regarding the composition of the Board of Directors.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of Board Meeting, August 29, 2012

b. Financial Reports - August 2012

c. Ratification of Changes to League Committee membership

Add Susan Haynie to Transportation; add Dawn Pardo to Environmental and Legislative; add Andy Amoroso to Fundraising; add Tom Paterno to ITE; Replace Ella Gilbert with Stephen Waldman on Education.

d. Associate Membership Application - Alberni Caballero & Company, LLP

Sponsored by West Palm Beach Commission President Keith James

Motion and second to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Scheduled Presentations

a. Coastal Ocean Task Force

Before the presentation, Mr. Radcliffe said that he would like to form a League Coastal Committee to

vet these issues.

Paul Davis, from the Department of Environmental Management explained the purpose of this new group and that they are asking the League to appoint three elected officials: north, central, and south county representatives. Martin, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties are also participants.

Following discussion, the Board's consensus was to open this to the membership and make the appointments at the October meeting.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Synthetic Marijuana Ordinance

President Wodraska introduced Kim Fields from the County Attorney's office and Capt. Eric Coleman from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. Ms. Fields explained the Ordinance, and Capt. Coleman addressed the need for the Ordinance.

There was discussion.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Bill Manuel to have no objection to the proposed countywide synthetic marijuana ordinance.

There was discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Fundraising Update

Mr. Radcliffe reported on the options available for creating a 501(c)(3) for fundraising purposes. He introduced Mary Kay Murray, Director of the School District's Education Foundation, which acts as a pass-through for collecting donations. She explained how her organization works.

There was discussion.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by David Harden authorizing staff to work with the Education Foundation on an agreement, to be vetted by the Finance Committee and brought to the Board of Directors in October. Motion carried unanimously.

President Wodraska initiated a discussion on the golf tournament, now on hiatus. Ms. Thornton reported that if there is to be a tournament in 2013, preparations must begin as soon as possible.

Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was that the tournament is to remain on hiatus, and for the fundraising committee to pursue other options for funding the scholarship program.

Mayor Wilson initiated discussion on contributions to the annual Tri-Cities barbecue scheduled for December 7.

c. Board of Directors Composition

President Wodraska reported that he received a letter from Dr. Carmine Priore suggesting a

change to the bylaws allowing for an Associate member to sit as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. He invited Dr. Priore to explain his request.

Following discussion, the consensus of the Board is to direct the issue to the Policy & Procedures Committee and bring its recommendation to the Board before the 2013 nomination cycle.

6. Committee Reports

a. Collaboration

President Wodraska reported that he met with the chairs of the county's managers, clerks, finance directors, and code enforcement organizations, as well as the special districts. The League is offering to host the web sites of any interested organizations. They plan to meet again early next year.

b. Legislative

Committee Chair Martha Webster reported that the issues of sober houses, synthetic marijuana and municipal representation on Value Adjustment Boards are being brought to the Florida League of Cities' policy committees. The committee has also discussed the League's October candidates forum.

7. Legal Report

Mr. Biggs explained a new Florida statute regarding development permits (Sec. 166.033). Also, county employees not covered under the state's gift reporting laws are required to make such a report to the county. He reminded everyone that there can be no municipal advocacy regarding proposed Amendment 4.

8. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Radcliffe reported that he participated in an ethics roundtable hosted by the Palm Beach Post. He reported the passing of former Lake Park Commissioner Bill Otterson. He announced that the League is changing web site hosts and will be transitioning soon. City Government week is October 21 - 27; the League office is signing up volunteers to speak to students. Hiring a bus to go to the next Florida League of Cities' policy committee meetings is cost prohibitive, and not enough people are interested.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Radcliffe for visiting the Glades area and taking an interest in their issues. Ms. Pardo showed the Board the new kayak map created by the county's Department of Environmental Resources Management.

Mr. Beavers asked for clarification on the interest rate on the League's operating account.

Mr. Harden reported on a new law pertaining to fire hydrant flow.

Mr. Hay regretted that he would not be able to attend the October 4th ITE meeting as it conflicts with the Literacy Coalition's Read for the Record event.

10. Meetings Announcements

11. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:54 a.m.