

**BIOSCIENCE LAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010, 1:30 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA**

1. ROLL CALL

Present

Chair Karen T. Marcus, Commissioner, Palm Beach County Commission
(left at 3:05 p.m.)

Vice Chair Karen J. Golonka, Mayor, Town of Jupiter

Desca DuBois, Mayor, Town of Lake Park

Jenni Garrison, Governor's Appointee (alternate)

Shelby Lowe, City of Riviera Beach (alternate)

Joseph R. Russo, Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens

John R. Smith, Governor's Appointee

Priscilla A. Taylor, Palm Beach County Commission (alternate)
(arrived 1:44 p.m.)

Absent

William Albury, Mayor, Town of Mangonia Park

Peggy Cook, Town of Mangonia Park (alternate)

Robert Friedman, Town of Jupiter (alternate)

Eric Jablin, City of Palm Beach Gardens (alternate)

Dawn Pardo, Chair, City of Riviera Beach

Vacant, Town of Lake Park (alternate)

Commissioner Marcus declared a quorum.

Commissioner Marcus asked Mayor Russo to chair the meeting should it run past 3:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Golonka moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

a. Dr. Harry Orf, V.P., Scientific Operations & Professor of Chemistry Scripps

Dr. Orf explained that candidate interviews have been conducted with six offers extended and five accepted. Dr. Orf and Dean William R. Roush, Ph.D. attended the Board of Governors meeting in Tallahassee where the Strategic Planning Committee approved the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Independent Medical School Status. FAU and Scripps together will form a combined M.D., Ph.D. program. Dr. Orf described the program.

b. Brad Margus, Chief Executive Officer Envoy Therapeutics

Mr. Margus presented his business background and explained how his interest in genetic diseases developed as a result of the illness of two of his sons. Mr. Margus explained the founding of Perlegen Sciences in Mountain View, CA in Silicon Valley and the progress made in neurological science by the company. Mr. Margus went on to explain his founding of Envoy Therapeutics with Nobel Laureate Paul Greengard, M.D., Nathaniel

Heintz, Ph.D. and Jeffrey Friedman, M.D., Ph.D. in Jupiter, FL because of proximity to Scripps and Max Planck. Mr. Margus gave suggestions for making this area “welcoming” for biotech companies such as having available lab space, available short-term housing and advertising depicting biotech companies already in the area to attract new companies to the area.

4. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STATUS

Jeff Gagnon, Planner, City of Riviera Beach

The City of Riviera Beach is on track for April adoption.

5. MAX PLANCK AND BRIGER UPDATES

Shannon LaRocque-Baas, Assistant County Administrator, Palm Beach County

Briger has gone well and it is on track for April 1. Groundbreaking for Max Planck is planned for August 23. The South Florida Water Management permits have not been obtained. Public discussion will take place April 21 with final documentation expected by the end of April. Mayor Russo requested support from the environmental community that supported Briger and Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board members at the Palm Beach Gardens City Council meeting on April 1, 2010 due to e-mails received in opposition to the project.

6. UPDATE FROM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Kelly Smallridge, President, Business Development Board

Ms. Smallridge reported on bioscience and life science prospects considering locating to this area. Twelve national and international site selection consultants were here approximately two weeks ago and Palm Beach County was showcased for them.

Andrew Duffell, Senior Vice President of Development, Business Development Board (BDB) will attend the bioscience trade show being held in May in Chicago.

A new website has been launched: www.smartstartpalmbeach.com. It is designed for chief executive officers considering a Palm Beach County location. Ms. Smallridge described the benefits of the website.

a. Bioscience activity in the Town of Lake Park, Mangonia Park and the City of Riviera Beach (Kelly Smallridge)

Ms. Smallridge explained the need for clean, safe space, expedited permitting and shovel-ready status. Ms. Smallridge requested copies of their expediting permitting from Mangonia Park and Riviera Beach. Requirements for shovel-ready status were explained including the need for city, county and state approvals. The status of the Jai-Alai Fronton in Mangonia Park was discussed and an update will be provided at the next meeting. Ms. Smallridge will provide Mr. Lowe with information for uses for established properties in Riviera Beach. Mayor Russo discussed available property in Palm Beach Gardens.

Commissioner Marcus requested to reorder the agenda so New Business will be heard next.

8. NEW BUSINESS

**a. U.S. Government Purchase of land for U.S. Army Reserve Center in the Town of Lake Park (Congress Avenue and Silver Beach Road)
Patrick Sullivan, Community Development Director, Town of Lake Park**

Mr. Sullivan presented the interest of the U.S. Army in acquiring the property at Congress Avenue and Silver Beach Road in Lake Park and explained the need to keep the property available for bioscience.

Dan Liftman, Staff Assistant to Congressman Alcee Hastings, stated support for Lake Park's position in maintaining the property in the bioscience overlay inventory and suggested the City of Belle Glade or the City of Pahokee as alternative sites because of the availability of large plots of land and proximity to the Lake Okeechobee dike. Commissioner Marcus requested Congressman Hastings or Mr. Liftman send a letter to the U.S. Army requesting that it choose a site other than Lake Park. Commissioner Marcus stated the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board will also send a similar letter.

Mayor Russo moved to have Commissioner Marcus send a letter to the U.S. Army on behalf of the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board; seconded by Mayor Golonka.

Andrew Jacobson, Vice President Legal Affairs, McCraney Property Company, owner of the subject property, explained reasons in favor of the U.S. Army locating to the Lake Park site. Public comment was given by Louis Satriano who stated his lack of support for the U.S. Army facility. Mayor Golonka stated she believes the change would affect the biotech land supply. John Smith asked if the U.S. Army were to build on the property with the Interlocal Agreements in place, if Lake Park would be required to set aside a replacement parcel. Commissioner Marcus explained that it would be taken out of the inventory.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Marcus left and Mayor Russo chaired the remainder of the meeting.

**7. UPDATE STATE FUNDING CORPORATION
Jenni Garrison, Governor's Appointee**

Ms. Garrison presented the financial report.

**9. OLD BUSINESS
Bob Banks, Attorney, Palm Beach County**

a. Revisions to the By-Laws

Mr. Banks presented the status of the revisions. John Smith questioned a change in the draft that he thought restricted Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board actions. Mr. Banks explained the proposed change. Mayor Russo explained the purpose of the Board is to protect the bioscience overlay. Mr. Banks requested that this discussion be included on the next agenda. Mayor Russo suggested staff members be invited to the meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Russo opened the floor to public comment and there was no response.

11. NEXT MEETING

Mayor Russo announced the next meeting will be held on May 20, 2010 in the Town of Lake Park. The meeting will include the election of Chair.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Russo adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.