

**MINUTES**  
**BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**TOWN OF LAKE PARK, COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**535 PARK AVE.**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009**  
**1:39 PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Karen Marcus, Commissioner – Palm Beach County  
Karen Golonka, Mayor – Town of Jupiter  
Joe Russo, Mayor – City of Palm Beach Gardens  
Robert Friedman, Councilmember – Town of Jupiter  
Desca DuBois, Mayor – Town of Lake Park

**Absent:**

William Albury, Mayor – Town of Mangonia Park  
Edward Daly, Commissioner – Town of Lake Park  
John R. Smith - Governor's Office  
Peggy Cook, Councilwoman – Town of Mangonia Park  
Jenni Garrison – Governor's Office  
Dawn Pardo, Councilwoman – City of Riviera Beach  
Cedrick Thomas, Council Chair – City of Riviera Beach  
Eric Jablin, Councilmember – Palm Beach Gardens

**II. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair –**

**A motion was made by Mayor Joseph Russo to elect Commissioner Karen Marcus as Chair; Councilor Robert Friedman made the second. The motion was carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Robert Friedman to elect Mayor Karen Golonka as Vice-Chair; Mayor Joseph Russo made the second. The motion was carried unanimously.**

**III. Approval of Minutes –**

**A motion was made by Mayor Russo to approve the Bioscience Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2009; Councilor Robert Friedman made the second. The motion was carried unanimously.**

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

Jeff Gagnon, Planner for the City of Riviera Beach stated that the Planning and Zoning Board approved the Comprehensive Plan amendments and they were scheduled to go before the City Council on June 3, 2009.

Commissioner Marcus asked if the Comprehensive Plan Amendments would be transmitted to DCA and when.

Mr. Gagnon stated that the Comprehensive Plan Amendments would be transmitted to DCA but he did not know when.

#### **V. Presentation on behalf of the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce Education and Life Science Committee by Edward Willey, Dean of Academic Affairs, PBCC**

Mayor Russo stated that he asked that the presentation be placed on the agenda because it was an impressive presentation. He stated that he sits on the board and they have done a great job. He thanked everyone who came to give the presentation.

Terri Gehring, Director of University Relations at Florida Atlantic University introduced herself and Mr. Edward Willey, Dean of Academic Affairs at Palm Beach Community College. She stated that they co-chair the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce Education and Life Science Committee. She gave a brief background and explanation of the Life Science Education Program and its phases. She stated that the program has been a great success and they hope to expand the program next year.

Mr. Willey introduced himself and gave a PowerPoint presentation titled Life Science in Palm Beach County (see Exhibit "A"). He gave an overview of Life Sciences and their definitions. He explained the definition of Biotechnology and what it meant to Palm Beach County. He described the different careers related to Biotechnology and the types of degrees available in those careers. He stated that there were training programs in those careers for children in Palm Beach County and there were jobs available for those already trained in those careers. He showed a picture of the Bioscience complex and gave a brief overview of its origin and development. He stated that the opportunity for entrepreneurship was big in the area and pharmaceutical manufacturing was emerging particularly in biogenerics and biosimilars and Palm Beach County was ripe to develop that industry. He stated that the County was also ripe for the marine industry, medicinal chemistry, and the agricultural industry

such as sugar technology. He gave an overview of Scripps and its new developments. He gave an overview of a study done on the different salaries for entry level positions and advanced positions at Scripps. He explained and gave an overview of the SPARC Program.

Mayor Golonka asked what three schools were involved in the program.

Mr. Willey stated that the three High Schools involved in the program were Palm Beach Lakes, Seminole Ridge, and Spanish River.

Commissioner Marcus asked if PBCC was the only college that had taken advantage of the Bioscience Technology programs.

Mr. Willey stated that there were currently no other colleges who have implemented the biotechnology programs.

Commissioner Marcus thanked Mr. Willey for his presentation and thanked Mayor Russo for bringing it to the Board's attention.

## **VI. Presentation – Town of Jupiter's Economic Development Fund (by Andy Lukasik)**

Andy Lukasik gave an update on the activities of the Economic Advisory Board. The Economic Fund had been established as the Scripps location debate was occurring. The Town had set aside approximately three million dollars because it knew that the location of Scripps and Max Planck would not create the cluster. There was a need for other incentives for businesses to grow and flourish. The funds were set aside to invest in businesses that could relocate or had already existed in North County to make sure that they could advance and grow. One of the parameters was to create an advisory board to guide the Town Council and its decisions in investing those funds. He gave a brief overview of the board and a description of its members. The funds initially had loose parameters but the advisory board was insistent that the fund needed to be self-perpetuating and able to continue to invest in the cluster over the long term. The advisory board has also offered counseling and business guidance to some of the early stage businesses. He gave an overview of the investments that have been made by the advisory board and other activities that have been under way.

**VII. Presentation: Town of Jupiter's Request to Amend the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan – Indiantown Road LOS Amendment (John Sickler)**

John Sickler, Planning and Zoning Director for the Town of Jupiter gave a PowerPoint presentation (see Exhibit "B") regarding the Indiantown Road Corridor Master Plan. He stated that the Town was committed to making sure that the properties in the overlay have the best ability to maximize the amount of research and development in the Bioscience field. He gave an overview of the impact of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments on future economic development. He explained what the Town was asking the County to do and gave an overview of the different phases and the dates of those phases. He gave an overview and explanation of the two phases of the ITR Corridor Master Plan Proposal.

