

Village of Palmetto Bay
Palmetto Bay Partnership Committee Minutes
 Wed, Mar 9, 2016 – 6:30 @ Village Hall Council Chambers
 9705 East Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay FL 33157

Peter England (Chairman) called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

1) Roll Call/Attendance:

Juan Alayo	Y	Suzanne Gottlieb-Calleja	Y	Ben Powell	N
Peter England	Y	Eric Haas	N	Courtney Reeder	Y
Eddie Escobar	Y	Susan Hotzman	Y	Dan Yglesias	N
Hal Feldman	Y	Edward Joffee	Y		
Anthony Gorman	N	Rick Lujan	Y		
Attorney Dexter Lehtinen	N	Clerk Meighan Alexander	N		
Manager Ed Silva	N	Planning & Zoning Darby Desalle	Y		

2) Approval of Minutes:

Motioned: Courtney

Seconded: Edward J.

Approved:

Unanimous	X	In favor	X	Opposed	
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3) Public Comments:

a) One person attending. Did not make comments; therefore opened/closed

4) Chairman's Report:

- a) Peter remarked that he would meet with FPL in order to access their database/info rich in information that might help the economic development sub-committee
- b) Peter let the committee know that the 70+ acre former FPL site had a County plan for a water park and marina. Zoning ability moved from M-D County to Palmetto Bay the moment the FPL sub-station was decommissioned.
- c) Site includes approximately 15 acres of submerged land and E-1 zoning for frontage on Ludlam (67th Avenue).
- d) Coral Gables appears to have their eye on the land as well. No one sure if that can/will gain traction.
- e) Peter reports, the donated Weeks property (Old Cutler Road between 162 and 164 Sts) deeded to the Deering Estate now has \$500k budgeted for retrofitting and upgrades so it can become a biological field study facility. Building appears to be well suited for the task.

5) Other Business 1

- a) During the course of an extended discussion, Darby discussed the role of the committee as an advisory committee to the Council. He suggested we may be overstepping our bounds by some of the discussion he heard tonight and that we should stick to our advisory role and only communicate to Council.

** Suzanne arrived about 15 minutes late. Eddie E. about 30 minutes late

6) Sub-Committee Reports

- a) Review of Charter – Edward Joffee presented the letter regarding the recommendation to strike a portion of the Charter regarding lobbying. See letter

attached to agenda for this meeting as reference.

The committee discussed and agreed that it did not make sense to preclude a "lobbyist" who had made a contribution to a seated Mayor, Vice Mayor or Councilperson from "lobbying" during their 4-year term.

After significant discussion about *how* to make the recommendation, it was motioned to present the letter to Council as a recommendation prior to the meeting of the Charter Advisory Committee meeting on March 23.

Motioned: Peter

Seconded: Eddie E.

Approved:

Unanimous	X	In favor	X	Opposed	
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It was further motioned that we should recommend a change to the Charter regarding Annexation such that the vote of Council be changed to a simple majority from a super majority in order to approve an annexation.

Motioned: Ricardo

Seconded: Eddie E.

Approved:

Unanimous	X	In favor	X	Opposed	
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- b) Business Retention – Courtney suggested that in order to move her sub-committee forward she wanted to have a combined meeting with the Communication sub-committee April 6 @ 9:30A. Hal and Juan said that was clear in their calendar. Courtney to request such meeting with Meighan.
- c) Economic Development and Communications sub-committees did not have significant reports to notate.

7) Other Business 2

- a) Ricardo met with Ernie Diaz, Chairman of the Beacon Council to discuss zoning and land opportunities. Peter though we should pursue this to "connect the dots" on zoning and land because it is always better to have more people knowledgeable than less.

8) Next Meeting Date(s):

- a) Full committee meeting April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Edward & Arlene Feller Community Room at Ludovici Park.
- b) Peter requested that as many people from the full committee (representing themselves as individuals) attend the Charter Review Committee presentation to Council on March 23.

9) Adjournment:

Motioned: Ricardo

Seconded: Hal

Approved:

Unanimous	X	In favor	X	Opposed	
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Peter England (Chairman) called the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



Minutes signed by Secretary