

CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, UTILITY DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
600 West Blue Heron Boulevard, Riviera Beach, FL 33404
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007
1:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Karen T. Marcus at 1:40 PM

I. Roll Call

Regular Appointments Present

Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Palm Beach County
Mayor Joe Russo, City of Palm Beach Gardens
Councilperson Liz Wade, City of Riviera Beach
John R. Smith, Governor's Office

Alternate Appointments Present

Commissioner Addie Greene, Palm Beach County
Councilperson Robert Friedman, Town of Jupiter
Vice Mayor Ed Daly, Town of Lake Park
Sara Misselhorn, Governor's Office

Regular Appointments Absent

Mayor Paul Castro Town of Lake Park
Mayor William Albury, Town of Mangonia Park
Mayor Karen Golonka, Town of Jupiter
Mayor William Albury, Town of Mangonia Park

Alternate Appointments Absent

Councilperson Peggy Cook, Town of Mangonia Park
Councilperson David Levy, City of Palm Beach Gardens
Councilperson Norma Duncombe, City of Riviera Beach

II. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved of the minutes from the February 15, 2007 meeting.

Councilperson Freidman made the motion to approve

Vice-Mayor Daly seconded the motion

Motion approved unanimous.

III. Scripps Update (Shannon LaRocque)

Everything is moving forward nicely. An agreement with the Lester family is in progress. Commissioner Marcus asked for a schedule for the Lester Family project and provided some discussion on the status. Additionally, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution that was discussed at the last meeting.

IV. Branding/Marketing Subcommittee Update (Beth Ingold)

Beth Ingold discussed the Artigras event and the success of the North County Life Science Corridor (NCLSC) booth. Beth also suggested that each city promote the use of a booth for the NCLSC at any public functions. Additionally, Beth discussed the pursuit of the Public Information Plan, provided at the last meeting, with as minimal costs as we can at this time to get the promotions moving. The County has already started creating the website and brochures, which are available if requested. Commissioner Marcus commented about follow up with each city to schedule events through the Subcommittee.

V. Update from BDB (Kelly Smallridge)

Discussed after item VI

Shannon LaRocque commented that on March 27th, the Palm Beach County Economic Department along with the BDB would hold a Strategic Planning meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to make recommendations and discuss incentives on how they are going to build on the Life Science Corridor and Scripps from a Comprehensive point of view. Shannon LaRocque and Commissioner Marcus discuss who is reaching out to the other entities comprehensively.

VI. Update State Funding Corp. (Sara Misselhorn)

Scripps Data:

Scripps currently has 230 employees. They are recruiting new scientific staff in the next month. Dr. John Cleveland has been recruited from St. Johns Children hospital.

Funding: 13 million in external research by June 2006 and increased to 16.6 million by end 2006. Scripps Florida Funding Corporation funds for 2007 are 35.272 million, which goes out to for dispersals quarterly with a principal of 8.9 million.

Educational outreach: Scripps has visited 12 Palm Beach Count Middle Schools, the Florida Association of Science Teachers; and the Introduction to Science lessons book have been provided to the Middle Schools. High school applications for the summer internship program for both students and teachers. They have received 78 for High School student applications and nine (9) teacher applications. They have also held Science Saturdays and science days throughout the year at Universities and High Schools. Scripps has also developed an interactive career video. Governor Christ has proclaimed that April 2007 is the Bioscience and Career Education month. Scripps and Bio Florida have created a DVD that will be distributed to all of the High Schools in Florida that discusses the bioscience industry. They have partnerships with the School District, the South Florida Science Museum, and Bio Florida. There currently doing testing at three local schools and will later test at many other schools.

Scripps will be providing a monthly update on the education outreach.

Commissioner Green commented on the fact that Scripps is already in schools. Discussion on the development of a curriculum at an earlier level of schooling was held between Commissioner Green, Kelly Smallridge, and Sara Misselhorn. Commissioner Marcus suggested that we invite a member of the School Board to upcoming April meeting.

V. BDB

Kelly Smallridge stated that there would be a workshop with multiple speakers on the return of investments of bioscience industries. Additionally, there are six or seven prospects in the pipeline, but we do need to scale down because the County and cities are not capable to hold the financial demand for all of the companies. We will need to phase the companies' project models so we can capture one or two of them and get them lined up for the Life Science Innovation Fund. It is also the desire of the BDB to reduce the percentage of match funds from 50% to 25%, there are in the process of finding other funding sources.

Commissioner Marcus commented on the upcoming rEVOLUTION Conference, March 28- 30, 2007, the County has not been able to get into the conference. Discussion between Commissioner Marcus and Kelly Smallridge continued.

It was suggested and discussed that the County setup a booth or a hospitality room at the Palm Beach International Airport to welcome the scientists.

VII. Update from Life Science Committee (Casey Steinbacher)

N/A – Ms. Steinbacher was absent.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Public Comment

Mr. Smith commented on the status of the Comprehensive Plan updates from those cities that have not yet made the updates. Commissioner Marcus suggested that a written report is provided, including the proposed public hearing dates for the amendments. Those municipalities are Lake Park, Mangonia Park, and Riviera Beach.

X. Next Meeting

April 19th, 2007. Lunch at 1:00PM and Meeting at 1:30PM in City of Mangonia Park Council Chambers.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 2:25 PM.