

**BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 21, 2010 1:30 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA**

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Karen Marcus; Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Vice Chair Karen Golonka; Mayor, Town of Jupiter (arrived late)
William Albury; Mayor, Town of Mangonia Park (arrived late)
Shelby Lowe; City of Riviera Beach
Joe Russo; Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens
John R. Smith; Governor's appointee
Robert Friedman; Town of Jupiter (alternate)
Jenni Garrison; Governor's appointee (alternate) (arrived late)

Absent:

Desca DuBois; Mayor, Town of Lake Park
Dawn Pardo; Councilwoman, City of Riviera Beach
Peggy Cook; Town of Mangonia Park (alternate)
Ed Daly; Town of Lake Park (alternate)
Eric Jablin; City of Palm Beach Gardens (alternate)
Priscilla Taylor; Palm Beach County Commission (alternate)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Russo moved to approve the amended minutes from the June 18, 2009 meeting and the minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting. Councilman Friedman seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith noted that the amended minutes from June 18, 2009 were much shorter than the original minutes. Trish Weaver of Commissioner Marcus' office explained that they were shortened for clarity. Comm. Marcus suggested he review the changes and they vote on the minutes at the end of the meeting.

Later in the meeting: The motion carried unanimously.

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STATUS - Jeff Gagnon, Planner, City of Riviera Beach

Mr. Gagnon said Staff received the Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) report from the Department of Community Affairs in December. Staff is responding and expects adoption before April.

4. MAX PLANCK AND BRIGER UPDATES

Asst. County Administrator, Shannon LaRocque-Baas. Palm Beach County

Ms. LaRocque-Baas said April 1st is the hope for Briger. The environmental permitting is going well. She said she had a conference call with Scripps and hopes to forward them a letter within a month that we have complied with all of the conditions in the grant.

Max Planck and Briger Updates - cont'd

Ms. LaRoque-Baas said she toured Max Planck last week and they are planning to unveil their building design in the next month or so but are waiting to speak with potential donors first. They are planning a groundbreaking for late spring.

Mayor Russo thanked Comm. Marcus and the Town of Jupiter for helping Palm Beach Gardens work out the issues that were of concern to Jupiter. Councilman Friedman said he appreciates the dialogue.

5. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD UPDATE - Andrew Duffell, Senior Vice President of Development, Palm Beach County Business Development Board

Mr. Duffell said the majority of activity the Board is seeing for new businesses in the bioscience cluster is small startup companies. They are looking for funding from the private sector and in some cases, the public sector. The State Opportunity fund is now accepting applications and has about \$29 million. He said a small bioscience company and a very large bioscience company are coming in next week to visit and to evaluate the business climate in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Duffell said the Business Development Board will be attending the Bioscience Convention again this year, which is being held in Chicago. He added that the Board is cataloging the sites in Palm Beach County that are ready for bioscience development.

Comm. Marcus said a startup company made a presentation to the County Commission and the legislative delegation at Scripps a few weeks ago. She said the company wanted to locate in Palm Beach County but said there weren't many places where commercial laboratories are available. Mr. Duffell said investors and developers are not willing to build or convert space until they see the demand. He said the Alexandria Building has yet to reach capacity and the company in question has located there.

6. STATE FUNDING CORPORATION - Jenni Garrison, Governor's Office

Ms. Garrison distributed highlights of the annual Scripps Florida Funding Corporation report that was published on September 30, 2009. The funding corporation will pay out through 2013. So far, \$258 million of \$312 million plus interest has been paid.

Ms. Garrison discussed the contents of the funding corporation report and noted that an economic impact analysis study had been done by the Business Development Board. She discussed milestones in the report and the educational outreach program run by Scripps for Palm Beach County middle school and high school students.

Mayor Russo said an article had been recently published stating that the biotechnology industry is growing more slowly than expected. Ms. Garrison said the headline insinuated that we expected different results at this point, which we didn't. She said the State engaged Bio Florida, the state industry association, to respond.

Comm. Marcus said she read that the State recognizes that some of the grant money needs to be given to small startup companies. Ms. Garrison said that the Governor's Office would like to see legislation to that effect.

7. JUPITER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT - John Sickler, Director of Planning and Zoning, Town of Jupiter

Mr. Sickler said the Town has received a request to add a nursing and convalescence use to the Workplace subdistrict in the Mixed Use Development zoning district. Some of the properties with that designation are in the Bioscience Research Protection Overlay. Since this is a new use, the Town Comprehensive Plan and interlocal agreement require the change to be reviewed by the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board.

Mr. Sickler explained how Staff has expanded the application to include more areas and add clinical research hospitals to the Workplace subdistrict. Staff recommends that nursing homes and convalescent facilities in the Overlay must demonstrate that they have a relationship to clinical research.

Mr. Sickler described the request to add nursing and convalescent facilities to the Workplace subdistrict for the Institute of Healthy Living. He noted that the zoning text amendment has been reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and will move forward to Town Council next month. He described the proposed Institute for Healthy Living and said it has been reviewed by the Economic Development Advisory Board for the Town, who recommended some of the facilities be available to other researchers on a rental basis.

Paul Walczak of the Institute for Healthy Living said in addition to being a health care facility, they will be a clinical research center and will work with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to provide education on site. They envision a fully digital campus with advanced technology. They are seeking to bridge the gap between traditional health care delivery and the advances that will be available in the near future.

Mayor Albury asked if the partnership with FAU is only for the institute's employees or will be available to others as well. Mr. Walczak said it will be like a teaching hospital for FAU for post-acute care. There will be a geriatrics program and as FAU expands, they will advance the studies of specialists, therapists, etc.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the application; seconded by Mayor Russo. The motion carried unanimously.

8. BYLAW REVISIONS - Bob Banks, Attorney, Palm Beach County

Mr. Banks said County staff and staff from the different cities are still working on revisions and plan to meet next week. Hopefully some bylaw amendments will be available for the next meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comm. Marcus opened the floor to public comment and there was no response.

10. NEXT MEETING

Comm. Marcus noted that the next meeting is March 18, 2010 in Palm Beach Gardens.

Shelby Lowe asked for a report of activity in the southern area to be presented at the next meeting. Comm. Marcus asked Mr. Duffell to provide a report indicating how many times the Business Development Board has taken people to see sites in Riviera Beach, Lake Park, etc.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Marcus adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.