

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 26, 2020

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 via Communications Media Technology (“CMT”) in the form of a conference telephone call. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitchell Cook at 9:02 AM. Attending and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cook were Linda Cunningham, Susan Matthews, Barbara Neal, and Sandi Williams. Also attending were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Counsel Ginny Stones, and Office Manager Dina Gambuzza. Mr. Rosch asked any other persons on the call to introduce themselves and there was no response.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. Mr. Rosch advised the Committee that the agenda with the revision date August 25, 2020 reflects the addition of the following item:

- Item 7 - Approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of Block 56, Lot 15, Crains for conservation and authorizing the subsequent conveyance of the property to the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement.

Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the revised agenda dated August 25, 2020 and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the July 29, 2020 meeting. Ms. Cunningham 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 Block 4, Lots 6, 7, 8, and 9, Rainbow Beach, Big Torch Key for conservation (Bruer). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of four adjoining lots totaling 20,000 square feet on Dorn Road on Big Torch Key near mile marker 27. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Native Area, and vegetation consisting of buttonwood. There is a dilapidated cabin on Lot 6 which was previously occupied. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$28,583. Following discussion, Mr. Rosch asked if any members of the public on the call wanted to speak on this item. There were no public speakers. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$28,583 and Ms. Cunningham seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of Block 17, Lots 1 and 3, Coco Plum Beach for conservation and authorizing the subsequent conveyance of the property to the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement (Szabo). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of two canal lots totaling 28,110 square feet on Avenue M on the ocean side of US 1 on Fat Deer Key near mile marker 54. The property has a zoning designation of Residential Low (RL) and vegetation consisting of exotics, salt marsh, and buttonwood with a mangrove fringe. The property has a KEYWEP designation of “RF” (Red Flag) which is unsuitable for development. The property owners have agreed to sell the property for the price of \$20,000. Following discussion, Mr. Rosch asked if any members of the public on the call wanted to speak on this item. There were no public speakers. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$20,000 and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

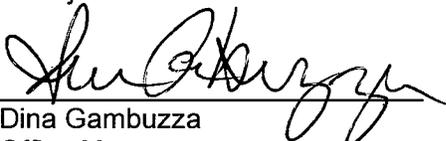
The next item was approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of Block 56, Lot 15, Crains for conservation and authorizing the subsequent conveyance of the property to the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement (Zapotocky). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 7,500 square foot lot on Croton Avenue on Grassy Key near mile marker 57. The property has a zoning designation of Residential Conservation (R-C) and habitat consisting of salt marsh, buttonwood, mangroves, and submerged land. The property owner is considering selling the property for the price of \$2,484. Following discussion, Mr. Rosch asked if any members of the public on the call wanted to speak on this item. There were no public speakers. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$2,484 and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

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

- a) Staff has submitted MCLA's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021. The Governing Board will consider the budget at public hearings scheduled for September 3, 2020 and September 16, 2020.
- b) Mr. Pattison briefed the Committee on the State's recent purchase of 30 lots from Ed Lewis LLC.
- c) Staff briefed the Committee on MCLA's pending transaction with the Estate of Mariana Marin. The probate court has now appointed a personal representative for the estate and it may be necessary to substitute MCLA's existing purchase agreement that was signed by the heirs with an agreement signed by the personal representative. The Committee had no objection to this and Counsel Stones said it was not a substantive change and therefore did not require formal approval.
- d) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Chairman Cook, Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Neal, and Ms. Williams said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on September 30, 2020