



Libertarian Party of Brevard County - Regular Business Meeting Agenda

*This draft agenda is subject to approval by the voting membership.

Meeting Date & Location

10/17/2022

Cape Royal Professional Business Center
1980 N Atlantic Ave 2nd Floor, Cocoa Beach

Remote Participation: Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/LPBrevard>

*Online participants must declare in the comments that they wish to participate for the Secretary to record their attendance. Comments will be monitored for online participation. All other voting rules apply.

Sign in

Meet-and-Greet

1. Call to order
2. Officer Roll Call
 - Determination of quorum (75% of Executive Committee or 25% of all voting members)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - September 19 Monthly Business Meeting.
 - October 4 Special Business Meeting
5. Officer Reports
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Director At Large
6. Committee Reports
 - Gala 2022 Committee
 - Outreach Committee
 - LPF Report
7. Old Business
 - Motion 2022-38 LP Brevard Position Recommendations on 2022 Cocoa Beach Referendum.
See Addendum 1

8. New Business

- Motion 2022-40 Authorization to allocate funds for Annual Voluntary Thanksgiving event.
See addendum 2
- Motion 2022-41 Motion to Amend Constitution to Clarify Attendance.
See Addendum 3
- Motion 2022-42 Motion to Amend Bylaws to Harmonize Meeting Rules.
See Addendum 4

9. Discussion Item

10. Public Comments

11. Notice & Announcement of Next Meeting

- Next Meeting Date & Location
November 21, 2022
Cape Royal Professional Business Center
1980 N Atlantic Ave 2nd Floor, Cocoa Beach

- Next Social Date & Location

12. Adjournment

Addendum 1: Motion 2022-38

Title: Recommend Position on 2022 Cocoa Beach Referendum

Mover: Greg Peele

Motion: I move for LPBC to adopt the recommendation of voting Yes on Question 1 and Question 2 the November 2022 Cocoa Beach ballot referendum to reduce supermajority requirements for amending the city comprehensive plan and disposing of city property.

Question 1 Ballot Text:

Cocoa Beach City Charter Amendment Revising Comprehensive Plan Approval Requirements

Shall the City Charter be amended to revise, from all five commissioners to four commissioners, the number of affirmative commissioner votes necessary to approve Cocoa Beach Comprehensive Plan amendments increasing permissible building and structure height or allowable development density and intensity?

Case in Favor:

This makes it easier for the city government to amend zoning, code, and height restrictions to be more reflective of the will of the public and changing economic conditions. It is highly unusual to require unanimous votes for anything, and the 4 out of 5 supermajority (effectively the same as $\frac{2}{3}$ on a five person board) matches most similar votes in other jurisdictions.

Case Against:

Presumably the concern is that people are against allowing increases in building height or density to keep Cocoa Beach's character and prevent overdevelopment, and requiring a unanimous vote is intended to prevent substantive changes without overwhelming support.

Recommendation: Vote Yes.

Ultimately this makes it easier to amend or rescind regulations and make the city council more reflective of the will of the voters. Nobody's rights are infringed by this change.

Question 2 Ballot Text:

Cocoa Beach City Charter Amendment Revising Approval Requirements for City Real Property Transfers

Shall the City Charter be amended to revise, from all five commissioners to four commissioners, the number of affirmative commissioner votes necessary to approve the transfer or relinquishment of any interest in real property in which the city has a legal interest?

Case in Favor:

This makes it easier for the city government to sell or otherwise dispose of city property, possibly making it easier to privatize government property. It is highly unusual to require unanimous votes for anything, and even a $\frac{4}{5}$ supermajority is a higher threshold than most votes.

Case Against:

Not sure what the case against would be.

Recommendation: Vote Yes

The city should be able to sell, transfer, or dispose of property it no longer needs. Even a $\frac{4}{5}$ supermajority is probably higher than it should be. We are in favor of anything that leads to more property being owned or managed by the private sector in a free market.

Addendum 2: Motion 2022-40

Title: Funds for Annual Voluntary Thanksgiving

Mover: Ashley Kautz

"I move to authorize expending up to \$250 plus any contributions designated specifically for this purpose for Annual Voluntary Thanksgiving."

