

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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**1. ROLL CALL**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.**

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Joyce Steward, Linda Greck, Casey Lee, Christina Pellicane (arrived 7:43 p.m.), Donald Burgess, Jeff Dudley, and Paul Greenbaum. Also in attendance were Open Space Advisory Committee Liaison Michael Mungal, Program Manager Phillip Holste, and Planning and Zoning Department Representative Tim Lee.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 24, 2006**

Mr. Burgess pointed out an error on page 3, Item 3.6 C, **to change to Hiatus Road and Orange Drive**. Mr. Burgess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve the minutes of July 24, 2006 with the noted change. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried, 6-0)

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

3.1 Board recommendation for raising Open Space impact fees.

Mr. Mungal stated he spoke with Mr. Kutney and the process had begun. He reported there were three phases: 1). Water and Wastewater fee – the RFP was completed; 2). Local Road Impact Fees – RFP being finalized; 3). Townwide Impact Fees – moving forward with an analysis was going to be proposed to Council and would be put out to bid if Council approved.

3.2 Adopt final wording from draft resolution regarding speed limits and signage near existing trail systems

After reading the draft ordinance discussion ensued. It was agreed that all users of recreational trails should be included in the resolution, rather than just equestrians.

Dr. Pellicane asked how trails were designated in the Town. Mr. Mungal explained trails were dedicated and this resolution would apply to them as well as general roadways.

**Chairperson Steward made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pellicane to change the wording of the proposed ordinance to read as follows:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 24, BY CREATING A NEW ARTICLE TO PROVIDE FOR A TRAFFIC ORDINANCE CONCERNING VEHICLES APPROACHING PEOPLE AND ANIMALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida, finds and determines it to be in the best interests of the Town of Davie to create a traffic ordinance because of the **Town's**

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concern for **the safety and protection of people and animals threatened by vehicular traffic while using the trail system.**

**In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)**

3.3 Discussion of Tree Legacy Program

Chairperson Steward spoke of the Tree Legacy Program and stated the Town did not have one. She had spoken with a Public Works representative who indicated they do not have this program because of the overall responsibility. Chairperson Steward felt as long as the Town Arborist and the Public Works Department could work together, the program could be successful. She indicated the cost of a tree was \$350.00.

Mr. Burgess asked who would be responsible for the tree and the plaque if it was vandalized or blown away by a hurricane. Chairperson Steward felt the donor should be responsible.

Ms. Lee supported the idea. She suggested adding a clause that would hold the Town harmless in case the tree died or was destroyed by natural disaster. She stated that when she was the Town Arborist and the program was in place it was not marketed well and was therefore unsuccessful.

Kathy Cox, 4940 Thoroughbred Lane, indicated there had been many trees planted in the Oak Hill Equestrian Park when the original Tree Legacy Program was in place.

Ms. Greck also supported this interest. She felt the program could easily be promoted through the communication systems already in place, such as the Town website.

Overall the Committee was supportive and agreed the Town could maintain the tree, but the donor would be responsible for replacing it if need be.

**Chairperson Steward made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dudley, to recommend to Council to initiate a Tree Legacy Program with the stipulations that: a)the selection of the tree and the material used for the plaques was done by the Town Arborist and the Public Works Department; b) the Town was held harmless; c)the trees were placed in Open Space areas. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried, 7-0)**

3.4 Equestrian Crossing Location Recommendations – update on cost estimate request at these crossings:

- a. Orange Drive & SW 118<sup>th</sup> Ave., SW 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. & SW 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- b. Nob Hill Road & SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street
- c. Flamingo Road & SW 36<sup>th</sup> Court

Mr. Mungal indicated he had e-mailed Acting Town Administrator Ken Cohen, but had not received a response. He stated he would try to have an answer at the next meeting. He advised

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there might not be funding available for this project.

It was suggested that estimates be gathered so there would be an understanding of the costs involved. Mr. Mungal advised that there was a cost for estimates because a traffic analysis would have to be done for each location.

Dr. Pellicane suggested finding out how much West Palm Beach paid for their horse crossings. Ms. Cox felt this would facilitate the program. She suggested calling West Palm Beach and asking for a list of materials that were used there. This would save time for staff during the research phase.

Mr. Mungal encouraged members to e-mail him if there were other locations that should be considered for horse crossings.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 OSAC Tour Update – Rescheduling**

The tour was rescheduled to Saturday, October 14, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. Committee members were to meet at the Pine Island Park Multi-Purpose Center.

**4.2 Open Space Bond – Next Steps (Held 1<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting on 9/12)**

Mr. Holste advised there were ten or eleven additional sites to be ranked. He spoke of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting the week before and stated they had made a recommendation to Council for existing sites they would like to be improved. He stated he would bring this list to the next meeting of this Committee.

