

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Russell C. Muniz, CMC, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Townwide

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA PURCHASE OF 11.78 ACRES OF VACANT OPEN SPACE FOR PASSIVE RECREATION, GREENWAY TRAILS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Town of Southwest Ranches was recently awarded a grant from Florida Communities Trust that represents fifty (50) percent of the costs to acquire an 11.78 acre parcel near the intersection of Griffin Road and Dykes Road. Southwest Ranches is now seeking additional funding from the Broward County Land preservation board to complete the acquisition of this parcel. Acquisition of this parcel by Southwest Ranches will benefit Davie residents as it will provide additional open space and park land minimizing the impacts of increased residential density or commercial uses.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: On April 7, 2004 the Town Council approved Resolution R-2004-62 which supported the Town of Southwest Ranches submission of a grant application for this parcel.

CONCURRENCES:

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution.

Attachment(s): Letter from Judy Paul to Broward County Commissioners
Letter of Support from Hawkes Bluff HOA
Resolution R-2004-62

RESOLUTION _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING
THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, PURCHASE OF
11.78 ACRES OF VACANT OPEN SPACE FOR PASSIVE RECREATION,
GREENWAY TRAILS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches has recently been awarded from Florida Communities Trust fifty percent of the funds necessary to purchase 11.78 acres of open space located at the entranceway of the Hawkes Bluff subdivision in the Town of Davie, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Hawkes Bluff neighborhood strongly support preserving this site from urban development and utilizing a portion of it for local recreational needs such as greenways, multi-use trails and constructing a Live Oak Hammock to protect native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the area of Griffin Road and Dykes Road already experiences significant traffic congestion from the surrounding residential and non-residential uses; and

WHEREAS, Town of Davie residents would benefit by the parcel being developed as a park rather than an additional traffic intensive residential and/or non-residential use; and

WHEREAS, this is the last opportunity for the Town of Southwest Ranches to purchase this valuable trailhead and open space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby supports the Town of Southwest Ranches' submission of a grant application to the Broward County Land Preservation Board for acquiring an 11.78-acre parcel for a proposed park to be located on the southeast corner of Griffin Road and Dykes Road.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Canada, Town Administrator, for the Town of Southwest Ranches, and to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

MAYOR / COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004



Office of the Mayor
and Town Council

Administration 797-1030
Town Clerks Office 797-1020
Budget & Finance 797-1050
Parks & Recreation 797-1145
Development Services 797-1111
Human Resources 797-1100

Engineering 797-1113
Fire Department 797-1211
Police Department 693-8200
Public Works 797-1240
Utilities 433-4000
Planning & Zoning 797-1103

Town of Davie

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FAXED
10/21/04

October 21, 2004

Board of County Commissioners
Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear County Commissioners:

On behalf of the Town of Davie, I wish to express support for the efforts made by the Town of Southwest Ranches to expand the Calusa Corners Plat now known as Southwest Meadows Sanctuary located at the southeast corner of Griffin Road and Dykes Road. This project was partially funded by Broward County in 2003.

The Southwest Meadows Sanctuary will protect the Ivanhoe residential community from commercial intrusion. This is the Town's last opportunity to save this prospective trailhead and open space area.

The recreation and open space expansion proposed at the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary by the Town of Southwest Ranches will enhance both the quality and usefulness of the future park to residents and visitors.

The preservation of our open space and wetlands are both in line with the state's environmental protection goals.

The funding will enable the Town of Southwest Ranches to acquire both a large vacant site that is destined for commercial development and a 2 ½ -acre home site. Both parcels will provide important aquatic preserve, habitat and outdoor recreational benefits badly needed in the area. This project would also enhance Davie's Open Space Program by preserving an area adjacent to Hawke's Bluff Community. It also offers important storm water storage and drainage.

The Town of Davie is proud to partner with Southwest Ranches in the preservation of our natural resources and thereby strongly recommends that the Broward County Commission approve the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary project application.

Sincerely,


Judy Paul
Vice Mayor

Attachment
JP:mgm

Hawkes Bluff Homeowners Association
4474 Weston Road, PMB 150, Davie, Florida 33331

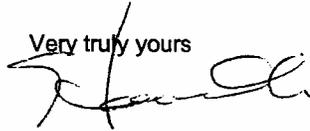
March 16, 2004

Councilwoman Judy Paul
Town of Davie
6591 Orange Drive
Davie, FL 33331

Dear Ms. Paul:

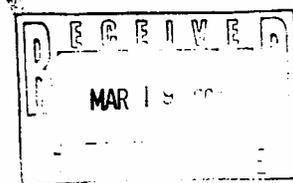
As President of the Hawkes Bluff Homeowner's Association, the largest Homeowner's Association in the Ivanhoe area, I have been asked at the Quarterly Association Meeting to write this letter to you to express our wholehearted and enthusiastic support for the plan by Southwest Ranches to acquire the Sessa property (known affectionately as "THE HORSE RANCH"), on the corner of Dykes Road and Griffin Road for the purpose of developing a passive park. As you know, we were very upset when the County allowed the TOM THUMB gas station to be built on the corner, and we hope and pray that there will be no further development at our North Entrance.

Very truly yours



Howard M. Neu, President

cc:
John Canada
Town Administrator
Town of Southwest Ranches
3111 Stirling Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33312



RESOLUTION R-2004-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VACANT 11.79 ACRE PARCEL (CALUSA CORNERS PLAT) FROM BROWARD COUNTY'S LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM OPEN SPACE GRANTS #V1 AND IF NECESSARY TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S COMMUNITIES TRUST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners has set aside \$15 million from their Land Preservation Program to offer Open Space or Green Space Grants #V1 to local municipalities wishing to purchase open space; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has set aside \$66 million from its Florida Forever Program to offer grants to local municipalities wishing to purchase open space; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches has submitted a grant application for the purchase of an 11.79 acre vacant parcel located at the southeast corner of Griffin Road and Dykes Road with the intention of preserving it as open space; and

WHEREAS, preservation of this parcel, along with planned improvements and amenities will benefit Town of Davie residents by promoting the rural lifestyle presently enjoyed.

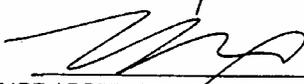
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town of Davie fully supports the Town of Southwest Ranches submission of a grant application to the Broward County Land Preservation Program and if necessary to the Florida Forever Program to acquire an 11.79 acre vacant parcel located at the southeast corner of Griffin Road and Dykes Road.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to John Canada, Town Administrator of Southwest Ranches, Donald Burgess, Planning Section Manager for the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, and to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2004.


MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2004.