

MINUTES
BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD
TOWN OF LAKE PARK, LAKE PARK HARBOR MARINA
105 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Park, 33403
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006
2:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Regular Appointments Present – Commissioner Karen Marcus, Palm Beach County Commission; Mayor Joseph Russo, City of Palm Beach Gardens; Mayor Paul Castro, Town of Lake Park, Mayor Karen J. Golonka, Town of Jupiter; John R. Smith, Representative to Governor Jeb Bush.

Regular Appointments Absent - Mayor William Albury, Mangonia Park; Liz Wade, Riviera Beach

Alternate Appointments – Councilmember David Levy, City of Palm Beach Gardens; Vice-Mayor Ed Daly, Town of Lake Park; Councilwoman Norma Duncombe, City of Riviera Beach; Commissioner Addie Greene, Palm Beach County Commission.

Alternate Appointments Absent – Councilwoman Peggy Cook, Town of Mangonia Park

Other Personnel – Paul Carlisle, Town Manager, Town of Lake Park; Cynthia R. Sementelli, Finance Director, Town of Lake Park; Patrick Sullivan, Community Development Director, Town of Lake Park; Kara Irwin, Planning Manager, City of Palm Beach Gardens; City Attorney Christine Tatum, City of Palm Beach Gardens; Beth Ingold-Love, Public Affairs Director, Palm Beach County; Trish Weaver, Palm Beach County Commission; Attorney Bob Banks, Palm Beach County Commission; Ron Ferris, Manager, City of Palm Beach Gardens; Shannon La Rocque, Scripps Program Manager; Sherry Howard, Assistant to Scripps Program Manager; John Sickler, Planner, Town of Jupiter.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the May 18, 2006 meeting that was held at the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

Castro - Yes

Daly – Yes

Golonka – Yes

Marcus – Yes

Duncombe – Yes

Levy - Yes

III. Status of Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Sherry Howard, Assistant to Scripps Program Manager Shannon LaRocque, stated that she took categories and all information with status of Kara Irwin's comprehensive plan scheduled for each city, and put her e-mail address on the bottom of the comprehensive plans. She stated that she could be the schedule keeper of the master file.

John Sickler, Planner for the Town of Jupiter, stated that he provided schedules, and notice issues to resolve. He stated that his agency is going to the Local Planning Agency on August 8, 2006 and then to the town and city council on September 5, 2006. He also stated that Palm Beach Gardens will be going to the Local Planning Agency on September 7, 2006. A final adoption will be in November for both cities to officially adopt overlay map policies and comprehensive plans related to it.

Paul Carlisle, Town Manager for the Town of Lake Park stated that they are awaiting the EAR report and once it is received they can then make amendments to the comprehensive plan. He stated that they are on an eighteen (18) month plan.

Commissioner Karen Marcus asked Shannon LaRocque, Scripps Project Manager, to monitor Lake Park's comprehensive plan process all the way to the adoption of the final overlay.

IV. Branding/Marketing Subcommittee Update

Beth Ingold-Love Public Affairs Director for Palm Beach County stated that on June 8th they discussed their mission and goal and the best way to reach it. She stated that they would like to brand or name the North County Biotech Cluster. They determined that any branding or naming effort would best occur with keeping the big picture in mind in order for it to be successful. She stated that they want to develop a plan of action and determined that at the next meeting they will hear a presentation from some of Kelly Smallridge's staff in terms of what the Business Development Board has done in their regional marketing efforts. They will then piggyback off of those efforts, make an assessment and determine how to proceed. She then gave an example of a brand print given and stated the name "Palm Beach County the Best of Everything in Life now and in Life Sciences". She stated that this would allow each area such as the North County Biocluster to come up with a brand of their own. She stated that they felt it was critical that specific naming be part of the overall effort. She also stated that in order for it to be successful, branding must be placed in the overall scheme. She stated that they will come back with a recommendation, specific plan of action and a timeline.

Kelly Smallridge, Director for the Business Development Board stated that they will come back with a presentation and that they are in the process of developing a strong table of contents built upon the access of the county and the state and will bring that material to the next Bioscience meeting.

Commissioner Karen Marcus stated that she liked the brand name, “Palm Beach County the Best of Everything in Life and in Life Sciences”.

Commissioner Karen Marcus explained to John Smith, representative for Governor Jeb Bush that they were discussing the naming of eight (8) million square feet of the Biotech cluster.

John Smith recommended that they avoid ranking between the North and South County.

