

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 18, 2019

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 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 Chairman Mitchell Cook at 9:00 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cook were Linda Cunningham and Susan Matthews. Barbara Neal and Sandi Williams were absent. Also present were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Counsel Ginny Stones, and Office Manager Dina Gambuzza.

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

- 6b. Approval of a contract to purchase Block 5, Lot 8, Cahill Pines and Pines, Big Pine Key for conservation.
- 7. Approval of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of conservation properties on Key Largo, Big Pine Key, Middle Torch Key, Ramrod Key, and Summerland Key from the City of Marathon.
- 8. Approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of conservation properties on Grassy Key, Crawl Key, and Fat Deer Key to the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement.

Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed additions and Ms. Cunningham seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the November 21, 2019 meeting. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval of the 2020 meeting schedule. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. Following discussion, Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the item and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval to purchase Lots 59 and 60, Sugarloaf Townsite, Sugarloaf Key for conservation (Morton). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of two adjoining lots totaling 12,500 square feet on Old State Road on the ocean side of Sugarloaf Key near mile marker 20. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Suburban Residential, and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$5,738. Following discussion, Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$5,738 and Ms. Cunningham seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval to purchase Block 5, Lot 8, Cahill Pines and Palms, Big Pine Key for conservation (Hutchinson). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 6,000 square foot lot on East Cahill Court on the ocean side of Big Pine Key near mile marker 30. The property has a tier designation of Tier 3 – Infill Area, a zoning designation of Improved Subdivision, and vegetation consisting of exotic and tropical hardwood hammock.

species. The property owners have agreed to sell the property for the price of \$50,000. Following discussion, Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$50,000 and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval of a resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation properties on Key Largo, Big Pine Key, Middle Torch Key, Ramrod Key, and Summerland Key from the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement. Mr. Rosch, Mr. Pattison, and Counsel Stones addressed the Committee. The Marathon City Council has adopted Resolution 2016-47 requesting a land swap with respect to City-owned conservation properties located outside the Marathon city limits and Land Authority-owned conservation properties located inside the Marathon city limits. This resolution addresses the first half of the swap. The subject property consists of 18 conservation parcels within the unincorporated area of Monroe County. Following discussion, Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the proposed resolution. Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of conservation properties on Grassy Key, Crawl Key, and Fat Deer Key to the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement. Mr. Rosch and Pattison addressed the Committee. Following discussion, Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the proposed resolution with the following changes:

- Revise the Whereas clause section of the resolution to include the concept that "after receiving notice, FCT has not objected to the transfer"
- Add a statement to the conservation easement identifying the two lots MCLA purchased with FCT Preservation 2000 funding and indicate those lots are subject to Preservation 2000 restrictions

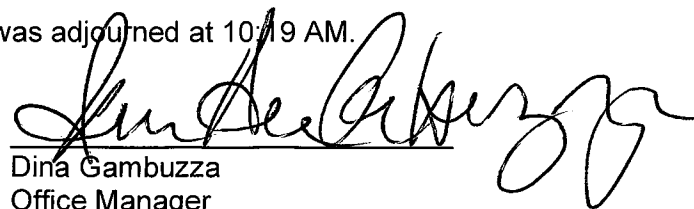
Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

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) Mr. Pattison met with the Key West Chamber of Commerce's Affordable Housing Task Force to discuss MCLA's role in the provision of affordable housing.
- c) Voluntary Homeowner Buyout (VHB) grant program – the County will not receive its share of the grant funding until May 2020.
- d) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the new location in the Media Room of the Marathon Government Center. Chairman Cook, Ms. Cunningham, and Ms. Matthews said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on January 29, 2020

