

**TOWN OF DAVIE**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
January 22, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

**Board Members**

Joyce Steward-Chairperson  
Linda Greck  
Casey Lee  
Frances Steier  
Christina Pellicane  
Toni Webb - absent  
Michael Mersack  
Donald Burgess  
Jeff Dudley – absent  
Paul Greenbaum

**Others Present**

Councilmember, Susan Starkey  
Councilmember, Judy Paul  
Tim Lee-Liaison  
Phillip Holste-Staff  
Michael Mungal-Staff  
Kathy Cox  
Pamela Pelkay-Rose  
Mona Laventure-Recording Secretary

[Recording secretary arrived late; no audio available.]

**1. ROLL CALL**

Recording Secretary arrived at 7:45 p.m.; the meeting had started. Roll call done by Mr. Michael Mungal.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - September 12, 2006; October 23, 2006; November 27, 2006; and December 5, 2006

The September 12, 2006; October 23, 2006, and December 5, 2006 minutes were deferred and will be reviewed at the next meeting. By motion duly made and seconded, the November 27, 2006 minutes were approved.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

3.1 Update on equestrian trail grant project along west side of Flamingo Road

Mr. Lee advised that there was a problem with property adjacent to the canal and that fences would have to be installed near where the trail would run. The Publics Works Department is conducting a survey to determine the boundary line.

### 3.2 Update on ordinance for speed limit and signage-Linda Greck

Ms. Greck made a request of Councilmember Judy Paul to place the OSAC draft of the proposed ordinance on a Council agenda for their discussion.

### 3.3 Update on open space bond parcels and east side trail

Chair Steward advised OSAC that a presentation had been made to Town Council of nine properties recommended by OSAC for due diligence and possible negotiations. Parcels have been identified for possible trail dedication as a part of site plan review and for potential request of owners for 15' to 30' strips to complete a trail from the Turnpike to Wolf Lake.

### 3.4 Update regarding maintenance contracts-Casey Lee

Ms. Lee will be meeting with Mr. Lee to update him and will update the Board at the next regular meeting.

### 3.5 Update regarding trail crossings and response from Engineering Dept.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Mungal have been trying to meet with the Engineer Dept from Wellington. The crosswalks are basically straight on the road with flashing lights similar to school lights.

Mr Mungal is checking to see what kinds of materials are being used for crossings elsewhere.

Ms. Cox suggested painting a horse symbol in the traffic lane to allow for horse crossing on Nob Hill Road, as there are no lights or warnings, suggesting that a gritty-type of paint should be used. She also suggested a flashing light at that location might work.

Councilmember Starkey noted a design has been done by staff that actually shows lines on both sides where the trail would be in the road, indicating that the gritted surface material can be added to both sides of the street.

It was Ms. Pellicane's suggestion to put a sign that basically states if a horse is nearby to reduced speed to 30 miles per hour and if not, it is okay to proceed on through at the posted limit.

### 3.6 Update on Impact Fee expenditures

Mr. Lee indicated that the percentage of fees from the Park and Recreation Impact Fee for open space is 70%. He provided to the Committee an outline of monies collected and distributed, as well as funding sources.

Chair Steward spoke with Mr. Underwood in the Budget and Finance Department and he advised that the information has been supplied. Mr. Underwood was asked if he could shed light

on funding for the bridge crossings at three locations on the south side of Griffin Road east of University Drive. The line items for those crossings appear on the capital projects budget then disappear.

It was noted by Ms. Greck that at one point \$60,000 had been allocated for bridges, although no one is sure where those funds are being utilized. She added that the capital project items should remain as capital project expenditures.

Chair Steward suggested they make a further request to see if the numbers can be broken down into more detail going back from 2005 and forward.

