

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, April 09, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.
Atlantis City Hall – 260 Orange Tree Drive

MINUTES

1. Call To Order, Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions

President David Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: David Stewart, Ken Kaleel, Tom Lynch, Mo Thornton, Linda Hodgkins, Matty Mattioli, David Harden, Todd Wodraska, Isaac Robinson Jr. (*arrived 10:00 a.m.*), Lisa Tropepe, and Marge Herzog (*arrived 9:40 a.m.*). **Absent were:** Robert Gottlieb, Mike Arts, and Jerry Taylor.

Past presidents in attendance were Susan Haynie and Ken Schultz.

President Stewart welcomed Susan Haynie back as an ex-officio member.

Also in attendance were League co-counsel Brad Biggs; Lantana Town Manager Michael Bornstein; Lantana Development Services Director David Thatcher; Kelly Smallridge and Gary Hines of the Business Development Board; Assistant County Administrator Shannon Larocque; County Economic Development Director Kevin Johns; Greta Van Unruh; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Colleen O'Donnell.

2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda

Executive Director Jamie Titcomb requested the addition of Item 6c, consideration of Associate Membership application of Slider Engineering Group.

Motion and second to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2008

Motion by Ken Kaleel, second by Matty Mattioli to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financial Reports/Finance Committee

Mr. Titcomb presented the Finance Report. The highlighted line items on the Budget Monthly report are those that straddle two budget years.

Motion by Ken Kaleel, second by Mo Thornton to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

President Stewart asked if the League can perform at the same level next fiscal year without an increase in membership dues. Mr. Titcomb responded that some items may need to be reviewed, but

the level of service will not be affected. The newsletter is costly, and its value will be assessed. The current programs will not be able to expand, and having more cost per service programs will be considered.

5. Scheduled Presentations

a. Light Industrial Land Study

Mr. Bornstein gave the history of the land study taken on by an IPARC subcommittee led by Lantana Development Services Director David Thatcher. They reviewed the need and benefits of zoned industrial areas. The study targets elected city officials. He asked the League to request the County Commission to fund a study reconfigure traffic performance standards for industrial areas.

President Stewart reported that County Commissioner Jeff Koons would like the League to formally request the county to review the issue.

There was discussion.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by Tom Lynch for the League to send a letter to the County Commissioners requesting they readdress Traffic Performance Standards relating to industrial use. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Candidate Forum Discussion

Mr. Titcomb reported that a candidate forum would have to be scheduled for the July General Membership meeting, due to the primary election schedule. He asked for direction on which offices should be included. Offices to consider include County Commission, institutional offices such as Property Appraiser and Sheriff, State Attorney, and judges. One possibility is to pick a few offices for the forum discussion, but invite candidates for all offices to attend.

There was discussion.

The consensus of the Board was to include the County Commission and County office candidates to participate in the forum, and invite all other candidates to attend.

b. Associate Member Application – Wantman Group, Inc.

Mr. Titcomb reported that the League received an application for Associate Membership from Wantman Group, Inc. They are sponsored by Palm Beach Gardens Vice Mayor David Levy.

Motion and second to approve the associate membership of Wantman Group, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Associate Member Application – Slider Engineering Group, Inc.

Mr. Titcomb reported that the League received an application for Associate Membership this morning from Slider Engineering Group, Inc. They are sponsored by the City of Atlantis. Slider Associate Paul Barbieri introduced himself and told the Board about the company.

**Motion and second to approve the associate membership of Slider Engineering Group, Inc.
Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

Mr. Titcomb reported that the committee was working on the Youth Delegation program for the National League of Cities conference in November. A draft information sheet and application was included in everyone's packet. It will be distributed to schools and city managers. The League will pay for registrations; sponsors will be sought to help cover expenses, and the League will also look to cities and parents to contribute. The Florida League of Cities is interested in adopting the program.

c. Gold Coast Committee

Ken Schultz reported that a lunch meeting will be held at the Steak & Ale in Ft. Lauderdale on April 18.

d. Home Rule Committee

Committee Chair Lisa Tropepe reported that Tequesta has the LUV PAC resolution on their April 10th agenda. Ms. White reported that coordinator Beth Rawlins is on the April 23rd General Membership meeting.

e. Legislative Committee

Committee Chair Ken Kaleel reported that legislative updates are being distributed. Mr. Titcomb reported that he was in Tallahassee for Legislative Action Day. The legislature is focused on cutting funding and expenses. This League and the Florida League are looking for bad legislation. He is going to Tallahassee again next week.

g. Programs Committee

Committee Chair Ken Schultz thanked the committee and Trela White for all the work done for the Elected Officials Workshop on the 23rd.

h. Scholarships/Golf Committees

Committee Chair Mo Thornton reported that the scholarships will be presented at the April 23rd General Membership meeting. She would like the golf tournament and youth delegation to appear in the Palm Beach Post's Notables section. Work has started on the golf tournament.

i. Transportation Committee

Committee Chair David Harden reported that the committee met to review HB 1245 and SB 1512, which propose to move a \$2 rental charge from FDOT road projects to Tri-Rail. FDOT opposes the bills, and has produced a list of road projects that would be affected if it lost those funds. The committee voted to recommend League support of the bills.

Motion by David Harden, second by Mo Thornton to support House Bill 1245 and Senate Bill 1512.

There was discussion.

Substitute motion and second to support a \$2 rental car surcharge for Tri-Rail, but without affecting FDOT road projects. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Legal Report

Ms. White reported that the Delray Beach, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach cases are still pending. The League has not yet been permitted to file an amicus brief in the West Palm Beach case.

With regard to the FDOT/bicycle lane case, both the cities and the cyclists feel they have succeeded. The cities have prevailed in this case, but the FDOT must follow guidelines with future bicycle lane projects.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Titcomb reported that he has informed the Community Land Trust that he does not plan to continue on the board once his term expires later this summer. The position will be posted for interested members.

There are a couple of table already committed for the installation luncheon.

He asked for feedback on the Membership Directory. Should the League continue to produce it in its current format? After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to continue to produce the directory in its current format, and perhaps expanding it to include more information.

10. District Reports – None

11. Member Comments

Mr. Kaleel asked that the Board examine the feasibility of moving the League's office. He feels the current location, sharing a county storage room, is not in the best interest of the staff. The consensus of the Board was to examine the issue.

Mr. Robinson reported that the Youth Delegation program was moving along. He also addressed his nomination for 2nd Vice President, and said that he'll know Monday whether he can accept.

12. Meetings Announcement – *Announced*

13. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 10:28 a.m.