Commissioner Marcus asked Assistant County Attorney Robert Banks if the Town's requirements were based on an Interlocal Agreement.

Mr. Banks explained the basis of the requirements set forth for the Town.

Commissioner Marcus asked if there would be any capacity for Bioscience.

Mr. Banks explained how there would be a capacity for Bioscience in the Town.

Mayor Russo asked if Briger should be brought back to the Bioscience Advisory Board for discussion.

Commissioner Marcus explained that Briger was consistent with the plans.

Mayor Russo asked if available land would be reduced.

Mr. Banks explained that land would not be reduced but would be incorporated within the overlay.

Mayor Russo asked if anything had been done to reduce the potential square footage of the Bioscience Cluster that was originally proposed for the Town of Jupiter.

Mr. Sickler explained that when the original proposals were done there were three different categories of land within the parcels

identified for Bioscience uses. The most important category was the properties with entitlements. Those properties were approximately 10 million square feet. In addition there was 12 million square feet of properties identified without entitlements which included 150 acres which would be at the interchange of Indiantown Rd. There were over 38 million square feet in existing buildings. The current proposal would impact parcels that were within the 12 million square feet that did not have entitlements. Based on the current rules there is not enough capacity. The roadways are already over capacity and unless they are of low significance; you cannot get concurrency.

Mayor DuBois asked if Lake Park or other municipalities would be affected.

Commissioner Marcus clarified and explained the differences between properties that are entitled versus those that are not. She stated that properties that were not entitled run into issues because they do not have traffic and zoning approvals in place.

Mayor Russo asked how much square footage would be reduced from Jupiter's Bioscience property.

Mr. Sickler stated that 2.6 million square feet was originally proposed and would be reduced to 400,000 square feet in the first phase and would look to expand that in the second phase. He explained that it was not possible to have 2.6 million in square footage because they could not get entitlements based on the current rules and levels of service.

Commissioner Marcus clarified and stated that they could not get that amount of square footage because there was not enough capacity.

Mayor Golonka explained that it was Jupiter's intent to apply for CRALLS for the two intersections which would allow up to 400,000 square feet. She explained Jupiter's intentions and reasoning for their proposals regarding the Bioscience Overlay.

Mayor Russo stated that the 400,000 square feet may not be buildable because they may not be able to get traffic approvals.

Commissioner Marcus stated that it was the County's opinion that the County Charter would prevail should Governor Crist sign bill 360. She asked if the Town did not ask for CRALLS would they be unable to approve anything on Indiantown Road.

Assistant Director of Palm Beach County's Traffic Engineering Allan Ennis explained.

Mr. Sickler stated that they based their facts on Jupiter Area Study. He discussed their findings based on the study.

Palm Beach County Planner Khurshid Mohyuddin stated that the County was looking at alternatives and those alternatives would be discussed at two different meetings. He announced that there would be a Planning Commission Hearing on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 p.m. at 2300 Jog Rd. and the BCC Hearing would take place on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at the Downtown Governmental Center on Olive Ave.

Commissioner Marcus cautioned that the board not chase the Town out of the process of obtaining CRALLS, but encourage the Town in their efforts to come up with solutions.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Marcus and the board members regarding the Town of Jupiter and their efforts to come up with proposals and solutions to their issues with Bioscience Overlay properties.

Commissioner Marcus recommended delaying a decision on the Town of Jupiter's proposal.

Discussion and comments ensued between Commissioner Marcus and various members of the audience.

Commissioner Marcus stated that the Bioscience Board could have another meeting before the next scheduled meeting so that they could make a recommendation to the Town of Jupiter Commission.

The Board came to consensus to have an additional meeting on June 18, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Mangonia Park.

#### **VIII. Max Planck and Briger Updates by Shannon LaRocque-Baas**

Ms. LaRocque-Baas introduced Dr. Claudia Hellinger to give an update on Max Planck and Briger.

Dr. Hellinger stated that she has been in charge to set up the facility, its operation and its infrastructure since May of 2008. She stated that staff had been busy establishing the internal administrative procedures and regulations. She stated that she wanted to give updates on three topics which were the status of the permanent and

temporary facilities and their scientific operations, how far they have gotten with hiring personnel and their lead scientists, and lastly collaborations in Palm Beach County and throughout the State of Florida. They currently have rented office space in Abacoa, Jupiter. They will be moving into a temporary facility at the FAU campus in July and start their scientific operation in August 2009. In parallel they have started the planning process for their permanent facilities and they have hired a good team of well renowned architects. They hope they will have groundbreaking by early 2010 and finalize the building by early 2011. Occupancy is intended to be early 2012. The institute will focus on Bioimaging.

They have invited applicants internationally. They will be finalizing a contract with their first scientific director tomorrow and will make an announcement of who it is next week. The recruiting process will begin for further personnel.

In addition she has toured the state for the past year and visited a number of universities and institutions throughout Palm Beach County and the state for further collaborations.

- IX. New Business:** None
- X. Public Comment:** None
- XI. Next Meeting:** June 18, 2009 @ Town of Mangonia Park
- XII. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.