V. Fast Track Permitting

John Sickler Planner for the Town of Jupiter stated that they have been meeting with their Community Development staff to review their permitting processes and look at ways to expedite the process. He stated that they have not formalized the process yet nor looked at deed restrictions.

Kara Irwin, Planning Manager for City of Palm Beach Gardens stated that they had a meeting wherein they discussed the permit process and they also met with property owners. She stated that no negative comments were given at the meeting.

Commissioner Karen Marcus asked if a question was raised on putting a portion of the whole piece of property as part of the overlay.

Kara Irwin stated that the question was not raised at the meeting.

Mayor Joseph Russo stated that the City of Palm Beach Gardens also had a budget workshop and the council was unanimous in giving direction to the city manager to come back and look at incentives and allocate monies toward next year’s budget for economic development related incentives. Mayor Joseph Russo stated that he felt now was the time to put their best foot forward and get something done.

Commissioner Karen Marcus agreed and recommended that municipalities be in partnership with the Business Development Board.

Kelly Smallridge, Director for the Business Development Board stated that the Business Development Board had a meeting with all of the cities and industries to look at the permitting processes and the board had encouraged cities to look at an expedited permitting process.

Commissioner Karen Marcus asked if a discussion on an expedited permitting process could be added to the agenda for the next meeting. She stated that she received a mailing of suggestions from Don Hearing on expediting permits. Commissioner Karen Marcus passed out copies of these suggestions at the meeting. She stated that by law, impact fees cannot be waived. Karen Marcus asked to put a discussion of impact fees on the next agenda. Commissioner Karen Marcus asked Casey Steinbacher of the Northern Palm Beaches Chamber of Commerce if Don Hearing had spoken to her about proposals that he made.

Casey stated that he had. Commissioner Karen Marcus asked Casey to bring back a presentation on Don Hearing’s proposals.

Mayor Karen Golonka asked elected officials to meet on a monthly basis regarding Biotech economic development. She expressed concern that it will get lost with everything else that is routinely scheduled.

Commissioner Karen Marcus agreed and stated that she wants to see these things happening.

VI. New Business

John Smith, representative for Governor Jeb Bush asked if the board has had a discussion regarding the scope of responsibilities and duties of the board.

Commissioner Karen Marcus stated that she will get John Smith a copy of the by-laws. She stated that at the first meeting they discussed that they would like to meet monthly and to be more proactive than what is required in the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Karen Marcus stated that the Bioscience Board is currently meeting every third Thursday of the month at 2 pm. She is records custodian for the board and creates the agenda. Each municipality of where the board meeting takes place is responsible for the minutes.

Shannon LaRocque, Scripps Program Manager asked that as developments arise regarding the Biotech cluster, this information be provided to Kelly Smallridge so at the end of the year they can work cooperatively with the Business Development Board to provide a report. She stated that everything is going well with Scripps and that they have completed their design, major permits have been applied for and all permits will be applied for within the next 2 months. She stated that the projected construction date is September 2006.

Commissioner Karen Marcus asked about status of the Briger property. Shannon LaRocque stated that they had a meeting with the representative planner for the Lester family. They are entering a joint planning agreement with the Lester family to bring the Briger property with 100 acres that is in the cluster. She stated that they are in the beginning stages and moving forward.

Kelly Smallridge spoke about Workforce Housing and the projects and developments related to it.

Commissioner Karen Marcus suggested that information be given to Kelly Smallridge regarding developers.

Kelly Smallridge stated that there are other projects that take place that are not company related to the cluster but add depth such as Venture Capital, Palm Beach Community College Bioscience Facility and two (2) new magnet schools as Bioscience Academies.

Commissioner Karen Marcus asked where the Bioscience academies are going. Kelly Smallridge stated that there will be a Bioscience Academy in Palm Beach Lakes and another at Spanish River Seminole Ridge.

Commissioner Addie Green commented that she had never been to the Lake Park Harbor Marina before. She stated that Scripps is bringing the entire county together and it is a good thing.

Karen Marcus stated that the Lake Park Harbor Marina has been re-built.

Town Manager Paul Carlisle stated that the Lake Park Harbor Marina has been in Lake Park since 1962.

Mayor Joseph Russo stated that in the past, economic advisory meetings were in different cities and it worked well because it keeps communication open.

Commissioner Karen Marcus recommended a bus trip at one of the next Bioscience meetings so that board members can become familiar with each of the cities in Palm Beach County.

Commissioner Addie Greene stated that she has done a bus tour of all of the municipalities in Palm Beach County in the past.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.