

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 21, 2019

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2019 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 Linda Cunningham at 9:00 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Vice Chairman Cunningham were Susan Matthews, Barbara Neal, and Sandi Williams. Chairman Mitchell Cook was absent. Also present were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, and Office Manager Dina Gambuzza.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. Mr. Pattison proposed adding the following item to the agenda:

- Approval of a resolution committing acquisition funding for the City of Marathon's purchase of the Anchor Inn Motel affordable housing site subject to conditions.

Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the agenda with this addition and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the October 30, 2019 meeting. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of a resolution committing acquisition funding for the City of Marathon's purchase of the Anchor Inn Motel affordable housing site subject to conditions. Mr. Pattison addressed the Committee. Last month the Committee approved a resolution committing \$600,000 toward the City's purchase of the property. The MCLA Governing Board did not approve this amount and instead preferred to increase the funding level to \$800,000. Accordingly, the proposed resolution on today's agenda increases the funding level to \$800,000. During discussion of the item, the Committee considered the benefits of and the extent to which the City would be participating financially. Mr. Rosch and Marathon Planning Director George Garrett addressed the Committee during the discussion. Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys Executive Director Christine Todd-Young was also in attendance for this item. Following discussion, Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the proposed resolution committing \$800,000 and to add to the resolution a whereas clause stating the Committee believes the City of Marathon should participate financially in the acquisition of the property. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/1 with Ms. Matthews dissenting.

The Committee took a brief recess.

The next item was approval to purchase Lot 13, Linda-Loma Subdivision, Big Pine Key for conservation (Rhodes). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 7,733 square foot lot on Linda Street on the bay side of Big Pine Key near mile marker 30. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Improved Subdivision, and vegetation consisting of exotics. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$20,000. Following discussion, Ms. Matthews made a motion to

approve the item at the purchase price of \$20,000 and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

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

- a) MCLA's budget and available funds for fiscal year 2020.
- b) Voluntary Homeowner Buyout (VHB) grant program - staff will be attending a meeting this afternoon with the Department of Economic Opportunity. The County expects to be eligible for \$5 million of grant funding.
- c) Update on the new FEMA flood maps and timeline.
- d) Staff is working with the City of Marathon on a potential swap of conservation land.
- e) Recent closings by the State, BOCC, and MCLA.
- f) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM. Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Williams said they would be available to attend. Ms. Neal said she will not be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on December 18, 2019.

