

**MINUTES**  
**BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**TOWN OF LAKE PARK, COMMISSION CHAMBER**  
**535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, 33403**  
**THURSDAY, May 20, 2010**  
**1:35 PM**

**1. Roll Call**

*Regular Members Present* – Commissioner Karen Marcus (Chair), Palm Beach County Commission; Mayor Karen J. Golonka (Vice-Chair), Town of Jupiter; Councilman Joe Russo, City of Palm Beach Gardens; John R. Smith, Governor’s Representative appointee.

*Regular Appointments Absent* – Mayor Desca DuBois, Town of Lake Park; Chair Dawn Pardo, City of Riviera Beach; Mayor William Albury, Town of Mangonia Park

*Alternate Members Present* – Commissioner Kendall Rumsey, Town of Lake Park; Councilman Shelby Lowe, City of Riviera Beach; Councilwoman Peggy Cook, Town of Mangonia Park; Governor’s appointee Jenni Garrison.

*Alternate Appointments Absent* – County Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor; Councilman Robert Friedman, Town of Jupiter; Councilman Eric Jablin, City of Palm Beach Gardens.

*Other Personnel* – Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan, Town of Lake Park; Trish Weaver, Palm Beach County Commission; Attorney Bob Banks, Palm Beach County Commission; Senior Vice President of Development Andrew Duffell, Business Development Board (BDB); Town Clerk Vivian Lemley, Town of Lake Park.

Chair Marcus thanked the Town of Lake Park for hosting the meeting. Lake Park Commissioner Rumsey welcomed everyone.

**2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

A motion was made by Councilman Russo, City of Palm Beach Gardens to nominate County Commissioner Marcus as the Chair of the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board, second by Mayor Golonka, Town of Jupiter. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Golonka, Town of Jupiter to nominate Councilman Lowe, City of Riviera Beach as Vice-Chair of the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board, second by Councilman Russo, City of Palm Beach Gardens. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Lowe, City of Riviera Beach to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting, second by Mayor Golonka, Town of Jupiter. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Comprehensive Plan Status – City of Riviera Beach**

Jerrell Harris, Planning & Zoning Administrator, City of Riviera Beach announced that the City of Riviera Beach had adopted the ordinance for their Comprehensive Plan at the Wednesday, May 19, 2010 Council Meeting, the Comprehensive Plan includes the Bioscience information.

### **5. Max Planck & Briger Updates (Shannon LaRocque-Baas)**

Chair Marcus stated that the Max Planck's ground breaking would be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and all were invited.

Councilman Russo, City of Palm Beach Gardens stated that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council was challenging Palm Beach Gardens on the Briger project. Chair Marcus explained that they are really interested in the City and the applicant putting a little bit more effort to make the 25% satisfied on site. She stated that the City's effort to work together with the applicant would go a long way. She mentioned that South Florida Water Management District permit was challenged by Barry Silver.

### **6. Update from BDB (Andrew Duffell)**

Andrew Duffell provided the board with a brief update. He stated that he was happy to announce that there are three (3) companies (that will be announced soon) looking to locate in Northern Palm Beach County in the Life Science Industry, all of these will be corporate residents to Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter. He mentioned that the official announcement of those companies will be in the next few months.

Andrew Duffell stated that the Alexandra Innovation Center had some issues in the beginning with filling up their space, but now has rented most of its space.

Chair Marcus explained that Alexandra Innovation Center is a company that builds incubator space around the country and they built an office in Abacoa for scientist that feel that their product can go to the next level.

Andrew Duffell stated that the Business Development Board Life Style Strategic Steering Group met to discuss a few issues including an R&D Tax credit that was passed by Congress as an overall plan to the Health Care Reform Bill.

Andrew Duffell stated that the Life Style Strategic Steering Group also discussed the opportunity of planning a stake holders meeting to provide everyone with status on the cluster and development in Palm Beach County.

Andrew Duffell stated that Bio Florida will be conducted from October 24-26 in Fort Lauderdale, they hope it will have a great turn out.

Andrew Duffell stated that they have added Mangonia Park and Riviera Beach to the list of cities that have expedited permitting processes, which makes a total of 13 cities in Palm Beach County.

## **7. Update State Funding Corp. (Jenni Garrison)**

Jenni Garrison stated that Scripps has recently received some media reports that they had obtained additional grants, outside grants, which indicates the clear success that had been anticipated, as state money decreases they need the outside grants to be sustainable.

Jenni Garrison stated that new legislation this year has established a matching grant program for those Florida based early stage and start up companies that have received Federal funding would be eligible. She stated that the program will be managed through the Institute of Commercialization of Public Research which is based in Boca Raton.

Jenni Garrison explained that the Innovation Incentive Fund was the fund that seeded Max Planck as well as six (6) other companies around the state. She explained that this means if the FMAP money from the Federal Government is provided then they place those funds to the Innovation Incentive Fund.

Councilwoman Golonka asked for information about the two federal grant programs. Jenni Garrison stated that SBIR – Small Business Innovation Research and STTR are the two grant programs. Additional information on these programs will be forwarded at a later date.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Jai Alai Fronton Property Update (Mangonia Park & BDB)**

Andrew Duffell explained that the Jai Alai facility is unique given its size and location but its zoning needs to be changed as well as other changes in order to become shovel ready, the property is currently zoned as a bowling alley.

## **9. Old Business**

### **a. Update on Army Reserve Center**

Chair Marcus stated that she has sent the letter to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), as directed by the Advisory Board in March concerning the ACOE intent to

develop an Army Reserve Center on property in the Bioscience Overlay Zone in Lake Park. She stated that she brought this issue to the Board of County Commissioners for their support in denying the ACOE from developing on the Lake Park site, and offered the ACOE a site next to where they currently reside.

Patrick Sullivan, Community Development Director for the Town of Lake Park explained that the letter received from Alcee Hasting office was that the ACOE was going into their 30 days public review period, from July 8 through August 6 and they are almost finished with their NEPA review. He stated that a company working for the ACOE contacted the Town asking for an application for a minor plat amendment.

Chair Marcus suggested that the Town send a very strong letter to the ACOE stating that Lake Park does not want them in their Town and does not want to work with them on this project. She stated that they should follow up with Senator LeMieux office.

#### **b. Revisions to the By-Laws**

Assistant County Attorney Robert Banks explained that several months ago the board had asked that a definition of Bioscience uses be included in the by-laws. He explained that these changes do not take away any powers of the board, or municipalities, but simply clarifies the uses.

A motion was made by Councilman Russo, City of Palm Beach Gardens to approve the revisions to the By-Laws, second by Vice-Chair Lowe, City of Riviera Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **10. Public Comment**

None

#### **11. Next Meeting**

Chair Marcus suggested taking the summer off and canceling the July 15, 2010 meeting. If anyone needs a meeting before September 16<sup>th</sup> it can be scheduled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on **September 16, 2010** in the City of Riviera Beach.

Mayor Golonka, Town of Jupiter provided a municipal update on the bioscience zoning in Jupiter near Indiantown Road and I-95, which is a 90 acre parcel.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.