Mr. Holste indicated that his budget is based on what had currently been collected and is allocated for future budget expenditures. There is currently \$1.3 million in reserves from the Park and Rec Impart Fees. He noted that there are detailed sheets for all of these projects in the capital budget, which have been reviewed by Town Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Rank new parcels offered for open space bond consideration (Losee property-District 4 and North American Company LLP-District 1)

- Oak Knoll Parcel

Mr. Burgess indicated that the owner/developer does not have development rights on that site. Broward County is interested in ownership of this parcel so it can be maintained properly; however, the owner wants a higher amount than the County appraisal indicated the property is worth. The County is considering its options, but possibly Davie may wish to pursue the purchase.

Councilmember Starkey stated that she did not want to waste the Town's open space money and although that parcel might be part of a trail missing link, she was reluctant to purchase that parcel with open space funds as they may be throwing "good money to nothing."

Chair Steward advised that OSAC has a responsibility to at least rank the property.

Ms. Cox pointed out that the property is part of the Ridge area, inquiring if the area was elevated to being part of the historical Ridge, if it's an archeological site, or valued because of the oak trees. Mr. Burgess responded that being part of the Ridge, as well as the vegetation make it a desired parcel.

Ms. Cox indicated that the Town could take a position or have an ordinance that the areas be maintained, but there would be the risks of someone cleaning out the vegetation. She noted that this has been a piece that has been negotiated on for a long time and it is time to just purchase it.

The Oak Knoll Holdings parcel was then ranked at 18 points.

- Losee Property

This parcel was ranked as 16 with the comment that it could be considered a trail head.

Councilmember Paul noted that this particular property had been recommended by the residents in the area. It is a ten acre piece with pine trees and is a perfect location because of draining.

Ms. Cox stated this is an area with good accessible equestrian trail, although there's no potential for a bike trail.

Ms. Steier felt that the Kennedy parcel has more merit than the Losee property.

Ms. Pellicane encouraged looking at the property from the perspective of whether it can be a trail head or not.

There was a count of four for and four against the property being utilized as a trail head.

#### 4.2 Discussion on Annual Report- Joyce Steward

- Item 1-Recreation Trails
- Item 2-Adopt-a-Park Program
- Item 3-Park Impact Fees
- Item 4-Preserving Open Space Parcels
- Item 5-Parks and Trails Tour
- Item 6-Canal-Crossing Bridges
- Item 7-Tree Legacy Program
- Item 8-Speed Limit Signs
- Item 9-Bond Rankings

On item 4, "Davie-owned" was added to open space parcels.

With regard to Item 3, Ms. Greck suggesting changing "Open Space Impact Fee" to "Park and Recreation Open Space Fee." The Town is researching all impact fees not just Park and Rec impact fees for increases.

Motion to move the Annual Achievement Report to council as amended by Ms. Greck, seconded by Casey Lee, approved.

#### 4.3 Greenway Trail System report

Mr. Lee stated that Broward County is building a Greenway Trail System in Davie which will be up to Davie to maintain and mainly for bicycles. There will be some landscaping.

Chair Steward noted there is a bicycle trail on east side of Flamingo.

An objection to bringing the bike path to the west side of Flamingo was made by Ms. Cox, stating that if they come in with concrete bike path, there would not be any equestrian trail there.

It was Mr. Lee's understanding that the fence would be moved to allow the horses access on the west side. Ms. Cox asked that the proposal be put in writing and that she would like to see the cross section before it is signed off on.

Councilmember Paul reiterated that Davie does not want the wide concrete paths the County is planning on installing. Mr. Lee agreed to discuss this issue with the County to again clarify Davie's position on the width of the concrete paths along Flamingo Road.

Councilmember Paul commented that a wide path would be okay in Pembroke Pines, but in Davie and Southwest Ranches, it won't work, further pointing out that at every public hearing the County has had on the Greenways, Davie has been there opposing wide concrete paths.

### **COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Ms. Greck reiterated her desire to get the bridges on the Davie Road.

Motion made by Ms. Greck to move the capital project recommendation for bridges on Griffin Road as much as affordable, second by Ms. Lee. In a voice vote, all approved.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.