

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Mangonia Park Town Hall – Town of Mangonia Park**

**MINUTES**

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

President Lisa Tropepe called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Board members present were:** Lisa Tropepe, Todd Wodraska, Martha Webster, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Scott Maxwell, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson, David Harden, David Levy, Mike Mullaugh, Matt Willhite, Woodrow Hay, and Calvin Turnquest. **Absent were:** Dawn Pardo, Robert Shalhoub and Isaac Robinson, Jr.

Past presidents in attendance: David Stewart, Susan Haynie and Carmine Priore.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; Michael Bornstein, Manager, and David Thatcher, Development Services Director, Town of Lantana; John Reiser, Palm Beach County Environmental Program Supervisor; Melissa McKinlay, Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs; Joe Walsh and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; League Counsel Trela White, Esq., Brad Biggs, Esq., and Jennifer Ashton, Esq., Corbett and White; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

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

Mr. Radcliffe asked to add Item 5c, New Member Application.

**Motion by David Levy, second by Woodrow Hay to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Motion by David Levy, second by Mike Mullaugh to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Scheduled Presentations – None**

**5. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. Appointment to SE Florida Regional Climate Change Compact**

Mr. Radcliffe introduced John Reiser, Palm Beach County Environmental Program Supervisor. He explained the background and purpose of the Compact.

There was discussion.

**Motion and second to appoint Carisse LeJeune and the City of Boynton Beach to the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact. Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. Scholarship Funding**

Mr. Radcliffe explained that he is seeking direction on funding for the William A. Cruickshank Scholarship program. There is \$20,000 in the scholarship account. The golf tournament may pose some ethics problems for elected officials. He would like to revive the Program Committee to tackle new funding ideas.

There was discussion.

**Motion by Martha Webster, second by Todd Wodraska to award \$5,000 in scholarships this year. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Matt Willhite, second by David Levy to re-form the Program Committee to address scholarship funding.**

There was discussion.

**Amended motion by Matt Willhite, amended second by David Levy, to re-form the Program Committee, with the parameters of the committee to be set by the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Bill Thrasher, second by Mo Thornton to solicit for funds for the scholarship program. Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. New Member Application**

President Tropepe reported that the League received an application for Associate membership from The League of Women Voters, Palm Beach County. They are sponsored by David Levy.

**Motion by David Levy, second by Matt Willhite to approve the membership application of The League of Women Voters Palm Beach County. Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Committee Reports**

**a. Legislative Committee**

Committee Chair Todd Wodraska reported that the committee met the first week in January to discuss two issues, which were added to the League's Legislative Priorities: proposed legislation to eliminate local business taxes; and on residential sober houses. There was discussion.

**b. Vehicle for Hire Advisory Committee**

Delray Beach Captain Thomas Mitchell, the League's appointee to the committee, gave a report on its progress.

## **7. Legal Report**

League Counsel Trela White reported that the Foster's Pub case has been scheduled for oral argument on January 25<sup>th</sup>. For her to participate, additional funding must be approved by the Board of Directors. She estimated that preparation and attendance would be approximately four hours.

There was discussion.

**Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Bill Thrasher to approve Ms. White's participation in the oral arguments phase of the Foster's Pub suit, and the funding that participation requires. Motion carried unanimously.**

She recommended following legislation regarding the sober houses, local business tax, and public participation at government meetings.

She encouraged close monitoring of the Commission on Ethics.

## **8. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Radcliffe reported that due to the economic climate, the League has lost some Associate members. He has met with current members to learn how we can add value to their membership, and he's been recruiting new members.

The Florida League of Cities' Legislative Action Days are January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The annual installation gala is booked for May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport.

Congressman Allen West is scheduled as the featured speaker at the February meeting, hosted by Tequesta. Rick Baker has confirmed for March in Highland Beach.

He reported on the Commission on Ethics meetings and rulings. There was discussion.

## **9. District Reports – None**

## **10. Member Comments**

Dr. Priore announced that due to term limits, he is leaving office in March, and the February meetings will be his last as a Board member. He plans to stay involved with the League.

Mr. Turnquest announced that Tequesta is proud to host the February meetings, and Congressman West has confirmed his participation. The Tequesta Country Club has limited space, so RSVPs will be required.

## **11. Meetings Announcements**

## **13. Adjournment** - The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.