

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

JANUARY 19, 2012

**THURSDAY
1:40 P.M.**

**PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE
PALM BEACH GARDENS**

1. Roll Call

Palm Beach County Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Chair
City of Riviera Beach Representative Shelby Lowe, Vice Chair – Absent
Town of Mangonia Park Mayor William Albury – Arrived later
Town of Mangonia Park Councilwoman Peggy Cook – Absent
Town of Lake Park Mayor James Dubois
Town of Jupiter Councilor Robert Friedman – Absent
Town of Jupiter Mayor Karen Golonka
City of Palm Beach Gardens Councilman Joseph Russo
City of Palm Beach Gardens Mayor David Levy

Governor's Office Representative John R. Smith – Absent
Town of Lake Park Representative Tim Stevens – Absent
Palm Beach County Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor
City of Riviera Beach Councilman Cedrick Thomas – Absent

2. Approval of May 19, 2011, Minutes

MOTION to approve the May 19, 2011, minutes of the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Mayor Karen Golonka, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, and carried unanimously.

3. Update from County

Assistant County Administrator Shannon LaRocque-Bass stated that:

- The Max Planck project had been successful, and funds for construction were periodically being approved.

3. – CONTINUED

- The Briger Tract's hospital research center had been approved.
- County Administration planned to continue discussions on Jupiter Medical Center's progression.

4. **Update from Business Development Board**

Shawn Rowan, Business Development Board (BDB) Assistant Vice President of Business Recruitment & Expansion, stated that:

- During the current fiscal year, the BDB closed nine relocation and expansion projects, throughout the county, that would create over 600 new jobs for residents.
- The BDB had hosted a lunch in November 2011 with approximately 400 attendees. The venue included information tables for 20 established life sciences companies and educational institutions, and presentations by 10 newer life science companies.
- The BDB was also involved with a company in the life sciences field that hosted a networking event at the Waterway Café in the City of Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach Gardens) on the second Thursday of every month.

Commissioner Marcus said that she would begin to forward the monthly networking event invitations to the board members as she received them.

Mr. Rowan continued by saying that:

- The BDB's Life Sciences Strategic Steering Group (steering group) had been very active and was currently focused on updating its life science industry report. The final draft would be circulated among the group members shortly, and would then be printed and disbursed to County staff and other interested parties after approval. The report would highlight the industry's progress since the last published report in 2009.

4. – CONTINUED

- The BDB was involved with a regional initiative, Life Sciences South Florida (LSSF), which was comprised of the economic development organizations' senior leadership in southeast Florida, and the area's major universities including Palm Beach State College (PBSC), Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Florida Gulf Coast University, and Broward College.
- The regional initiative's intent was to mirror the high-tech corridor that started between the cities of Orlando and Tampa, and create a life sciences corridor to make the area more competitive for grants and federal programs. The regional initiative would also increase collaborations between research institutions and universities.
- The LSSF was currently developing a web portal, a shared technology platform, to be used by institutions and universities' researchers.
- BioFlorida Education Committee was currently working on its next annual conference to be held in the City of Miami (Miami) on October 7, 2012, through October 9, 2012.
- Two life sciences conferences were scheduled at the Palm Beach Convention Center:
 - Sachs Forum SPI 2012 – May 21, 2012, through May 22, 2012; and,
 - World Stem Cell Summit – December 3, 2012, through December 5, 2012.
- The steering group produced snapshot maps life sciences industry companies for North Palm Beach and South Palm Beach cities.
- The BDB was currently working on relocating four life sciences companies, which would result in at least 145 new jobs in that field within the county.

4. – CONTINUED

- Two companies were contract-research organizations, and two companies focused on degenerative and organ transplant and preservation.
- The BDB had recently been contacted by a North Carolina cosmeceutical company that was interested in relocating to the county. The move would create approximately 180 jobs.
- The BDB planned to implement new marketing initiatives for the life sciences industry starting with the Winter Equestrian Festival. The event would include informational tent cards and barcode cards that when scanned, directed the user to a microsite dedicated to the targeted industry. The event would also include 30-second videos and radio broadcasts.

(CLERK'S NOTE: Mayor William Albury joined the meeting.)

5. Update State Funding Corporation

Commissioner Marcus stated that although alternate board member Sara Misselhorn could not attend today's meeting, she provided a written report of which a one-page summary was created; however, she had not yet received it.

Mr. Rowan mentioned that he included a summary of the Scripps report in the previously provided handouts.

Commissioner Marcus said that she would ask Ms. Misselhorn to include the Scripps' project status and time schedule in the next report, along with the next steps, once the final year of funding was completed.

