

MEETING: BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD

CALL TO ORDER: May 17, 2007 at 1:48 p.m., Marine Life Center, Loggerhead Park, 14200 U.S. Highway One, Juno Beach, Florida.

1. ROLL CALL:

County Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
County Commissioner Addie L. Greene, Alternate
City of Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Joe Russo
City of Palm Beach Gardens Councilman David Levy, Alternate
Town of Jupiter Mayor Karen Golonka – Arrived later
Town of Jupiter Councilor Robert Friedman, Alternate
City of Riviera Beach Councilwoman Norma Duncombe
City of Riviera Beach Councilman Sedric Thomas, Alternate –
Absent
Town of Lake Park Mayor Paul Castro – **Absent**
Town of Lake Park Vice Mayor Ed Daly, Alternate – **Absent**
Town of Mangonia Park Mayor William Albury – **Absent**
Town of Mangonia Park Councilwoman Peggy Cook, Alternate
Governor's Office Representative John R. Smith
Governor's Office Representative Sara Misselhorn
Clerk & Comptroller Deputy Clerk Linda Federico

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting. Motion by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Mayor Russo, and carried unanimously.

3. SCRIPPS UPDATE

Assistant County Administrator Shannon LaRocque provided an update on the status of construction on the Scripps/FAU campus, accompanied by a written report with current photos of the project. Noting that the photos were taken at the end of April when the project was just getting off the ground, she stated that construction had already progressed to the second floor and was well ahead of schedule. She said she would continue to provide written updates and photos.

Responding to Commissioner Marcus' request, Ms. LaRocque also gave a status report on the Briger parcel, which was summarized in the written report as well. She stated that negotiations with the Lester family were ongoing and that she was confident that a joint project agreement would be reached soon. She reported that a draft to be sent by the county early next week would include firm

schedules and commitments on the Lesters' part. She explained that the Lesters were taking the project through the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process and that the county was a funding participant in that process. As such, she stated, the county would be very involved in monitoring the process, making sure everything was being done, and in a timely manner. She said both the Lester family and the county were hopeful that the DRI would be in place by the end of 2008 and that the Lesters were hiring engineers and had hired a planner.

(CLERK'S NOTE: Mayor Karen Golonka joined the meeting.)

Commissioner Marcus requested that Ms. LaRocque continue to provide written updates on the Briger parcel, and Ms. LaRocque agreed to do so.

4. UPDATE SCRIPPS FLORIDA FUNDING CORPORATION

Updating the board on the state funding corporation, Sara Misselhorn of the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development reported that everything looked good for a July release of the Innovation Incentive Program funds—the \$170 million allocated for state incentives; the one-to-one match with local communities. She also reported that \$80 million was earmarked for the University of Miami genomics center.

Commissioner Marcus reported that a large group was very actively interested in and excited about locating on the Scripps campus. She said the group had met with Senators Atwater and Aronberg, and the governor, who had assigned George LeMieux (ph) to focus on getting them here. She recommended that the advisory board focus on helping with that effort, even though it would be challenging working through the state funding formula, making sure the necessary investment could be made. She said the group had also spoken with Dr. Lerner, who would work with them to bring about their move here.

Mayor Joe Russo commented that if the board acquired the money to make the deal work for this group, it would come here. He went on to say that this organization was larger than Scripps, that they loved the area, and they wanted to be next to Scripps. Financially it would be a challenge, he said, so everyone on the board must be focused on finding funding to facilitate this.

Commissioner Marcus remarked that this group was looking forward to a partnership with Scripps. She said Dr. Lerner would continue working on that angle and suggested that the board members get the private sector involved and determine what they may be able to do.

Sara Misselhorn commented that the governor's office attended a bioscience convention recently, along with representatives from the Bioscience

Development Board, the county, Scripps Florida and other economic development groups statewide. She said there was a tremendous amount of traffic in the Florida pavilion and there was a great deal of interest in Scripps and state incentives.

Mayor Golonka remarked that while in San Diego recently she had an opportunity to tour the Scripps facility in La Jolla and to talk with Dr. Lerner. She said Dr. Lerner wished to speak with the governor and requested that someone involved with the governor's office endeavor to facilitate that conversation.

Sara Misselhorn responded that phone numbers had been exchanged and that she anticipated a conversation in the near future, particularly in light of the governor's scheduled trip to Israel for a biotech conference and trade mission. She said that trip, May 26 to June 3rd, was for a joint trade mission with Congressman Wexler and that someone from Scripps was scheduled to speak at the conference. There were plans to have Dr. Lerner and the governor converse before the governor left on that trip, she said.

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

**7. NEXT MEETING – JUNE 21, 2007, TOWN OF JUPITER. DISCUSSED
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In consideration of the currently light agendas, Commissioner Marcus suggested that the board postpone its next meeting until September, unless there were significant developments with the group seeking to locate here. She pointed out that the group would not be back in the area until June or July. The board agreed to postpone the meetings until after the summer months and Commissioner Marcus announced that the next meeting would be at 1:00 p.m. September 20 in Jupiter, the host city.

Commissioner Marcus suggested that if an opportunity arose, the board should host a cocktail party/reception for the group when they returned, with Dr. Lerner and all board members in attendance.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.