

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 27, 2013

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, in Suite 104 of the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) located at 2796 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Sprunt at 9:00 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Sprunt were Susan Matthews, Barbara Neal and Robert Tischenkel. David Tuttle was absent. Executive Director Mark Rosch, Counsel Larry Erskine and Office Manager Kimberly Nystrom were also in attendance.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. Staff distributed information to the Committee and Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee and proposed adding the following properties as conservation purchases: a) Lot 33, Whispering Pines, Big Pine Key; b) Block 7, Lot 22, Ramrod Shores Marina Section, Ramrod Key; c) Part of Lot 29, Summerland Estates, Summerland Key; and d) Block 5, Lot 18, Ramrod Shores Marina Section, Ramrod Key. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed additions and Mr. Tischenkel seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of the February 27, 2013 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Neal and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve the minutes as presented. There were no objections and the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was discussion of Work Plan Memorandum on ROGO and Undeveloped Parcels. Mr. Rosch and Counsel Erskine addressed the Committee regarding the amount of land already in public ownership and the undeveloped parcels remaining in private ownership. This being a discussion item, the Committee took no action.

The next item was approval of the 2013 Acquisition List. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. This year's list includes a new acquisition category for Tier 3 lands bordering public conservation land. This type of acquisition would reduce invasive plant seed sources next to public lands and reduce development impacting the County's hurricane evacuation plans. Mr. Tischenkel made a motion to approve the 2013 Acquisition List and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation. Staff distributed information to the Committee and Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee regarding the following proposed acquisitions:

- a) Lot 33, Whispering Pines, Big Pine Key (Whitmeyer). The subject property is an open water parcel consisting of mostly exotics with some tropical hardwood hammock and is 0.46 acre in size. The parcel is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS). The owner has agreed to sell the property for \$39,000. Mr. Tischenkel made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$39,000 price and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.
- b) Block 7, Lot 22, Ramrod Shores Marina Section, Ramrod Key (Wilkinson). The subject property consists of tropical hardwood hammock and exotics and is 0.17 acre in size. The parcel is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS). The owner has agreed to sell the property for \$16,000. Mr. Tischenkel made a motion to approve

the \$16,000 purchase price and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

- c) Part of Lot 29, Summerland Estates, Summerland Key (Murphree). The subject property size is 2.76 acres of tropical hardwood hammock vegetation. This parcel is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Suburban Residential (SR). The owner has agreed to sell for a price of \$24,408 (115% of 1986 Assessed Value). A motion was made by Ms. Neal and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve the purchase price of \$24,408. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.
- d) Block 5, Lot 18, Ramrod Shores Marina Section, Ramrod Key (Brunelle). The subject property consists of exotic and tropical hardwood hammock vegetation and is 7,200 square feet in size. The property is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS). The owner's realtor is optimistic that the owner will agree to sell the property for a price of \$16,000. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$16,000 purchase price and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was the Executive Director's report. Mr. Rosch reported on recent events including the following:

- a) Recent acquisitions: MCLA closed eight transactions involving the purchase of thirteen conservation parcels since last meeting. The property purchases consist of one lot on Key Largo in Largo City, four lots on Big Pine Key in Port Pine Heights 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, and eight parcels on Ramrod Key in Ramrod Shores and Ramrod Shores Marina Section.
- b) Closings expected soon: Two Key Largo acreage parcels (Chasteen and Molinari).
- c) Habitat for Humanity of Key West has an open house planned for tomorrow at the Eisenhower Apartments location in Key West. Committee members are invited to attend and view the renovated apartments.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. All of the Committee members present said they would be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.

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