

**BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD  
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013, 1:30 P.M.  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Chair Hal Valeche, Commissioner, Palm Beach County Commission  
Vice Chair Joseph Russo, Councilmember, City of Palm Beach Gardens  
James DuBois, Mayor, Town of Lake Park  
John R. Smith, Governor's Appointee  
Sarita Johnson, Councilwoman, Town of Mangonia Park

**Absent**

Karen Golonka, Mayor, Town of Jupiter  
Shelby Lowe, Councilman, City of Riviera Beach  
Mayor William Albury, Mayor, Town of Mangonia Park

**2. APPROVAL MINUTES.**

Mayor DuBois moved to approve the January 17, 2013 meeting minutes. Councilmember Russo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. UPDATES & OLD BUSINESS**

Natalie Crowley, Director of Planning and Zoning, spoke regarding the proposed changes to Parcel 19 by the Town of Jupiter. This was presented to the Town of Jupiter Planning and Zoning Board back in March and was approved with the condition that the applicant would modify the research and development square footage back to an additional 150,000 square feet which is consistent with what the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board approved. Natalie commented that she has not seen anything in writing from the applicant. Joe Russo said the good news is we have a developer for the Briger Tract, Mr. Kolter.

Shannon LaRocque, Assistant County Administrator, said that one thing we discussed at the last meeting was possibly amending the Inter-Local Agreement to expand the duties of the board that the County entered into with all the municipalities. The authority of the Interlocal is broad, it doesn't just include land development, it talks about planning and addressing development, coordination, developing, streamlining and implementing procedures, policy and initiatives and legislative initiatives; the ability to do just about anything. The Interlocal does not need to be amended.

Discussion ensued regarding the maps that Shawn Rowan, Vice President of Business Retention and Expansion of the Business Development Board had shown. We have that in our GIS system and there were some potential conflicts with respect to companies.

Shawn Rowan said he was hoping to have a presentation regarding incubators today but it's been very difficult with everybody's schedules. He said he was suppose to have a conference call meeting yesterday but hopes to have it before the next meeting. Shawn said he actually had someone come up to take a tour of the incubator and get some ideas about how to fund it. Also, he heard other groups in the community put in an early interest in being involved with the incubator. Last month was the annual site selection tour with 10 site selection consultants. One of them was specialized in Biotech and aerospace/avionics. The consultants enjoyed the theme in Palm Beach County on the business side. We have five companies right now, three are not from this area and two are expansions. They are all on the manufacturing side and doing pharmaceuticals.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Valeche discussed an email from Sara Misselhorn regarding changing the meeting time to later in the day and said he will talk with her about it. It was the consensus of the board to keep the current time of the meetings. The Commissioner spoke to Trish Weaver about what her predecessor did and the function of the board and the frequency of the meetings and is proposing and looking forward to receiving the presentation from Shawn via email vs. a meeting and then not meeting until September 19<sup>th</sup> unless an issue comes up.

Sarita Johnson, Councilwoman, Town of Mangonia Park, announced a new development opportunity for their community to get exposure to career development for science technology and research. The event is set for April 18<sup>th</sup> and she extended an invitation to anyone to attend with information they could share. She advised that there will be a career development coordinator there from Palm Beach State College. Councilmember Russo suggested Ms. Johnson invite people with the knowledge such as the North County Economic Advisory Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Gallon at the State College.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Commissioner Valeche announced the next meeting will be held on September 19, 2013 in the Town of Lake Park.

Commissioner Valeche asked for a motion to adjourn.

Shannon LaRocque, advised she has another update. The board met in January and they have a Tax Abatement Ordinance Referendum with the County which passed. It would be great if the City and Bioscience overlay starts talking about it.

Discussion ensued regarding impact fees, waivers, deductions, bioscience, mitigation. Councilman Russo advised that the impact fees can be funded. Ms. LaRocque advised incentives with Riviera Beach would be a match. She advised they have done this in the past with Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter where they match 100 percent and Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter matches 100 percent. We may want to consider job creating programs. Lake Park has a tax exemption that can also be used as a local match, but not everyone is doing redevelopment or construction. The bigger incentives are cash. Sometimes the cash can directly create jobs. We are looking at the jobs and the salaries; the total capital investment, return on investment.

Commissioner Valeche asked if there was any other discussion.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Valeche made a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Russo seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Valeche adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.