6. New Business

6.a. Presentation on the Banner Center for Life Sciences

Palm Beach State College Director of Biotechnology Programs and Banner Center for Life Sciences (Center) Director Libby Handel in playing a short video and providing a PowerPoint presentation, stated that:

- The Center was entering into its second year. Its initial concept was launched to target high-value industry sectors in Florida and to provide centers for workforce innovation to ensure Florida's competitive workforce.
- The Center was specifically focused on biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medical-device industries.
- The Center had a significant concentration from the Treasure Coast to Miami.
- The Center was the statewide resource for training and education, utilizing its Statewide Industry Advisory Council to understand the needs throughout Florida.
- The Center's curriculum that was deployed by its academic partners offered training within companies, and would expand to ten partners in 2012.
- The Center would host a business basics course on February 3, 2012, to provide a better understanding of life sciences company operations.
- The University of Florida was an active partner that provided on-site training in biotechnology.
- The Center's Web site, www.lifesciencesbanner.com, currently included a statewide survey and links to gain information on workshops and access to its Facebook page.
- The Center had trained over 126 individuals in its first year and was expected to train another 250 persons statewide in 2012.
- It was vital that the Center held courses on the most recent Food and Drug Administration regulations as they were updated.

6.a. – CONTINUED

- Over 800 medical device firms currently existed in Florida, and the state ranked second behind California in that industry.

6.b. Town of Jupiter Amendments

Town of Jupiter (Jupiter) Director of Planning and Zoning John Sickler presented maps related to Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning and stated that:

- Jupiter went through the appropriate process to identify Bioscience Research Protection Overlay (BRPO) properties and had designated approximately 689 acres, most of which were located near I-95.
- Attachment D of the maps displayed an aerial view of the properties for the Toney Penna Redevelopment Overlay Area (ROA). The area was one of the primary station locations identified in the Comprehensive Plan (plan) because of the existing mixed land uses and medical employment concentration.
- The change would also allow residential use in the area, and would pave the way for future land-use and zoning amendments for mixed-use development.
- Transit-supported land uses were noted in Jupiter's plan as possible ways to extend Tri-Rail into the area, and to make the South Florida East Coast Corridor more successful.
- The Toney Penna Sector's (Sector) intent was to promote redevelopment and allow for a mix of transit-supported land uses, specifically, the proposed plan text change to the existing BRPO Policy 1.17.3.
- The proposed plan text amendments would support existing infill and redevelopment, and TOD policies in the Future Land Use, Transportation, and Housing elements of Jupiter's plan.
- Upon adoption of Jupiter's proposed plan and code changes, property owners could voluntarily choose to change the land use and zoning district designations and could utilize the new mixed-use land development regulations.

6.b. – CONTINUED

- The Sector was approximately 25 acres, and it made up 3.6 percent of the total land designated for the BRPO. Other properties included approximately 40 acres west of I-95, approximately 100 acres at the northeast corner of I-95 on Indiantown Road, and approximately 150 acres near the Jupiter Park of Commerce.
- The Sector was currently under industrial land-use regulations that did not allow for medical office use and was not beneficial to the bioscience research industry.

Ms. LaRocque-Baas suggested that the board members make a recommendation to support the plan amendments, rather than vote to approve it.

MOTION to support the Toney Penna Sector Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Motion by Councilman Joseph Russo, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, and carried unanimously.

7. **Old Business** – None

8. **Public Comment** – None

9. **Member Comments**

9.A.

DISCUSSED: Town of Jupiter Development of Regional Impacts.

Town of Jupiter Mayor Karen Golonka stated that two proposed Martin County Development of Regional Impacts (DRI) would affect traffic, beach, and boating access. She said that Jupiter regulated assurance that the State's \$3 million investment was not negatively impacted, and that progression occurred in north county before expanding to other areas.

9.B.

DISCUSSED: Town of Lake Park Update.

Town of Lake Park (Lake Park) Mayor James Dubois stated that:

- The Army Reserve Center had run into issues with its bid award; however, it was expected to be resolved during spring 2012.
- Lake Park representatives had discussed Park Avenue's extension to enhance the bioscience corridor and other economic development aspects.
- He recently was informed that although the extension was not a part of the Five-Year Road Program (program), it was included in the County's thoroughfare plan and would be buildable with contributions by Lake Park and property owners.
- The program included a year 2014 Silver Beach Road construction project with an estimated cost of \$3 million.
- The third major road improvement was for Old Dixie Highway. Each improvement would enhance the industrial aspects of Lake Park and Congress Avenue's undeveloped properties.
- One Park Place located along Park Avenue was a mixed-use property with two floors of residential use located above a floor of commercial use. The residential portion of the property could be marketed towards rental by graduate students or research assistants.

Commissioner Marcus commented that the County needed to remain competitive in its prices for land use.

9.C.

DISCUSSED: Medical Advice Manufacturing Resources.

Palm Beach Gardens Mayor David Levy stated that the County should be aware of and should utilize machine shops and electroplate facilities that used precise equipment and cutting devices within the area.

9.c. – CONTINUED

Mr. Rowan said that he agreed with Mr. Levy. He also said that PBSC had a state-of-the-art machining program that could be utilized as well. He added that southeast Florida was ranked ninth in the country for medical device manufacturing.

10. Next Meeting – March 15, 2012, Mangonia Park

Commissioner Marcus announced that the next board meeting would be led by Mayor William Albury on March 15, 2012, at Mangonia Park. She said that she would work towards getting the replacement of Harry Orf of Scripps Florida to attend. She said that she would ask Ms. Misselhorn to provide a strategy plan for the State Funding Corporation.

11. Adjournment

At 2:43 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.