

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 26, 2022

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 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 9:00 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Cunningham were Erin Muir, Barbara Neal, Leslie Valant, and Sandi Williams. Also present were Executive Director Christine Hurley, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Land Steward Elizabeth Bergh, and Office Manager Dina Gambuzza. Counsel Greg Oropeza participated via Zoom.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. There were none.

The next item was Selection of a Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2022. Ms. Williams nominated Ms. Cunningham to serve as Chairman. Ms. Neal nominated Ms. Valant to serve as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Ms. Cunningham was selected as Chairman and Ms. Valant was selected as Vice Chairman.

The next item was approval of the minutes for the December 15, 2021 meeting. Ms. Neal made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Valant seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was discussion of the 2022 meeting schedule time change. Ms. Hurley addressed the Committee and discussed changing the Committee's meeting times from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM or 10:00 AM. Following discussion, Ms. Valant made a motion to approve changing the meeting time from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval to purchase Block 5, Lots 8, 9, 10, and 11, Koehns, Big Pine Key for conservation (Williams). Mr. Rosch and Ms. Hurley addressed the Committee. The subject property consists of four contiguous lots totaling 35,000 square feet fronting Pine Avenue, McClean Street, and Koehn Avenue on the bay side of Big Key near mile marker 30. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 - Natural Area, a future land use map designation of Conservation, and a zoning designation of Area of Critical County Concern. The vegetation is mostly pine rockland transitioning to tropical hardwood hammock except for about half of Lot 9, which is a buttonwood and mangrove wetland. The property owner has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$60,000. Following discussion, Ms. Valant made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$60,000 and Ms. Neal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item was approval of a resolution authorizing the conveyance of Parcels Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, Summerland Key Properties on Summerland Key to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners for wetland restoration activities associated with the West Overflow Apron Project and other improvement projects at Key West International Airport; authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement; and authorizing the Chairman to sign the deed, conservation easement, and associated closing documents. Mr. Rosch, Ms. Hurley, Ms. Bergh,

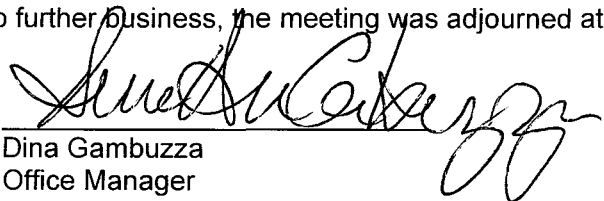
and Counsel Oropeza addressed the Committee. The restoration work will remove fill located along the shoreline of the referenced properties. The County Airport will perform the work in order to mitigate development taking place at Key West International Airport. Following discussion, Ms. Muir made a motion to approve the item and Ms. Neal seconded. The motion carried 3/2 with Ms. Valant and Chairman Cunningham dissenting.

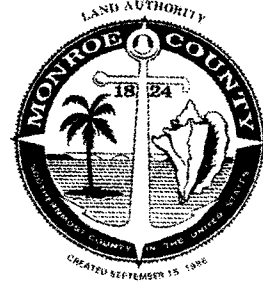
The next item was the Executive Director's report. Ms. Hurley reported on recent events including the following:

- a) Discussed recent appraised values MCLA staff are using in targeted neighborhoods to make blanket offers to all owners. The Committee prefers that staff make standard offers to all owners from a fairness perspective.
- b) Florida International University will be installing two small gauges on the wall of the canal bordering a MCLA property (Block 4, Lot 23, Breezeswept Beach Estates) on Ramrod Key for the purpose of monitoring flood levels.
- c) The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 9:30 AM. Chairman Cunningham, Ms. Muir, Ms. Neal, Ms. Valant, and Ms. Williams said they would be available to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on March 30, 2022.