Addendum 3: Motion 2022-41

Title: Motion to Amend Constitution to Clarify Attendance

Mover: Greg Peele

Motion: I move to amend the LPBC Constitution Article II Section II to strike the text “attends three (3) of the previous six (6) and/or six (6) of the previous twelve (12) business meetings“ and replace with the text “ attends at least three (3) business meetings within the previous six (6) months and/or at least six (6) business meetings within the previous twelve (12) months.” and to amend LPBC Constitution Article VI Section I to insert the word “regular” before “business meeting” and to strike the word “at least” prior to “monthly.”

Effects:

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION I: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

(No Changes)

SECTION II: VOTING MEMBERS

A Voting Member of the LPBC is any person who is an Associate Member and attends at least three (3) business meetings within ~~of~~ the previous six (6) months and/or at least six (6) business meetings within ~~of~~ the previous twelve (12) months ~~business meetings~~, is registered to vote in Brevard County, Florida with a listed party of Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF) as verified by Voter ID, and is not otherwise a member of any other political party. Voting membership shall take effect immediately on attendance of the qualifying meeting. Any member who fails to maintain this level of attendance, whose voter registration cannot be verified, or who is shown to be registered with or is otherwise a member of another political party shall be downgraded to associate membership until all qualifications for voting membership are met again.

ARTICLE VI: MEETING NOTICE AND PROCEDURE

SECTION I: REGULAR MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall call regular business meetings ~~at least~~ monthly with advance notice of the meeting posted to the public and functioning website, subject to any additional policies and procedures defined in the bylaws or other subordinate governing documents.

Rationale:

Motion 2022-18 added constitutional provisions for special meetings that enabled them to count toward attendance requirements along with electronic participation. However, unlike the intent stated in discussion, the actual wording of the motion made special meetings count both for and against people rather than only in their favor. This would make it such that holding too many special meetings may cause people unable to make those meetings to lose their voting membership which was contrary to the intent. The proposed wording clarifies that attending sufficient meetings within the 6 or 12 month span is sufficient regardless of whether they were regular or special, and that the regular meetings should be monthly.

Addendum 4: Motion 2022-42

Title: Motion to Amend Bylaws to Harmonize Meeting Rules

Mover: Greg Peele

Motion: I move to amend the LPBC Bylaws to strike Article I Section IV and renumber following sections appropriately, to amend Article I Section I to replace “and location” with “location, and information to participate electronically if authorized,” prior to “and location”, to amend Article I Section II to strike the word “emergency” and replace with “special” in all cases, to amend Article I Section II to insert “information to participate electronically if authorized,” after “location”, and to amend Article I Section II to strike “no business other than the publicly posted agenda” and replace with “no business inconsistent with the publicly stated purpose”.

Effects:

ARTICLE I: MEETINGS

SECTION I

The Executive Committee shall call a monthly regular business meeting with the date, time, ~~and location, and information to participate electronically if authorized~~ posted at minimum on the party’s public and functioning website at least fourteen (14) days in advance. The Secretary shall post all previously unapproved minutes and the draft agenda at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the regular business meeting.

SECTION II

The Executive Committee may call a special ~~an emergency~~ business meeting for a specific time-sensitive purpose with the date, time, location, information to participate electronically if authorized, and full agenda posted on the party’s public and functioning website at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. No business inconsistent with the publicly stated purpose ~~other than the publicly posted agenda~~ may be conducted during the special ~~emergency~~ meeting.

SECTION III

(No Changes)

SECTION IV

~~The Executive Committee may, but is not obligated to, provide for remote electronic participation for business meetings in exceptional circumstances, either in addition to or instead of physical participation. The availability and necessary information to use remote electronic participation shall be provided as part of the public notice of the location.~~

SECTION V through SECTION IX are renumbered to SECTION IV through Section VIII

Rationale:

Motion 2022-18 added provisions for special meetings and electronic participation to the Constitution, so these provisions in the Bylaws were overridden. This proposed amendment

harmonizes the bylaws language with the higher tier constitutional language (such as using special rather than emergency) and removes a section now made unnecessary. It also clarifies the scope of special meetings allows considering less than the proposed agenda or amending the agenda and making auxiliary motions as long as they do not go outside of the stated purpose.