The next special meeting for this Committee for the Bond was scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Dudley requested scoring sheets be included in the packets and members pre-score the sites before the meeting so as to expedite the process.

Chairperson Steward stated once the rankings were done a list would be provided to Council.

Ms. Greck stated she had spoken with Bill Underwood regarding the time limitations of spending the Bond monies. She wondered what penalties would be imposed if the monies were not spent within the time allotted. She felt there were some properties all would agree would benefit the Town. She suggested pursuing properties that were not for sale was relating to properties that might achieve the connectivity goals of the trail system. She reminded the original motivation for the Bond was to generate monies to complete the trail system. She strongly felt this needed to be a priority.

Ms. Cox explained the former Bond was different as there was no deadline. It was similar to a

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line of credit.

Mr. Burgess reminded that the boundaries might be changed at the September 23, 2006 *Boundary Meeting*. Mr. Holste advised the boundaries would be changed, but this would not affect the process.

Dr. Pellicane suggested giving Council the rankings and allow them to prioritize.

Ms. Greck felt it was important not to make any bond expenditure recommendations to Council before we have been able to review/rank ALL of the proposed acquisitions AND improvement projects for each district and cross reference that against the existing open space system so that we can make informed recommendations (regardless of how the proposed expenditures came into the process – from an advisory board, from Council, or from the community).

Mr. Holste indicated discussions regarding improvements and trails had already taken place. He intended to provide information regarding improvements, trails, and acquisitions at the next meeting for this Committee.

Mr. Mungal felt the Committee should first rank the acquisitions, then make recommendations based on the rankings. Additionally, recommendations on improving existing infrastructure should be included. With this information Council could get a cost analysis and make an informed decision. He felt this Committee needed to provide Council with as much information for each District as possible so as to assist Council in expediting the process.

Mr. Dudley suggested ranking by District then by priorities.

Ms. Greck reiterated her concern regarding the deadline. She felt there was an immediate need for more discussion and decision making so that the monies were spent as they were intended to be in a timely manner without penalties.

4.3 Update on Stonebrook Development Trail (Grant through Parks and Rec) – SR 84 to SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Holste advised that he had spoken with Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Andresky and Keith Purcell, project manager for this project. This project was in the design and permitting stage. Progress was being made. He stated the survey requirement had been removed, which allowed the project to move forward.

Mr. Mungal advised the matching grant would be lost if the trail was not completed by February 2007.

There was concern amongst the Committee members that this trail had not been completed and

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that the grant would be lost.

**Ms. Greck made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Steward, to ask Council to examine the circumstances of this trail and grant, and to mobilize development of this trail so the grant is not lost, and to assign appropriate staff to ensure expediting the completion of the trail consistent with the grant timeline. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried, 7-0)**

4.4 Cost of Maintenance Contracts for Open Space Parcels/Vendors – Update from Public Works Department

Mr. Mungal advised that information was being gathered and he would provide a spreadsheet to this Committee as soon as it was completed.

Ms. Lee clarified she wanted to know what specific services the Town was paying vendors for in existing bids for maintenance of Open Space parcels.

4.5 Update on Davie Land Trust 501 (c) (3) tax classification

Ms. Greck indicated the 501 (c) (3) tax classification assigned to a non-profit organization by the IRS was acquired, which enabled the Trust to move forward. She stated the Land Trust was trying to get more community involvement. The annual meeting was in the beginning of November and there were three open seats on the Board.

Ms. Greck advised she was invited to speak at the Public Land Acquisition and Management Partnership Conference in Jacksonville regarding the Land Trust.

4.6 Reschedule May 28, 2007 Meeting (Memorial Day Holiday)

Mr. Mungal stated he would bring available dates to the next meeting.

**5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

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**6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Ms. Greck asked Ms. Cox if the issue with the gate at Vista View Park was resolved. Ms. Cox indicated there was no issue and the gate would be open.

Mr. Mungal added there was a road easement dispute at Riverstone and he would check into it.

Ms. Lee asked when Chelsea Park would be opened to the public and if there would be a ceremony. Mr. Mungal indicated he would check into this.

Ms. Greck wanted to know about the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's improvement list for the Bond. Mr. Holste indicated the list was not available at their last meeting.

Ms. Cox advised that the corner of SW 100 Avenue and Orange Drive had been reclaimed by the Town. She stated that with the cleanup of this area horse crossing was safer and the overall area was more attractive.

There was discussion regarding the bridges needed over the secondary canals between the C-11 canal and Griffin Road. Ms. Cox spoke of the history of these bridges and agreed there was no access for horses.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried, 7-0)**

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**Approved**

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**Chairperson/Committee Member**