

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 19, 2015

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 19, 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 9:00 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Susan Sprunt were Mitchell Cook, Susan Matthews, and Barbara Neal. Bryan Green was absent. Also present were Executive Director Mark Rosch, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, Counsel Ginny Stones, and a member of the public.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. There were none. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of the October 28, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee regarding the following proposed acquisition:

- a) Block 3, part of Lot 1 and all of Lot 2, Punta Brisa on Big Pine Key. The subject property is an 18,021 square foot open water site and consists of mangrove, salt marsh, and buttonwood vegetation. The lot is zoned Improved Subdivision (IS) and is designated Tier 2 – Transition and Sprawl Area. The owner has agreed to sell the property for a price of \$17,097. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$17,097 price and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

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

- a) The Land Authority closed five transactions since the last Advisory Committee meeting.
- b) The Executive Director position is being advertised until November 30, 2015. Each member of the Committee should come to the December 16, 2015 meeting with his/her ranking of the applicants for this position into three categories: high, medium, and low.
- c) The night before Veterans Day staff was notified that DEP would be waiving the entrance fees to the State parks on Veterans Day. Governing Board Chairman David Rice authorized waiving the park surcharge fee as well. Staff will be presenting a resolution to the Governing Board to ratify the waiver and to address this issue in the future.
- d) On November 17, 2015 the Key West City Commission approved the first reading of ordinances to obtain voter approval to purchase Peary Court and to approve issuing up to \$55 million in revenue bonds. Mr. Rosch discussed the proposed acquisition.
- e) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. Mr. Cook, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Neal said they would be available to attend. Chairman Sprunt said she would not be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.



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Approved by the Advisory Committee on December 16, 2015.