

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 25, 2015

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 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 9:01 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Sprunt were Mitchell Cook, Bryan Green, Susan Matthews and Barbara Neal. Also present were Executive Director Mark Rosch, Counsel Ginny Stones and Office Manager Kimberly Nystrom.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. Staff distributed information to the Committee. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee and proposed adding the following conservation purchases: 1) Block G, Lot 17, Pine Heights, Big Pine Key; 2) Part of Lot 17, Dorn's, Big Torch Key; and 3) Block 2, Lot 14, Torchwood West Unit Two, Big Torch Key. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed additions and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the February 25, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the 2015 Acquisition List. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee and distributed a Growth Management Division memo dated March 13, 2015 regarding a preliminary analysis and summary of results of the Trust for Public Land (TPL) parcel scoring and classification study. After discussion, Mr. Green made a motion to approve the 2015 Acquisition List as presented and Mr. Cook 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 12, Lot 24, Eden Pines Colony, Big Pine Key (Macur). The subject property is 5,259 square feet and consists of tropical hardwood hammock and exotic vegetation. The site is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS) with an overlay of Area of Critical County Concern (ACCC) and is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area. The owner has agreed to sell the property for a price of \$20,000. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$20,000 price and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- b) Block 3, Lot 11, Summerland Beach Addition No. 2, Summerland Key (Crook). The subject property is 6,000 square feet and consists of exotic, buttonwood and mangrove vegetation. The site is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS) and is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area. The owners have agreed to sell the property for a price of \$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.

- c) Block G, Lot 17, Pine Heights, Big Pine Key (Hardiman). The subject property is 5,004 square feet and consists of pineland transitioning to tropical hardwood hammock vegetation. The site is zoned Sparsely Settled (SS) with an overlay of Area of Critical County Concern (ACCC) and is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area. The owner has agreed to sell the property for a price of \$4,604. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$4,604 price and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- d) Part of Lot 17, Dorn's, Big Torch Key (Martin). The subject property is a 17,424 square foot open water lot consisting of tropical hardwood hammock, salt marsh, buttonwood and mangrove vegetation. The site is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS) and is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area. The owner has agreed to sell the property for a price of \$37,500. Mr. Green made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$37,500 price and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- e) Block 2, Lot 14, Torchwood West Unit Two, Big Torch Key (Woodfin). The subject canal property is 6,000 square feet and is mowed with some buttonwood and tropical hardwood hammock trees. The site is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS) and is designated Tier 1 - Natural Area. The owners have agreed to sell the property for a price of \$32,500. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$32,500 price and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The Committee took a brief recess.

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

- a) Since last meeting MCLA has closed three transactions and acquired four lots: one lot on Key Largo in Gulfstream Shores; one acreage parcel on No Name Key and two lots on Cudjoe Key in Cutthroat Harbor Estates. The Committee viewed aerial photos of the sites.
- b) At the March BOCC meeting, the BOCC decided to retain TPL to present the parcel scoring and classification results to DEP in Tallahassee but decided not to have TPL poll Monroe County voters to measure support for additional local funding measures for land acquisition.
- c) The Key West City Commission approved a resolution to cease outside expenditures related to development of the Easter Seals site for a homeless shelter until such time as a report detailing the description of facilities, estimated costs and number of occupants is prepared. Counsel Stones reported that the information the City has provided to date does not provide sufficient basis for considering a homeless shelter to be affordable housing.
- d) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. All members said they would be available to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on April 29, 2015