

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 27, 2021

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 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, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, and County Attorney Bob Shillinger. Chairman Cook 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. There were none.

The next item was Selection of a Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2021. Ms. Neal nominated Ms. Cunningham to serve as Chairman. Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Cook to serve as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Ms. Cunningham was selected as Chairman and Mr. Cook was selected as Vice Chairman.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the December 16, 2020 meeting. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Cook, yes; Ms. Matthews, yes; Ms. Neal, yes; Ms. Williams, yes; and Chairman Cunningham, yes. The motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation – Block 37, Lot 6, Port Pine Heights 2nd Addition, Big Pine Key (Radenhausen). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. This acquisition is proposed at the recommendation of and in consultation with the County Attorney to reduce the County's potential liability for takings suits and to provide ROGO Administrative Relief pursuant to Monroe County Commission Resolution 205A-2020. The subject property consists of a 5,250 square foot lot on Blue Lagoon 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 disturbed upland with a mangrove fringe. The property is the last undeveloped lot in private ownership on the street. The owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$173,389.80. Mr. Pattison and Mr. Shillinger also addressed the Committee. Following discussion, Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$173,389.80 and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Cook, yes; Ms. Matthews, yes; Ms. Neal, yes; Ms. Williams, yes; and Chairman Cunningham, no. The motion carried 4/1.

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

- a) Staff is reviewing candidates to serve as MCLA legal counsel since Ms. Stones will be retiring soon.
- b) Sundowners Fishing Camp, LLC is requesting the County to abandon Dolphin Street in Port Pine Heights 2nd Addition on Big Pine Key. Staff is reviewing this proposal since it would impact access to two lots owned by MCLA.

- c) MCLA has entered into an agreement with Save-A-Turtle regarding maintaining and enhancing sea turtle habitat in Long Beach Estates on Big Pine Key. The agreement will assist Save-A-Turtle in obtaining a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
- d) Closing documents for the land swap between MCLA and the City of Marathon are being signed in preparation for closing.
- e) Recent closings by MCLA and the State.
- f) The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Chairman Cunningham, Mr. Cook, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Neal, and Ms. Williams said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on February 24, 2021.