

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 28, 2021

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 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 9:02 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cunningham were Susan Matthews, Barbara Neal, Leslie Valant, and Sandi Williams. 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 July 27, 2021 reflects the addition of the following item:

- Item 7b – Approval to purchase property for conservation – Block 3, Lots 5 and 6, Doctor's Arm First Addition, Big Pine Key.

Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 7b and Ms. Valant seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the June 30, 2021 meeting. Ms. Valant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of the First Amendment to the Option Agreement to sell 12 subdivision lots to the Monroe County Housing Authority for the Lower Keys Scattered Sites affordable housing development. The amendment will extend the option period to March 31, 2022. Mr. Pattison, Mr. Rosch, and Manual Castillo, Project Manager of the Monroe County Housing Authority addressed the Committee. Following discussion, Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the item and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of a resolution committing \$782,659 in construction funding to the Monroe County Housing Authority for the Lower Keys Scattered Sites affordable housing development. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. Mr. Castillo reviewed the project's pro forma with the Committee. Following discussion, Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the resolution and Ms. Valant seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation – Tract DG, Pine Key Acres, Big Pine Key (Castro/Renaker). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 44,000 square foot lot on the corner of Wilder Road and 15th Street 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 Area of Critical County Concern, and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock and freshwater wetlands. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$20,000. Following discussion, Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$20,000 and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation – Block 3, Lots 5 and 6, Doctor’s Arm First Addition, Big Pine Key (Pegg). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of two adjoining canal lots totaling 10,000 square feet at 30844 and 30852 Delgado Lane on the bay side of Big Pine 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 tropical hardwood hammock and exotics. The property owners are considering selling the property to the Land Authority but have not yet decided to do so. Following discussion, Ms. Valant made a motion to table the item and Ms. Matthews 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) MCLA’s budget and available funds.
- b) MCLA closings since the last meeting.
- c) The Interlocal Agreement between the BOCC and MCLA was approved at the July 21, 2021 Governing Board meeting. Mr. Pattison, Mr. Rosch, and Counsel Oropeza reviewed the agreement with the Committee.
- d) Potential partnership acquisitions with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- e) The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Chairman Cunningham, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Neal, Ms. Valant, and Ms. Williams said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on August 25, 2021.