

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 26, 2013

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 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 9:03 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Sprunt were Susan Matthews, Barbara Neal, Robert Tischenkel and David Tuttle. 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. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee and proposed adding one agenda item: discussion and direction regarding the marsh rabbit habitat on Big Pine Key. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the May 29, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Tuttle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried 5/0.

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

- a) Block 37, Lot 4, Pine Crest; Block 10, Lot 5, Kinercha; and Block 11, Lot 18, Palm Villa, all on Big Pine Key (Giampaoli). The subject property vegetation consists of tropical hardwood hammock with some buttonwood on the Pine Crest lot; tropical hardwood hammock on the Kinercha lot; and the Palm Villa lot is disturbed with tropical hardwood hammock and pineland. Each of the parcels are designated Tier 1 – Natural Area. The Pine Crest lot is zoned Area of Critical County Concern (ACCC); the Kinercha lot is zoned Suburban Commercial (SC); and the Palm Villa lot is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS). The combined property totals 16,500 square feet in size. The owners have agreed to sell the three lots for a total price of \$36,000. Mr. Tischenkel made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$36,000 price and Mr. Tuttle seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- b) Big Pine Key acreage: RE# 00111040-001400 and 00111040-001500 (Vega). The subject property vegetation consists of tropical hardwood hammock and buttonwood. The property size totals 1.84 acres. The property is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Suburban Commercial (SC). The owners have agreed to sell the property for \$32,000. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$32,000 price and Mr. Tuttle seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- c) Sugarloaf Key acreage: RE# 00117510-000900 (Connor). The subject property vegetation consists of tropical hardwood hammock with some exotics. The parcel size is 1.02 acre and there is a concrete slab on the property. The parcel is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Suburban Commercial (SC). The owner has agreed to sell the property for \$16,000. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$16,000 price and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- d) Sugarloaf Key acreage: RE# 00117510-000700 (Williams). The subject property vegetation consists of tropical hardwood hammock with exotics. The parcel size is 2.04 acres. The

parcel is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS). The owners have agreed to sell the property for \$32,000. Mr. Tuttle made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$32,000 price and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

- e) Sugarloaf Key acreage: RE# 00118090-000200 (Kitching). The subject property vegetation consists of tropical hardwood hammock and pineland. The parcel size is 2.02 acres. The parcel is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is zoned Suburban Residential Limited (SR-L). The owner has agreed to sell the property for \$17,250. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$17,250 price and Mr. Tuttle seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was discussion and direction regarding marsh rabbit habitat on Big Pine Key. Staff distributed information to the Committee and the Committee viewed aerial photos. The County Planning staff is in the process of updating the land acquisition priorities in the County Comprehensive Plan and considers the upland parcels within the habitat and buffer area of the lower keys marsh rabbit on Big Pine and No Name Keys to be a top priority. Mr. Rosch and Counsel Erskine addressed the Committee in a discussion about acquisition of undeveloped parcels in these areas. There was no formal action taken on this item.

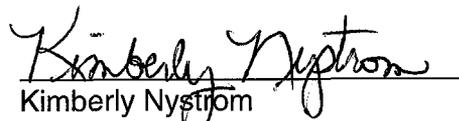
The next item was the Executive Director’s report. Mr. Rosch reported on recent events including the following:

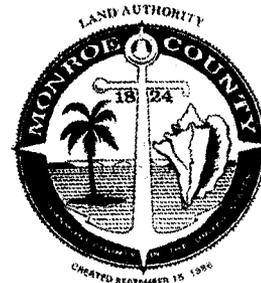
- a) Recent acquisitions: MCLA closed seven transactions involving the purchase of eleven conservation parcels since last meeting. The property purchases consist of six parcels on Key Largo, three parcels on Big Pine Key and two parcels on Little Torch Key.
- b) The County Commission will meet on July 18, 2013 in Key West to consider various items related to land acquisition. The Growth Management Division will have agenda items on the number of parcels in private ownership as compared to the available ROGO allocations; land acquisition priorities; and an update on the Big Pine Key Habitat Conservation Plan. At this same meeting the Commission will also sit as the Land Authority Governing Board for regular business and a workshop on land acquisition.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. Mr. Tischenkel said he would not be available for this meeting, but the other four Committee members said they would be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on July 31, 2013