

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**November 28, 2005**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Steward, Vice-Chair Greck and Committee members, Donald Burgess, George Greb, and Christina Pellicane. Also in attendance was Michael Mungal. Also in attendance was Town Engineer, Larry Peters.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26, 2005**

Michael Mungal informed the board that the transcription company after the storm lost its ability to access their files from their main server. He indicated to the board that hopefully the meeting notes would be available at our next schedule meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 Updated Trail System Map - Handout**

Board members reviewed the equestrian and recreational trail maps and made corrections/additions to the maps. Michael Mungal will provide Irene Degroot with the edited maps and request that the changes be made by next meeting

**3.2 Update on the installation of the 3 Equestrian Bridges – Postponed to next fiscal year.**

Board members questioned why the Equestrian trails were not being built during this fiscal year. According to the Capital Improvement plan the funds were earmarked for next year. Many of the members questioned if the \$180,000.00 would be enough to build the 3 bridge crossing. The cost of materials and labor has gone up significantly since the project was originally budgeted for.

**3.3 Compilation of Adopt-a-Park Program recommendations from board members**

Board members indicated that the adopt-a-park program materials that were provided to us were very useful. In the packet provided by Michael Mungal had a number of recommendations from Board members on how to move forward. The board decided that if we could determine in the Town's Public information officer would assist us on

Vice-Chair Greb spoke of past involvement of political action committees on such issues. Ms. Greck was in favor of Town Attorney Kiar giving the Committee direction regarding such activities. Ms. Greck advised that she had spoken with a representative from the Trust for Public Lands, who indicated that TPL was willing to be involved in a political action committee and offered to provide information to the Town regarding setup of an "umbrella PAC". She advised they would be coming back to the Town on June 10 on other business. She further advised of "pro" and "con" campaigns in the works, with regard to the proposed bond.

Mr. Orfanedes distributed a May 4, 2005 article published in the *Sun-Sentinel* with regard to the Town's proposed bond.

Dr. Pellicane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to request that the Council direct Town Attorney Kiar to provide information to the OSAC with regard to what actions it could take in promoting the Open Space Bond Issue, without conflicting with its responsibilities as the OSAC, within 2 weeks' time.

In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion passed 8-0)

5.1 Marcie Nolan, Deputy Planning and Zoning Manager, arrived. Ms. Nolan gave a summary presentation on the EAR and distributed handouts to each Committee member. Ms. Nolan explained the EAR process and walked the Committee through various reports that comprised the EAR.

Ms. Nolan advised that the EAR would be adopted in early August. She advised that staff recommended that the Town:

- 1) conduct comprehensive survey of all current resources and
- 2) aggressively pursue acquiring land.
- 3) purchase strategically located parcels
- 4) improve maintenance of parks, trails and open space

Ms. Nolan commended Mr. Orfanedes and Ingrid Allen for their efforts on this project.

**Don Burgess left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.**

#### 5.4 Master Trail System

Mr. Orfanedes summarized maps illustrating equestrian trails. The Committee and Ms. Nolan looked over maps outlining the Town's trail system and held general discussion of plans for various sites.

**Ms. Lee left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.**

Ms. Greck mentioned that the timing of the bond referendum vote would not come in time for the committee to create the Master Plan to cover the next 7 years. She felt the Master Plan the Committee created would be after the fact. Ms. Nolan pointed out the Comprehensive Plan did not state what to do but what needed to be done – as a guide.

Vice-Chair Greb stated that multi-use trails should be stated in advertisements to be as inclusive as possible.

Chair Steward recommended that staff update the equestrian trails map further based on the Committees various recommendations.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Adopt-A-Park

Chair Steward advised she had researched places with Adopt-a-Park programs and referred to relevant documents she had collected.

Mr. Orfanedes advised he had done research on Adopt-a-Trail programs. Ms. Webb suggested this activity for schools that needed service hour opportunities. Mr. Orfanedes believed Mr. Bernard would support this effort if it was managed well and indicated he would approach him to discuss this.

### 6.2 Capital Improvement Recommendations

Chair Steward requested the capital improvements proposals for the next 3 to 5 years so the Committee could start creating its Wish List for items not already addressed by the Town.

## 7. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Dr. Pellicane commented on signage at trails in other communities and distributed a copy of *Rails to Trails* magazine.

Ms. Greck felt effort should be placed on implementing stated policy indicating that the Town's trails were ADA-accessible.

Ms. Nolan spoke of the ADA playground being designed.

Ms. Greck made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Greb, to ask Bruce Bernard to provide the Committee with an estimate of routine maintenance costs of the trail system. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion passed 6-0)

Ms. Webb requested that the signs in the ground be placed closer to the fence on the trail, on the west side of 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue, by the Kapok Tree (Long Key Natural Area).

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Steward made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Greb, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 6-0)

---

Approved

---

Chairperson/Committee Member