

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 29, 2015

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 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 9:02 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, Office Manager Kimberly Nystrom and Counsel Ginny Stones.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. Staff distributed information to the Committee. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee and proposed adding one conservation purchase: Part of Tract 4, Plat of Survey of Key Largo (Sea Air Holdings, LLC). Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed addition and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the June 24, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Green 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 1, Lot 15, Eden Pines Colony, Big Pine Key (Abernathy). The subject property is 5,000 square feet and consists of exotics and tropical hardwood hammock vegetation. The site is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS) with an overlay of Area of Critical County Concern (ACCC) and is designated Tier 2 – Transition and Sprawl Area. The owner has agreed to sell the property for a price of \$25,000. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$25,000 price and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.
- b) Part of Tract 4, Plat of Survey of Key Largo (RE #00439500-000000; Sea Air Holdings, LLC). The subject property is 3.08 acres and consists of tropical hardwood hammock vegetation. The site is zoned Native Area (NA) and is designated Tier 1 – Natural Area. The owner has agreed to sell the property for a price of \$20,000. Mr. Green made a motion to approve purchasing the property for a price of \$20,000 and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of Part of Lot 5, Randal Adams subdivision (RE #00418770-000000) for conservation and authorizing the subsequent conveyance of the property to the Village of Islamorada subject to a conservation easement. Mr. Rosch and Counsel Stones addressed the Committee regarding the acquisition and the conservation easement language. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the resolution subject to the Village nominating the property. Ms. Neal 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) Mr. Rosch discussed the budget proposed for FY 2016 and reported on the Governing Board's July 27, 2015 review of the budget.
- b) Since last meeting MCLA has closed five transactions and acquired seven parcels.
- c) Mr. Rosch discussed potential acquisitions and recent sales information. Mr. Green and Counsel Stones had to leave the meeting early and left during this discussion.
- d) Mr. Rosch discussed the concept of purchasing development rights in developed subdivisions as a means of reducing development potential.
- e) The City of Key West is considering purchasing Peary Court as an affordable housing site. MCLA could be asked to contribute \$5 million to \$10 million toward the acquisition.
- f) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. All members present said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on August 26, 2015.