

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 27, 2021

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 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 9:05 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cunningham were Barbara Neal, Leslie Valant, and Sandi Williams. The Upper Keys seat on the Committee was vacant. Also present were 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 October 26, 2021 reflects the addition of the following items:

- Item 5a – Approval to purchase property for conservation – Block 4, Lots 3 and 31, Largo City, Key Largo.
- Item 5b – Approval to purchase property for conservation – Parcel S, Cudjoe Acres, Cudjoe Key.
- Item 6 – Approval of a resolution authorizing the sale of pre-acquired Florida Forever property on Cudjoe Key to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

Ms. Valant made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Items 5a, 5b, and 6 and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the September 29, 2021 meeting. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval to purchase Block 4, Lots 3 and 31, Largo City, Key Largo for conservation (Hi-Land Properties, Inc.). Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of two adjacent lots totaling 8,100 square feet that front Susan Street and Taylor Drive on the ocean side of Key Largo near mile marker 104. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Improved Subdivision, and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$80,000 (\$40,000/lot). Following discussion, Ms. Valant made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$80,000 and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

The next item was approval to purchase Parcel S, Cudjoe Acres, Cudjoe Key for conservation (Habitat for Humanity of Key West and Lower Florida Keys, Inc.). Mr. Rosch and Ms. Hurley addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of a 1.01 acre parcel on Spain Boulevard on the bay side of Cudjoe Key near mile marker 21. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Suburban Residential, and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$20,000. Following discussion, Ms. Neal made a motion to approve

the item at the purchase price of \$20,000 and Ms. Valant seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

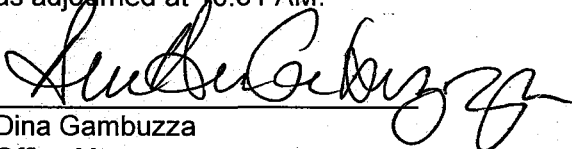
The next item was approval of a resolution authorizing the sale of pre-acquired Florida Forever property on Cudjoe Key to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Mr. Rosch, Ms. Hurley, and Counsel Oropeza addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of Block 7, Lots 1-11 and Block 8, Lot 1; Cutthroat Harbor Estates and adjoining bay bottom on Cudjoe Key. The State is proposing to purchase the property from the Land Authority for a price of \$540,000. The price is subject to review by the DEP Bureau of Appraisal. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Valant and seconded by Ms. Neal to approve the sale of the pre-acquired Florida Forever land described as Block 7, Lots 1-11 and Block 8, Lot 1, Cutthroat Harbor Estates and adjoining bay bottom on Cudjoe Key to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. There being no objections, the motion carried 4/0.

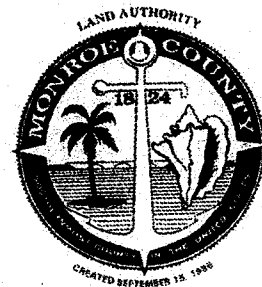
The next item was the Executive Director's report. Ms. Hurley reported on recent events including the following:

- a) Partnership acquisitions with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- b) The Key West Housing Authority's acquisition of the Garden View Apartments affordable housing site on Stock Island has closed.
- c) The City of Key West has advertised a request for proposals to build affordable housing on the 3.2-acre site at the Truman Waterfront.
- d) The Governing Board approved the reappointment of Ms. Williams to the Advisory Committee.
- e) MCLA's budget and available funds.
- f) The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Chairman Cunningham and Ms. Valant said they would be available to attend. Ms. Williams and Ms. Neal have potential schedule conflicts and may not be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Prepared by:


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Approved by the Advisory Committee on November 18, 2021