

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 24, 2021

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 via Communications Media Technology (“CMT”) in the form of a conference telephone call. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Cunningham at 9:01 AM. Attending and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cunningham were Mitchell Cook, 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. Ms. Gambuzza 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 approval of the minutes for the January 27, 2021 meeting. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Neal 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 review of the 2020 Acquisition List and discussion of directions for 2021. Mr. Pattison and Mr. Rosch reviewed the list with the Committee and discussed affordable housing properties, conservation properties, and the Florida Forever program. This being a discussion item, the Committee took no action.

The next item was discussion regarding using Tracts Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, and DD, Summerland Key Properties on Summerland Key to mitigate development at Key West International Airport. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee regarding this item. At this point the Airport’s consultant is exploring the feasibility of the site with the US Army Corps of Engineers. If the site proves feasible, MCLA may need to convey the property to the BOCC before the restoration work begins. This being a discussion item, the Committee took no action.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation – Block 3, Lot 10, Eden Pines Colony First Addition, Big Pine Key (Hofmann). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 6,000 square foot canal lot on Aster Lane on the bay side of Big Key near mile marker 30. The property has a tier designation of Tier 2 – Transition and Sprawl Area, a zoning designation of Improved Subdivision, and vegetation consisting of exotics with some tropical hardwood hammock species. The owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$35,000. Following discussion, Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$35,000 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.

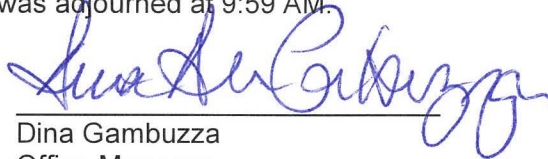
The next item was the Executive Director’s report. Mr. Pattison reported on recent events including the following:

- a) MCLA’s budget and available funds.
- b) Gregory Oropeza’s contract was approved at the last Governing Board meeting and he will serve as MCLA’s new legal counsel.

- c) Staff reported back to the Governing Board regarding lot splits and permitted density within single family subdivisions and does not anticipate further action by the Board.
- d) Mayor Coldiron will appoint Leslie Valant to the Committee at the March 17, 2021 Governing Board meeting. Mr. Pattison recognized Mitchell Cook for his years of service on the Committee.
- e) Staff is reviewing the request from Sundowners Fishing Camp, LLC regarding the proposed abandonment of Dolphin Street in Port Pine Heights 2nd Addition on Big Pine Key.
- f) The Land Authority closed three transactions since the last Advisory Committee meeting.
- g) The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Chairman Cunningham, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Neal, and Ms. Williams said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Prepared by:



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Approved by the Advisory Committee on March 31, 2021.