

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, October 23, 2013
North Palm Beach Country Club - 951 US Highway 1, North Palm Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at noon. Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay gave the invocation and led the membership into the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Cities represented were: Atlantis, Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Greenacres, Haverhill, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington and West Palm Beach. **Absent were:** Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Glen Ridge, Golf, Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, Ocean Ridge, Palm Beach Gardens, and South Bay.

Mayor William L. Manuel of North Palm Beach welcomed the membership to the Village of North Palm Beach and to the North Palm Beach Country Club. He recognized members of his council that were in attendance: Vice Mayor Darryl Aubrey and President Pro Tem Robert A. Gebbia. Mayor Manuel also recognized Village staff Manager Ed Green, Attorney Leonard Rubin, Clerk Melissa Teal, Deputy Clerk Christine Wilcott, Executive Secretary Johanna Shops and IT Coordinator Scott White.

Mayor Manuel reminded the membership that on November 11, 2013, the Village of North Palm Beach will be having a ceremony for Veterans Day. Anyone who attended the general membership meeting is invited to the ceremony. The ceremony will be at 1:00 p.m. and invitations have been sent out to elected officials to RSVP to the event.

President Maxwell thanked the associate members for their support of the League.

President Maxwell recognized Representative Bobby Powell, Jr. and Former Palm Beach County Commissioner Karen Marcus.

President Maxwell introduced new members Larry Rein of ChildNet and James Kanter who were given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

6c. Presentation from the Literacy Coalition

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2013 General Membership meeting

Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. President's Report

President Scott Maxwell reported that there were many members who participated at the Florida League of Cities Legislative Priorities Meeting in Orlando last week. Two very important issues that were discussed at the meeting were sober houses and vacation rentals. President Maxwell asked those who have recently participated in the legislative meetings in Jacksonville and Orlando to stand up and introduce themselves.

6. Presentations -

a. FLC Awards

Florida League of Cities' Scott Dudley thanked the membership for the opportunity to be present. Mr. Dudley announced three awards. The first two FLC awards being presented were the "Friends to the Cities" awards which went to Senator Jeff Clemens and Representative Mark Pafford. Senator Clemens thanked the Town of Lake Park and the City of Delray Beach for being particularly helpful and for lending their time. Representative Pafford thanked his assistant Audrey Piedra and secretary Allyssa McDaniel for all of their help. The third award that Mr. Dudley presented was the "Home Rule Hero Award" which was presented to Terrill Pyburn, Assistant City Attorney of Delray Beach. Ms. Pyburn thanked her boss, Brian Shutt as well as Executive Director Richard Radcliffe and his staff.

b. Terrill Pyburn - Sober Homes

Terrill Pyburn reported on the problems associated with sober homes in Palm Beach County and surrounding areas. She stated that the residents of these sober homes are considered disabled and cannot be discriminated against under Florida law. Ms. Pyburn informed the board that currently, in the state of Florida, there are no licensing requirements for owning or operating sober houses. She discussed the odd circumstances that have been discovered lately involving sober homes. One example Ms. Pyburn discussed was apartment units being used as sober homes that are attached to a bar and the owner of the bar is also the owner and operator of the sober homes. Ms. Pyburn also states that insurance fraud associated with the owners and operators of the sober homes is being looked into. She provided an example stating drug tests that should only cost \$10 to \$15 weekly are being charged \$7200 weekly to the insurance companies. Ms. Pyburn announced that she is looking for support and help in spreading the word about this issue. She pointed out that these sober homes and people in recovery are being abused and exploited for profits. The goal is to end the possibility of relapse by putting regulations on sober house operators such as requiring that background checks be done on all owners and operators of sober houses and penalties be placed on those who fail to register. Other ideas include: requirements for all advertisements for sober homes to have a registration number listed and random inspections of sober homes. Ms. Pyburn informed the membership that this problem has grown beyond Palm Beach County to all over the state of Florida.

c. Darlene Kostrub - Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County

Darlene Kostrub, CEO of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, presented awards to communities for doing a great job of reading to the children this year. She thanked all the

municipalities who participated in the 2013 Read for the Record. She divided recognition into two categories: municipalities with a population of less than 20,000 and municipalities with a population of more than 20,000.

The first place winner for municipalities with a population below 20,000 was the Town of Lantana and second place winner was the Town of Haverhill.

The first place winner for municipalities with a population over 20,000 was Boynton Beach and second place winner was the City of West Palm Beach.

7. Miscellaneous Business and Actions

None

8. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White informed the board that the Amicus brief has been filed in regard to code enforcement cases as to whether or not attorney fees may be charged. Jupiter was appreciative and the documents can be accessed through Richard Radcliffe. Mrs. White informed the board that this will not be a trial, just a record preceding.

Mrs. White reported that the Laws of Florida amended section 106.08 of the Florida Statute, increasing the amount a person or political committee can make a contribution, in any election, for a candidate for municipal office from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. The law becomes effective November 1, 2013.

Mrs. White made the membership aware that the red light camera case has now gone to the Supreme Court. This case includes the conflict of jurisdiction between the Cities of Aventura and Orlando. Mrs. White stated that their oral argument has been changed from October 8th, 2013 to November 7, 2013.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the membership about the November 20th roundtable event from 10am to 12pm at the Atlantis Country Club. He asked that everyone please reach out to their officials and confirm their attendance.

Mr. Radcliffe mentioned that the Boynton Beach Meeting on November 27th will be held at Benvenuto Restaurant in Boynton Beach, Florida. He informed the membership that RSVP is required for this meeting as it is the day before Thanksgiving. Mr. Radcliffe stated that tourism will be topic of the presentation at the General Membership meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe announced that the Fire Service Committee has been set up and they are looking to have sustainable fire service whether it is contracted with Palm Beach County or individually. He mentioned the preference in having technical people joining the committee and for anyone who is interested to contact him.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership that FEMA flood map information must be in by November 30th, 2013.

Mr. Radcliffe closed by reminding the board that the Glades Barbecue will be on December 6 at the Pahokee Marina. Anyone who would like to help donate or sponsor is welcome.

10. Member Comments

OCR Director Houston Tate wanted to remind everyone about the REAP workshop beginning November 12th at the Vista Center Complex at 2300 N Jog Road in West Palm Beach. Topics that will be covered in the workshop include: leadership, diversity, partnership, foreclosures from the standpoint of the impacts of families and the impacts on our communities, and the interactions between youth and seniors in our communities.

Marge Sullivan of Palm Health Care announced that November 9-18 is Palm Beach County Diabetes Week. There will be free screenings all week long. To find out more, visit 211palmbeach.org

11. Upcoming Meetings

Legislative Roundtable...10 a.m. November 20, 2013

Board of Directors Meeting, Boynton Beach...10 a.m., November 27, 2013

General Membership Meeting, Boynton Beach...Noon, November 27, 2013

Glades Barbecue, Pahokee Marina...Noon, December 6, 2013

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.