

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 26, 2021

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 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 Linda Cunningham at 9:03 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cunningham were Susan Matthews, Barbara Neal, and Leslie Valant. Sandi Williams was absent. Also present were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, and Counsel Greg Oropeza.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. Mr. Rosch advised the Committee that the agenda with the revision date May 25, 2021 reflects the addition of the following item:

- Item 5b - Approval to purchase property for conservation – Part of Howard R. Pent's Parcel 3 (RE #00118220-000000), Sugarloaf Key.

Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 5b and Ms. Valant seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the April 28, 2021 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 4/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation – Tracts BB and BC, Pine Key Acres, Big Pine Key (Ackerman). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of two adjoining parcels totaling 2.02 acres. Tract BB fronts 19th Street and Tract BC fronts Lyttons Way on the bay side of Big Key near mile marker 30. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Suburban Residential, and pineland vegetation. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$40,000. Following discussion, Ms. Valant made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$40,000 and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation – Part of Howard R. Pent's Parcel 3 (RE #00118220-000000), Sugarloaf Key (Lowe). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 7,000 square foot lot near Johnson Road on the ocean side of Sugarloaf Key near mile marker 19. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Native Area, and vegetation consisting of disturbed salt marsh and buttonwood. The property owners have agreed to sell the property for the price of \$1,121. Following discussion, Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$1,121 and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

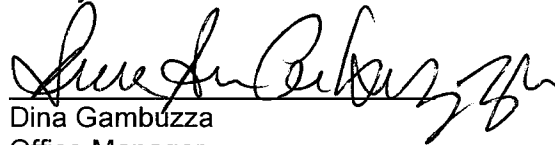
The next item was the Executive Director's report. Mr. Pattison reported on recent events including the following:

- a) MCLA's budget and available funds.
- b) MCLA's Tourist Impact Tax revenue during COVID-19.

- c) At the Governing Board's direction, MCLA and BOCC staff are drafting an Interlocal Agreement between the BOCC and MCLA which will consolidate land acquisition programs under MCLA management.
- d) Mr. Pattison's retirement date is October 4, 2021 and the Governing Board has selected Assistant County Administrator Christine Hurley as his successor. Counsel Oropeza and the County Attorney are negotiating an employment agreement with Ms. Hurley to be presented to the Governing Board.
- e) Mr. Pattison discussed the possibility of holding future Advisory Committee meetings in the Media Room in the Marathon Government Center.
- f) The State budget approved for fiscal year 2022 includes up to \$5 million for land acquisition in the Florida Keys Stewardship Act.
- g) Recent closings by the State and MCLA.
- h) The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Chairman Cunningham, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Neal, and Ms. Valant said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on June 30, 2021.