

BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 15, 2009 MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Karen Marcus, Commissioner-Palm Beach County
Desca DuBois, Mayor-Town of Lake Park
Dawn Pardo, Councilwoman-City of Riviera Beach
John R. Smith, Governor's office Representative
William Albury, Mayor-Town of Mangonia Park
Shelby Lowe, Councilman, City of Riviera Beach
Joe Russo, Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens
Jenni Garrison, Governor's Office Representative (alternate)
Karen Golonka, Mayor, Town of Jupiter (arrived late)

Absent:

Peggy Cook, Vice-Mayor- Town of Mangonia Park
Priscilla Taylor Commissioner – Palm Beach County
Robert Friedman, Councilman – Town of Juptier
Ed Daly, Vice Mayor – Town of Lake Park
Eric Jablin, Councilman – City of Palm Beach Gardens

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor DuBois to approve the Bioscience meeting minutes of June 18, 2009. Motion was seconded by Mayor Russo and passed unanimously.

Later in the meeting: Mayor Golonka apologized for being late and missing the motion on the approval of minutes. She indicated clarifications needed to be made in the minutes. If she were here on time, she would have requested these items be tabled until the next meeting to make it clearer.

Motion made by Mayor Golonka to postpone the approval of the minutes to January 21, 2010. Councilwoman Pardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STATUS-Councilwoman Dawn Pardo

Councilwoman Pardo noted the City of Riviera Beach submitted the Comp Plan changes to DCA a couple of weeks ago.

4. BRANDING/MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE-Lisa DeLaRionda

Ms. DeLaRionda requested the group look at the agenda and visit the website. She welcomed any suggestions, especially if it was imperative for the bioscience community.

Ms. DeLaRionda mentioned the census coming up April 1, 2010. Many of the municipalities are involved and she advised anyone to contact her if materials were needed.

Commissioner Marcus thanked Riviera Beach for hosting the meeting.

5. **MAX PLANCK & BRIGER UPDATE** –Shannon LaRocque-Baas

Ms. LaRocque-Baas reported that Briger was going nicely and were scheduled to go to Palm Beach Gardens for the DRI approval on December 12, 2009 at 7 p.m.

She noted that environmental permitting was going nicely and that the Army Corp of Engineers was very cooperative. She also mentioned that the City of Palm Beach Gardens had been extremely helpful.

Ms. LaRocque-Baas noted Max Planck was going well. They had hired a Nobel Laureate to start the first science initiative there and that they were currently hiring. She noted that the groundbreaking was scheduled for spring of 2010.

6. **UPDATE FROM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (BDB)**-Kelly Smallridge

(Mayor Golonka arrived at 1:40 p.m.)

Ms. Smallridge stated the BDB hosted a luncheon on September 30 for six New York City companies coming to Palm Beach County. Two of those companies were bioscience companies. One is Biocatalyst which is a venture capital firm which expanded in West Palm Beach. The second company was Strox Biopharmaceuticals, which went to Wellington. This company has a patented antibody based products which treat staph infections that are acquired in hospitals.

From a marketing and outreach perspectives, the BDB was creating a new website, which is solely for new and expanding CEOs looking at the county. If you go to the BDB website now, as a public/private economic development partner, you will see a myriad of other types of information that really doesn't mean anything to that CEO that's looking to move here. The new BDB website, which should be launched in four weeks, will allow the user to scan the county and scan all the municipalities and take a look at not only the clusters, incentives in all the cities but also shovel-ready land, as we've created a shovel-ready program. They can review shovel-ready land that is ready for development and also cities that offer expedited permitting in addition to incentives. The website will also have a separate section for bio-ready land so those pieces of property that fall within the bioscience overlay zone will receive a special note so the user from outside will easily be able to view where the real estate opportunities are and the point of contact for each of them. So this is specifically for site selection consultants, CEO's of relocating firms and companies in Palm Beach County looking to expand their operations. They will also have all 50,000 square foot buildings or more of space that is currently built. So if they don't want to build a new facility, they have the option of reviewing facilities that are already constructed in which their space may fall under whether it's class A or class B.

Commissioner Marcus stated the county approved the resolution for the expedited building process. Ms. Smallridge stated county staff was doing a great job and have been very helpful to those companies. She noted there is still a lot of interest from primarily small companies such as Envoy. Staff is meeting with them in the near future.

7. UPDATE STATE FUNDING CORP-Jenni Garrison

Ms. Garrison noted since Scripps opened their current facility in February that everything is going well. They are ramping up as far as the State contract for equipment purchases, capital equipment, etc. They are rapidly hiring and as of June 30, they have 321 employees. Of those, 116 jobs were created within the last year and of those 116 jobs, 45 were Florida residents at the time. Scripps Florida campus is doing very well. She noted that the Funding Corporation had taken over managing the state's investments and were able to avoid some major hits to the portfolio protecting the principal amount which has been a very important component of this. She noted that the funding corporation just underwent an audit and received a glowing review.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Zoning/Land Use Discussion**- Commissioner Marcus reminded the group they have been talking about what the Advisory Board's goal was and how the Board would protect the available lands. She stated that she sat down with the Planning staff of the cities to try to talk about a definition for bioscience that everyone could agree on. She noted that she had invited Dr. Harry Orf to the meeting and that he had been very helpful explaining what the expectations of research and scientists were for developing the cluster. She noted they talked about drafting some specific language but were not sure how to get it out there. She knew Jupiter had some conflicts that they were in the process of refining. She stated that they had not figured out the process, but that a definition needed to be agreed upon on what the uses should be.
- b. **Role of the Advisory Board**- Robert Banks, Assistant County Attorney advised the Board that he held a conference call with all the cities he could contact. He reported that Kara Irwin from the City of Palm Beach Gardens had done a first draft of amendments to the By-Laws dealing with the general definition issue and also dealing with the issue on what should go to the Advisory Board. He noted that the Inter-local was vague. The draft had not been circulated to all staffs and was not ready for the board to look at today. He felt staff could refine the Board's mission through adding definitions to the By-Laws that the Board could approve as opposed to re-opening the Inter-local agreement and taking the document back to all the governing bodies. At the next meeting in January, he will have a proposal that staff will be in agreement on. It can then be circulated to the Board to discuss and either adopted or sent out for more work in January.

Commissioner Marcus said she wanted to make sure everyone was moving in the direction that is acceptable to everybody. She stated that they were really trying to make the process institutionalized, because it is a 25 year process and if they all just say industrial land use and leave it at that and people don't know what the goals were, than all of a sudden you lose what the Advisory Board's mission was. She believes by doing this they can institutionalize the mission through the by-laws. Unless anybody had any questions, staff was directed to bring something back in draft form at the next meeting. Mr. Banks said drafts would be circulated to all members and they will bring something back to the Board.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

10. NEXT MEETING-

Commissioner Marcus stated the next meeting is January 21, 2010-Town of Jupiter.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.