

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JANUARY 17, 2013

**THURSDAY
1:35 P.M.**

JUPITER, FLORIDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Hal Valeche, Chair, Palm Beach County Commission
Karen Golonka, Mayor, Town of Jupiter
James Dubois, Mayor, Town of Lake Park
Shelby Lowe, Vice Chair, Councilman City of Riviera Beach – **Absent**
Joe Russo, Councilor, City of Palm Beach Gardens
William Albury, Mayor, Town of Mangonia Park
John R. Smith, Governor's appointee

2. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Golonka at 1:35 P.M. Mayor Golonka welcomed the new County Commissioner Hal Valeche and mentioned he was very supportive of bioscience.

Mayor Golonka suggested the host city give an update about their city. Mayor Golonka discussed the Jupiter Election; the loan guarantee to CHS Pharma LLC and the Hawkeye Property.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Motion to approve Commissioner Hal Valeche as the Chair. Motion by Councilor Joe Russo seconded by Mr. John R. Smith, and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Councilor Joe Russo as the Vice-Chair. Motion by Mr. John R. Smith seconded by Chair Hal Valeche, and carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2012, MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 15, 2012, minutes. Motion by Councilor Joe Russo seconded by Mayor Karen Golonka, and carried unanimously.

5. UPDATE FROM COUNTY

Ms. Shannon LaRocque-Baas, Assistant County Administrator Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners, discussed the Academic Medical Center, Scripps, and the Florida Atlantic University partnership. Chair Valeche said he had several meetings with Dr, David Fitzpatrick at Max Planck. He noted his main focus was to attract start-up and venture capital companies. He indicated there were existing companies interested in being within proximately to Scripps and Max Planck.

6. UPDATE FROM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. Shawn Rowan, Vice President of Business Retention and Expansion at Business Development Board (BDB), spoke about working with the regional life science initiative of Life Sciences of South Florida regarding the bio conference and the comprehensive asset maps. Councilor Russo inquired about adding the location of the municipalities. Ms. LaRocque-Baas volunteered to work with the Business Development Board to develop a map to include municipalities.

Chair Valeche inquired about Briger property and other property not being shovel ready. Mr. Rowan explained the life sciences companies were looking for existing space with minimal improvements not for the land. Ms. Natalie M. Crowley, City of Palm Beach Gardens Planning and Zoning Director clarified the Briger site was shovel ready, had all the entitlements, and all environmental and core permits.

Chair Valeche asked the BDB Staff to prepare a report on how University of Florida was able to fund the incubator for the March 21, 2013 meeting.

7. UPDATE STATE FUNDING CORP - report was sent to all Board members.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Golonka suggested preparation of a report on what was accomplished by the Board; review the by-laws and charter to add value to the whole process. Chair Valeche agreed and suggested expanding the scope not just protecting the land but creating additional space. Councilor Russo agreed with expanding the Board's mission. Ms. LaRocque-Baas volunteered to review the interlocal agreement that established the Board along with the by-laws and prepare a report.

9. OLD BUSINESS - none

10. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

11. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor James Dubois mentioned road projects in the 5 year plan which would significantly improve some industrial properties in the Town of Lake Park. He felt these already zoned properties were applicable to either the bioscience laboratories or to support the bioscience industry.

Councilor Russo mentioned he had received a call from reporter Mr. Travis Smith of the Sun Sentinel. He added the reporter was negative about the bioscience vision. Ms. LaRocque-Baas noted the vision was a 30 year vision and the project was right on track.

11. NEXT MEETING – March 21, 2013 – City of Palm Beach Gardens

Chair Valeche suggested all Board members think about funding for the incubator.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:19 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.