

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 23, 2014

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Friday, May 23, 2014, 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 Mitchell Cook, Bryan Green, Susan Matthews and Barbara Neal. Executive Director Mark Rosch, Office Manager Kimberly Nystrom and Counsel Ginny Stones were also in attendance.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. There were none.

The next item was approval of the April 30, 2014 meeting minutes. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, 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:

- a) Block 16, Lot 7, Palm Villa on Big Pine Key (Gibson). The subject property's vegetation is mostly exotics with a few tropical hardwood hammock species. The site is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS), designated Tier 1 – Natural Area and is 6,250 square feet in size. The owner has agreed to sell the property for \$20,000. Mr. Green made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$20,000 price and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- b) Block 16, Lot 9, Palm Villa on Big Pine Key (Chancey/Gibson). The property's vegetation is mostly exotics with some native species. The site is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS) and is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area. The lot size is 6,250 square feet. The owners have agreed to sell the property for \$20,000. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$20,000 price and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

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

- a) Potential acquisitions - Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee and the Committee discussed pending negotiations and potential acquisitions. Counsel Stones addressed the Committee.
- b) The State of Florida (DEP) has updated their Florida Forever work plan to include the Florida Keys Ecosystem project.
- c) Counsel Stones addressed the Committee regarding the potential use of Land Authority funds collected within the City of Key West for the acquisition of a homeless shelter site. There have been no changes in the status of this matter since the Committee's last meeting.
- d) The County Commission is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and voted to change the affordable housing income levels in the plan to conform to those used by the Monroe County Housing Authority.
- e) Recent closings - MCLA closed three transactions since last meeting consisting of six lots on Big Pine Key and twelve lots on Key Largo. The Committee viewed aerial maps of the sites.

- f) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. All members are available to attend this meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on June 25, 2014