

**MINUTES**  
**BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**10500 N MILITARY TRAIL, PALM BEACH GARDENS, 33410**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**1. Roll Call**

Present

Karen T. Marcus, Commissioner, Palm Beach County Commission  
Addie Greene, Chair, Palm Beach County Commission – Alternate  
Joseph R. Russo, Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens  
Robert Friedman, Vice Mayor, Town of Jupiter – Alternate  
Norma Duncombe, Councilmember, City of Riviera Beach  
Ed Daly, Vice Mayor, Town of Lake Park – Alternate  
William Albury, Mayor, Town of Mangonia Park  
Peggy Cook, Councilmember, Town of Mangonia Park – Alternate  
John R. Smith, Governor's Office Representative

Absent

David J. Levy, Vice Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens – Alternate  
Karen J. Golonka, Mayor, Town of Jupiter  
Cedrick Thomas Councilmember, City of Riviera Beach – Alternate  
Paul Castro, Mayor, Town of Lake Park

Additional Attendees

Andrew Duffel, Senior Vice President – Development,  
Business Development Board of Palm Beach County  
Shannon LaRocque, Assistant County Administrator  
Lisa De La Rionda, Palm Beach County Public Affairs Director

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Mayor William Albury and seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Friedman to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2007 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Comprehensive Plan Status**

Mayor William Albury, Mangonia Park, stated adoption of the Town of Mangonia Park Comprehensive Plan remains the same. Correspondence with Department of Community Affairs (DCA) continues. Councilmember Duncombe explained that the City of Riviera Beach has hired two new planners, thereby freeing Judith Thomas to finish their Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Marcus stated that she would return to this item when Councilmember Duncombe was available. Vice

Mayor Daly explained that the Town of Lake Park Comprehensive Plan is continuing to move forward and will be adopted by July 2008.

#### **4. Scripps Update**

Shannon LaRocque, Assistant County Administrator, updated the Board on the progress of Scripps. The Lester's signed the joint project agreement on Briger. It will be brought to the Board of County Commissioners on November 6, 2007. She felt the progress of the Scripps facility was amazing. The first building will be finished in the fourth quarter 2008 and it will be occupied in the first quarter 2009. She anticipates a favorable Max Planck agreement.

#### **5. Branding/Marketing Subcommittee Update**

Lisa De La Rionda, Public Affairs Director on behalf of BLPAB Subcommittee, explained the web site development, stating that the domain name pbcbioscience.com is available. Tags can be aligned with the domain name that will make it prominent. The masthead has been relabeled to reflect North Palm Beach County. Cities and partners are listed on the left. Search engine keywords list can be added at a later time.

#### **6. Update from Business Development Board of Palm Beach County**

Andrew Duffel, Senior Vice President – Development, stated that the Project Apex application to the State of Florida has been filed. He expects the state's Regional Economic Model (REM) analysis to be favorable because it includes the entire state and not just the Southern portion. A Max Planck Society member was awarded a Nobel Prize in Chemistry. U.S. Senator Nelson visited Berlin and met with Peter Gruss. A teleconference with Governor Crist was held. All remain supportive of this process. Project Catapult is anticipated to be a 150,000 square foot medical outpatient facility that will conduct clinical research and trials. They are interested in the North County with a preference for Palm Beach Gardens or Jupiter. Project Riley is a biotech company that is looking to relocate their entire company, including corporate headquarters, to Palm Beach County because of the investment the county and state has made in Scripps and Max Planck. The ninth Bioscience Stakeholders meeting was held in West Palm Beach with approximately 200 business, government and education leaders in attendance. Another meeting is planned for February or March. The BioFlorida Conference ended October 17, 2007 in Weston. The future of the industry in the State is optimistic. Call has been made to renew the innovation center again next year.

At this time Commissioner Marcus returned to Item 3. She read a letter from the City of Riviera Beach to the Commission, which included the zoning and number of acres available for bioscience within the City. Commissioner Marcus voiced her concern that the Inter-local Agreement signed by all, cites that, in addition to zoning, there is a bioscience research protection overlay. She asked

Councilwoman Duncombe to bring back a schedule of the city's comprehensive plan and overlay status at the next meeting.

## **7. Update State Funding Corporation**

John Smith, Governor's Office Representative, stated that Sara Misselhorn had left the Governor's Office and would no longer be an alternate member on the Board. Others are being considered, including Jenny Garrison. There was no further update.

## **8. Update from Life Science Committee**

Andrew Duffel, Vice President – Development, stated there has not been a recent meeting. He will advise when a meeting date has been set.

## **9. New Business**

Vice Mayor Robert Friedman discussed our area becoming a node of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), which includes various transportation connections such as the port and the airport. The SIS allocates 80 percent of Federal transportation money. Areas without the infrastructure are not eligible for funding. He raised the issue with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that the bioscience corridor should be one of the nodes. He believes that if we start now we can work to become part of the system, which would help North Palm Beach County. He suggested that the Bioscience Committee write a letter to the MPO expressing our interest. He also stated that a standard letter from the Towns and Cities be drafted citing expected growth.

Vice Mayor Friedman made a motion that a letter be drafted in support of our becoming a node of the SIS, seconded by Vice Mayor Ed Daly and passed unanimously.

## **10. Public Comment**

None.

## **11. Next Meeting**

Commissioner Marcus suggested that the next meeting be held on January 17, 2008 in the Town of Lake Park with lunch at 1:00 p.m. and meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## **12. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.