

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 25, 2016

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 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 Vice Chairman Susan Sprunt at 9:00 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Vice Chairman Sprunt were Mitchell Cook, Teri Johnston, and Barbara Neal. Chairman Susan Matthews was absent. Also present were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, and Counsel Ginny Stones.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee and proposed adding the following conservation purchases: Lot 23 of an unrecorded plat, No Name Key; and Part of Howard R. Pent's Parcel 3, Sugarloaf Key. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed additions and Ms. Johnston seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the April 27, 2016 meeting. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Johnston seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation. Mr. Pattison asked Mr. Rosch to review the proposed acquisitions with the Committee.

- a) Block 3, Lots 5 and 6, Ramrod Shores Marina Section, Ramrod Key. The subject property consists of two adjoining lots totaling 12,000 square feet. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Improved Subdivision (IS), and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock and exotics. The owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$40,000. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$40,000 price and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.
- b) Lot 23 of an unrecorded plat, No Name Key. The subject property consists of an 8,490 square foot canal lot. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Native Area, a zoning designation of Improved Subdivision (IS), and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock. The owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$25,480. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$25,480 price and Ms. Johnston seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.
- c) Part of Howard R. Pent's Parcel 3, Sugarloaf Key (RE# 00118230-000000). The subject property consists of a 0.57 acre parcel. The property has a Tier designation of Tier 1 – Native Area, a zoning designation of Suburban Residential (SR) and Native Area (NA), and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock, buttonwood, and mangroves. The owners have agreed to sell the property for the price of \$2,725. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$2,725 price and Ms. Johnston seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of the 2016 Acquisition List. Mr. Pattison and Mr. Rosch handed out a revised 2016 Acquisition List and addressed the Committee, pointing out the changes from last year and revisions proposed in earlier drafts. The primary change is the elevation and

addition of Tier III properties as a priority for 2016-2017. This relies upon a new category of "property designated Tier 3", with subcategories for lots with and without significant habitat or connectivity. The Committee discussed the merits of this approach and agreed it could lead to a quicker retirement of development rights if the Land Authority staff can donate to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) those properties acquired that lack conservation value. Such properties could then be managed, resold, or used for other appropriate purposes as determined by the BOCC, but each deed would have residential developed rights removed. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the revised 2016 Acquisition List and Ms. Johnston seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

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

- a) The Comprehensive Plan land acquisition policy revisions adopted 4/13/16.
- b) The Land Authority's executed Resolution No. 05-2016 and the Declaration of Affordable Rental Housing Restrictions approved by the Advisory Committee and Governing Board for Peary Court in Key West.
- c) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. Mr. Cook, Ms. Johnston, Ms. Neal, and Vice Chairman Sprunt said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on June 29, 2016