

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 24, 2020

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 via Communication Media Technology (“CMT”) in the form of a conference telephone call. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitchell Cook at 9:07 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cook were Linda Cunningham, Susan Matthews, Barbara Neal, and Sandi Williams. Also present 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 revised agenda dated June 23, 2020 reflects the addition of Item 6 - Approval to accept the donation of Tract PT, Pine Key Acres, Big Pine Key. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the revised agenda dated June 23, 2020 and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the May 27, 2020 meeting. Ms. Matthews 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 Lot BL and 1/61 interest in parcel marked Reserved, Wickfield Acres, Big Pine Key and the South 1/2 of Lot 84, Sugarloaf Townsite, Sugarloaf Key for conservation (Burt). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject properties are designated Tier 1 – Natural Area consist of a 1.01 acre parcel on Ixora Drive in Wickfield Acres on the bay side of Big Pine Key and a 1.12 acre parcel on Adams Road in Sugarloaf Townsite on the ocean side of Sugarloaf Key. The lot in Wickfield Acres is zoned Suburban Residential and has tropical hardwood hammock and buttonwood vegetation. The lot in Sugarloaf Townsite is zoned Native Area and has mangrove vegetation. The property owners have agreed to sell both lots for the total price of \$20,000. Chairman Cook briefly lost and then regained his phone connection as Mr. Rosch was presenting this item. Following discussion, Chairman Cook invited any members of the public to speak and there was no response. Ms. Cunningham 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 to accept a donation of Tract PT, Pine Key Acres, Big Pine Key for conservation (Rubio). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 1.01 acre parcel and is subject to a 25 foot easement 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 Area of Critical County Concern, and is a disturbed freshwater wetland. After Hurricane Irma the property was leased to a contractor and used as a staging area for demolition debris without benefit of a permit and in violation of the property’s zoning. The owners are offering to donate the property to MCLA in exchange for the County waiving the outstanding Code Compliance fines and fees. Following discussion, Chairman Cook invited any members of the public to speak and there was no response. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve accepting the property

as a donation and Ms. Cunningham 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 is closely monitoring MCLA's revenues. The impact of COVID-related hotel and State parks closings creates uncertainty in MCLA's current year and future revenues.
- b) The County staff does not anticipate receiving any additional grant funds for affordable housing construction and therefore does not recommend MCLA buying additional affordable housing sites for the County.
- c) There is still \$100 million for Florida Forever in the proposed State budget for fiscal year 2021 but the Governor has not yet signed the budget bill.
- d) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 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 9:49 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on July 29, 2020.

