

**BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 1, 2010 – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Trattoria Bella Cibo**  
**5801 Margate Boulevard, Margate**

**Call to Order, Moment of Silent Meditation, Pledge of Allegiance**

Second Vice President Beth Talabisco called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Present were:

Officers: Second Vice President Beth Talabisco, Secretary Debby Eisinger, and Treasurer Rae Carole Armstrong.

Board Members/Alternates: Immediate Past President Gary Resnick, Past Presidents M. Margaret Bates, Lori Moseley, and Frank Ortis, Commissioner Patricia Asseff, Mayor Lisa Aronson, Commissioner Hayward J. Benson, Jr., Mayor Jack Brady, Vice Mayor George Brummer, Clerk-Commissioner Georgina Cohen, Vice Mayor Dan Dodge, Commissioner Thomas Dorsett, Commissioner Bobby DuBose, Commissioner Bobbie Grace, Vice Mayor Aster Knight, Vice Mayor Jack McCluskey, Mayor Roseann Minnet, Mayor Allegra Murphy, Mayor Peggy Noland (Alternate Vice Mayor Joseph Miller), Commissioner Donald Rosen, Commissioner Dorothy Ross, Mayor Fred Schorr (Alternate Commission President Susie Gordon), Village Council President Elliot Sokolow, Vice Mayor Susan Starkey, Mayor Michael Udine, Mayor Joseph Varsallone, and Commissioner Patricia Williams (Alternate Vice Mayor Benjamin Williams, Sr.).

Board Members Excused: President Roy Gold, First Vice President Daniel Stermer, and Commissioner Ilene Lieberman.

Board Members Not Present: Past Presidents Joy Cooper and Tom Hasis and Vice Mayor Barbara Sharief.

Also Present: Commissioner David McLean, Commissioner Pam Donovan, Legal Counsel Michael Cirullo, Esquire, Legislative Consultant Russ Klenet, Executive Director Rhonda Calhoun, Administrative Assistant Sely Mojica, United Way President and CEO Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson, Cosmo Tornese (CAP Government), Jane Grant (Pierson Grant Public Relations), and Chris Lorber (Broward County).

**Welcome**

Margate Mayor Joseph Varsallone welcomed the Board to Margate and the fine restaurant of Trattoria Bella Cibo. He introduced his colleagues, Commissioners Pam Donovan and David McLean, City Clerk Leslie May, and Jack Tobin.

**Special Guests/Presentation**

Second Vice President Talabisco recognized United Way President and CEO Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson. She informed the Board of the many programs and areas of assistance offered by the United Way, i.e., Project Lifeline, intergenerational programs, Meals on Wheels, and educational initiatives at Coconut Creek High School. She thanked those cities that participated in the workplace campaigns emphasizing that

every dollar raised is matched six times. She stressed the importance of municipal partnership opportunities to effectively leverage available dollars. Dr. O'Flannery Anderson will provide electronic information to the Executive Director who will, in turn, forward it to Board Members for municipal participation.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion of Mayor Varsallone, seconded by Commissioner Grace, the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 10, 2010 were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Executive Director Calhoun presented the Financial Reports for the Period Ended June 30, 2010, and upon motion of Mayor Udine, seconded by Mayor Aronson, the Financial Reports were accepted as presented.

### **President's Report**

Second Vice President Talabisco extended condolences to Commissioner Rosen on behalf of the Board of Directors on the recent loss of his mother.

### **New Business**

Mayor Minnet, on behalf of the Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division, asked for the League's support for The Southeast Florida Response to Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill – A Call for Comprehensive Energy Policy and Protection of Florida's Waters Sign-On. Upon motion of Commissioner Grace, seconded by Mayor Varsallone, the Board offered its support.

Second Vice President Talabisco instructed the Board on the Broward League By-Law provisions and voting process for the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors. All candidates (Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Benson, Commissioner Gold (excused absence), Mayor Moseley, Mayor Murphy, Mayor Resnick, Vice Mayor Starkey, Mayor Varsallone (withdrew his name from nomination), and Commissioner Rosen were given an opportunity to highlight their experience and desire for the Board's nomination. Ballots were distributed.

### **Old Business**

Cos Tornese of CAP Government provided an overview and municipal survey results of a recommendation to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals to consider amending Section 117.13.1, Chapter 1, of the Administration portion of the Florida Building Code for Broward County to allow for the use of a Magistrate in addition to using an Unsafe Structures Board at a municipalities' discretion. It is believed that the use of a Magistrate would allow for greater flexibility, ease, quick response, be less of an administrative burden to process cases, and could bring cases to final judgment expeditiously. The concept was supported upon motion of Mayor Aronson, seconded by Commissioner Dorsett. Immediate Past President Resnick offered a friendly amendment to the motion requiring assurance that the League would see the exact language of any proposed changes to the Florida Building Code, and today's action was solely a recommendation of the concept. The motion was approved.

Immediate Past President Resnick updated the Board on the recent Supreme Court favorable decision relating to text messages (on municipal cell phones) and the alleged Fourth Amendment Violation on an individual's right to privacy.

Past President Ortis announced that the Florida League of Cities Board Dinner during the Annual Conference will be held at Runway 84.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Calhoun provided the Board with a Broward League 2010 Legislative Advocacy Report; announced that the July General Membership Meeting and the August Board Meeting are cancelled for summer recess; reminded the members of the upcoming dates for the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference at the Diplomat in Hollywood, that a hospitality room has been secured, and that the next General Membership Meeting is rescheduled from August 19, 2010 to August 26, 2010 due to the Conference. She stressed the importance of the necessity of members to RSVP for Board Meetings to ensure proper planning.

### **Public Relations Report**

Jane Grant of Pierson Grant Public Relations discussed the Weekly Activity Report of June 25, 2010 and submitted a draft distribution to each Broward League member city for posting on their website and newsletters in connection with "Cities United Against Amendment 4".

### **Legislative Consultant Report**

Legislative Consultant Klenet predicted that the Legislature will be called back into special session at the end of July to address several issues to include the prohibition of offshore drilling and several funding issues.

### **Legal Counsel Report**

Legal Counsel Cirullo directed the Board's attention to the legal memorandum of Goren Cherof, et al, in connection with the recent meetings of the Ethics Task Force. He then provided an update on the proposed judicial process (rule-making procedures, docket system, and enforcement) to be instituted in connection with red light cameras. It is imperative to note that there is no additional funding for hearing officers in this regard, and that the League will be working with the county court system to establish a funding mechanism.

He reported that the Board's nominations to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors are Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Gold, Mayor Moseley, Mayor Murphy, Vice Mayor Starkey, and Mayor Resnick.

Past President Ortis discussed the outcome of his recent meeting with certain members of the editorial board of the Sun Sentinel in connection with the reporting inaccuracies of certain reporters on staff.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2010 in Deerfield Beach.