

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 25, 2021

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 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, Leslie Valant, and Sandi Williams. Also present were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Incoming Executive Director Christine Hurley, 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 August 24, 2021 reflects the addition of the following item:

- Item 5a – Approval to purchase property for conservation – Parcel 4, Maggie and Mary (RE #00118110-000704), Sugarloaf Key.

Ms. Valant made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 5a 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 July 28, 2021 meeting. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes as presented 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 – Parcel 4, Maggie and Mary (RE #00118110-000704), Sugarloaf Key (Stongle/Trujillo). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 9,583 square foot lot north of Rocky Road on the bay side of Sugarloaf Key near mile marker 19. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Suburban Residential-Limited, and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock, exotics, salt marsh, and buttonwood. The property owners have agreed to sell the property for the price of \$11,000. Following discussion, Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$11,000 and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Pattison introduced Incoming Executive Director Christine Hurley. Each of the Committee members introduced themselves to Ms. Hurley and provided a brief description of their respective backgrounds. Ms. Hurley also addressed the Committee and gave a brief description of her background.

The next item was discussion of a proposed amendment to the Land Authority statute. Ms. Hurley addressed the Committee. The proposed amendment would add the following text to the Powers of the Land Authority in section 380.0666(3)(c) of the Florida Statutes:

To assist the county in which the land authority is located in administering state and federal grants awarded to the county for residential flood and sea level rise mitigation projects, including grants for the elevation of structures above minimum flood elevations; demolition and reconstruction of structures above

minimum flood elevations; and acquisition of land with structures at risk of flooding.

During discussion, Ms. Hurley described the additional acquisition and grant programs and the staffing that were approved in the interlocal agreement between MCLA and Monroe County. This being a discussion item, the Committee took no action.

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) Potential partnership acquisitions with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- c) MCLA closings since the last meeting.
- d) The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Chairman Cunningham, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Neal, and Ms. Williams said they would be available to attend. Ms. Valant said she will not be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on 9/29/21.