

MINUTES
BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD
TOWN OF JUPITER COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006
2:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call:

Chair County Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
Alternate County Commissioner Addie L. Greene - Absent
City of Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Joe Russo
Alternate City of Palm Beach Gardens Councilman David Levy
Town of Jupiter Mayor Karen J. Golonka
Alternate Town of Jupiter Councilor Robert Friedman
Vice-Chair City of Riviera Beach Councilwoman Liz Wade - Absent
Alternate City of Riviera Beach Councilwoman Norman Duncombe
Town of Lake Park Mayor Paul Castro – Absent
Alternate Town of Lake Park Vice-Mayor Ed Daily – Absent
Town of Mangonia Park Mayor William Albury – Absent
Alternate Town of Mangonia Park Councilwoman Peggy Cook - Absent
Governor’s Office Representative John R. Smith
Alternate Governor’s Office Representative Sara Misselhorn

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Mayor Golonka, seconded by Councilwoman Duncombe, and passed unanimously.

3. Presentation of Expedited Permitting by Mary Helen Blakeslee, Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development

Ms. Helen Blakeslee explained the State’s Expedited Permitting Program and how it was created to facilitate projects to strengthen and diversify the State’s economy.

She explained the process:

- The Applicant completed a project description form and submitted it to the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED) with a turnaround of ten calendar days for review and then certifies or not for expedited permitting.

- Once it was certified, there was 14 calendar days to set up the pre-application meeting which involved every agency that could have a role in permitting or approving the project. The process does not repeal any existing statutory regulations and provided streamlining. The extent of the project was discussed based on the information in the pre-application meeting. At that point, the agencies have an opportunity to go through all the permits they believe the project would require.

- Ms. Blakeslee indicated another element to the process was an open exchange of information. After the pre-application meeting was completed, the agencies had 30 days to submit a Statement of Permitability. This gave an opportunity for the agencies to state the major issues that could stand in the way of obtaining a permit of approval. Once the application was certified, there was no time limit.
- Participation by local governments was voluntary and documented by entering a Memorandum of Agreement with the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. Ms. Blakeslee noted the umbrella agreement most similar to this project was between the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, and the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. She indicated they were working with Ms. Shannon LaRocque developing an umbrella agreement with the County for the unincorporated parts of the County.

4. Status of Comprehensive Plan Amendments

6. Scripps Update

Commissioner Marcus noted Items #4 and #6 would be taken together.

Ms. Shannon LaRocque stated the County was working on the expedited permitting and the County would be entering into an agreement. There was no update with the Comprehensive Plan since the last meeting. Commissioner Marcus noted the County's was adopted on Monday and Mr. John Sickler, Director of Planning and Zoning, Town of Jupiter, indicated the plan would be submitted December 16, 2006.

Ms. LaRocque advised Scripps was moving along nicely and the last item was going to the Board next Tuesday. She thanked Councilor Robert Friedman for helping out with the easement issue.

Commissioner Marcus asked Councilwoman Duncombe for an update for their transmittal date for the overlay and to provide a schedule.

5. Branding/Marketing Subcommittee Update

Ms. Beth Ingold indicated the Committee had prepared models for flyers and would provide samples at a future meeting. The committee planned on drafting a public information plan and would bring to this Committee for approval.

7. Update State Funding Corp.

Ms. Sara Misselhorn noted the funding corporation was having a teleconference meeting on November 28th for approval of the annual report and putting the final approval on Scripps changes to the business plan. She indicated the Legislature may possibly have a special session when looking at the new funding.

8. Update from Life Science Committee

Ms. Casey Steinbacher was not at the meeting.

9. Update from BDB

Ms. Kelly Smallridge noted they had received the life science piece which was a comprehensive piece for all Palm Beach County that marketed the life science cluster. She presented the highlights of the brochure. She pointed out there were some international institutions and for profit companies that have been interested in Palm Beach County. Ms. Smallridge met with Project Catapult who had looked at Palm Beach County and liked Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter; Project Limelight would be visiting Palm Beach County from December 12th - 15th; Project F was working with Palm Beach Gardens; Project Checkmate IBM Scripps Initiative would be going before the County Commissioners in early December. A Steering Committee was being formed to identify what was currently in Palm Beach County in the cluster; identifying the strengths; weaknesses; what companies to go after; and what type of funding should be placed and the criteria needed to receive funds. The group would be making a recommendation to the County Commission on types of companies; and the criteria. Ms. Smallridge explained the low and high end of funding requests. Commissioner Marcus noted it may not be resolved during the regular session but maybe the Legislature could look at it during the regular session and the match program itself and include other municipalities.

Ms. Smallridge noted structural requirements to attract bioscience was 16 foot high ceilings and would provide notes from a previous meeting with other requirements.

10. New Business

Mr. John Smith felt there was confusion as far as where the municipalities stood with the comp plans and where they were in the process and suggested a Master Schedule be developed for all cities. Commissioner Marcus noted in the Interlocal Agreement it stated what each local government needed to do and suggested an outline from the agreement. She asked Ms. LaRocque and Mr. Banks to work on an outline for the next meeting.

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11. Public Comment – None.

12. Next Meeting – DECEMBER 21, 2006.

Commissioner Marcus suggested not having a meeting in December unless the Governors' could attend and planned on the next regular scheduled meeting on January 18, 2007 at Palm Beach Gardens. It was decided 1:00 P.M. lunch with the meeting at 1:30 P.M. Notices would be sent out.

Ms. Sara Misselhorn attended a meeting with Palm Beach County representatives discussing how local governments and private partnerships worked hand in hand with permitting and municipalities could start expedited permitting and not have to wait for the County. She suggested aiming for the beginning of the year and another incentive may come in March or December.

Mr. John Smith pointed out at the previous meeting it was decided to have a funding source in place. Ms. Kelly Smallridge responded BDB requested \$15,000,000.00 for next year. Commissioner Marcus suggested the municipalities ask their Council for money to be set aside.

14. Adjournment

At 2:52 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.