



**DIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, November 17, 2016, 10 a.m.

***“Bringing Together Our Community through  
Collaboration, Education, Resources and Engagement.”***

**Revised  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Arlene Williams, Early Learning Coalition of PBC  
David Scott, Kaizen Management Solutions  
Diane Bernhard, Bethlehem Community Education Center  
Felicia Hester, Bridges at Lake Park  
George Carter, Riviera Beach Maritime Academy  
James DuBois, Mayor Town of Lake Park  
Janet Perry, Office of the Town Manager Lake Park  
Joe Rice, Incsource  
John D' Agostino, Town Manager Lake Park  
Karen Mahnk, Library Director Town of Lake Park  
Ken Bowers, Operation Hope, Inc.  
Marcia Bahia, PBC Sheriff's Office  
Ricky Petty, Bridges at Lake Park  
Riunite Franks, Special Events Director Town of Lake Park  
Sherry Baker, PBC Sheriff's Office  
Ted Schiafone, Lake Park Harbor Marina

- Welcome and Introductions - Each attendee provided an overview/summary of their organization.
- Judie Gibson, Director of Philanthropy, Viking/Riviera Beach Maritime Academy provided a presentation to include the Academy's Mission Statement of commitment to providing students with an a rigorous academic and hands-on quality education within the maritime, science, and technology equipping them for Marine Industry employment and/or maritime colleges and universities. The Maritime Academy is an A/B school offering Dual Enrollment to students in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. There will be forty-six Academy graduates. The Academy offers sports, scholarships and there is no cost to the student to attend with Viking Yachts as the supporter.
- Ms. Gibson discussed the future expansion of the Academy starting with renovations to the existing building and construction of an addition to the educational campus. Student size is expected to increase from 140 to 600 by 2018.

- Information was provided regarding Certified Adult Educational classes for career development as part of the proposed Education Campus Zone. The classes will be maritime based with 16-20 week courses for students 18 years of age or older to accommodate 15 students per class. Registration is open now for a career in Hospitality, Tourism Industry or Engineering Services.
- Future plans were discussed about investing in the surrounding communities and their quality of life by providing Neighborhood Improvements and Affordable Housing of 800-1200 square feet, to keep with the vision of providing a quality of life to the community.
- Viking Developers, LLC is hosting its first Neighborhood Meeting, **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.** at the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy to build community relationships. This event was inspired based on the idea raised by the Town at the last Diversity Council meeting encouraging residences, police and community leaders to come together. The next Neighborhood Meeting hosted by Viking will be **April 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**
- The Town Manager advised that the Lake Park Police Athletic League (PAL) program is applying for a mentoring program, a 4 to 1 mentorship for forty students, four hours a week at the Bethlehem Baptist Church with a grant reimbursement of \$38,000.

At the November 16<sup>th</sup> Town Commission Meeting the Commission approved a Resolution providing a 30 day separation requirement between major events to allow for a community calendar of events, applicants must apply 90 days in advance of the event.

The Town Manager is looking into a zip code change from 33403 for Lake Park to market our community in a more positive light. The current zip Code is shared with West Palm Beach and Riviera Beach. The crime statistic reports include these communities along with Lake Park giving a distorted image oo true statistics when other zip codes are included.

The Town's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Friday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8 p.m.** at the Town Green on Downtown Park Avenue.

The Welcome Reception for Lake Park Elementary School Principal Michelle Fleming will be held **January 19, 2017, 5-7 p.m.** in Town Hall's Mirror Ballroom.

The Lake Park Harbor Marina has free sea school training classes to Lake Park residence beginning **January 6** with the 2017 class schedule running through July 8. Visit [www.lakeparkmarina.com](http://www.lakeparkmarina.com) for more information.

- Joe Rice announced the Bridges at Lake Park Parent to Parent Kindergarten Readiness group Christmas Gift Give-a-way by invitation only to the parents and school staff on **December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m.** at the Lake Shore Park Indoor Pavilion.
- A handout was provided for a theatrical performance by Advia Productions entitled Joy & Christmas “Just Believe in the Power of Love” to be held at Inlet Grove Community High School Auditorium in Riviera Beach, **December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 p.m.** This will be the first show from 8 week courses for the Performing Arts. Students are from all areas and may do a future performance theme on diversity.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:**

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 10 a.m., Lake Park Town Hall, Mirror Ballroom