

## DAVIE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

APRIL 23, 2002

6:30 P.M.

### 1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. Board members present were Chair Julie Aitken, Vice-Chair Jason Hurley, Jacquie Daniels, Barbara Spiece and Hilda Testa (arrived 6:41 p.m.). Also present was Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 22, 2001

September 4, 2001

Chair Aitken indicated that the second paragraph under item 2 was misunderstood. The Board spoke about selling cluster development to Council as a concept not to home buyers.

Vice-Chair Hurley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Spiece, to approve the minutes of August 22, 2001, with a footnote, and the minutes of September 4, 2001. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

4.1 Chair Aitken presented the second draft of the Davie Farmer's Guide for the Board's approval. The Board discussed the guide, and several changes and corrections were made. Chair Aitken suggested placing reference to a guide written by the Broward Agrarian Committee as an overview for agricultural classification in the Davie Farmer's Guide. She added that the guide being written by the Board was specifically for Davie. Ms. Testa asked if the Farm Bureau would assist in the distribution of the guide. Chair Aitken responded affirmatively. Regarding the State law, the Board discussed the items and the order in which they should be listed.

### 3. DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 Steps for Recommendation to Council

Chair Aitken indicated that it was important to have the Town's seal on the cover of the guide and Council's approval was needed. She added that she would present a recommendation to Council with a draft for approval. Chair Aitken explained that she would like the guide to be adopted as an official Davie document to be placed in the reception area of Development Services Department and the Planning and Zoning Division. The Board suggested placing the guide on the website for easy access particularly to newcomers moving into Davie.

Vice-Chair Hurley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Testa, that the Board recommends that the Town adopts the Farmer's Guide as an official Town publication, as presented, to print and make said document available in the reception areas of all departments with public access; also, make it available in portable data format and post on the website in its entirety so that it was downloadable by the public. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

Ms. Spiece inquired which Council meeting the presentation would be made with Chair Aitken responding that the upcoming Council meeting would be on May 1st however; there was not enough time for the draft to go through the appropriate channels. She added that she would attempt to have draft along with the recommendation ready for presentation at the May 15th Council meeting.

Chair Aitken informed the Board that there would be a Conservation Easement Workshop being held at Town Hall on May 6th. She added that the Town had hired a consultant to locate grants for purchase of development rights of farms within Davie. Chair Aitken explained that

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the Town was seeking to extend funds received through the County for the purchase of development rights specifically for Davie farms. Ms. Testa asked if conservation easement and purchase of development rights were the same. Chair Aitken explained the difference. She added that a rural preservation workshop would be held on May 14th.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

4.1 Prepare Remainder of Davie Farmers Guide

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Aitken indicated that the Town Attorney for Southwest Ranches did not want to adopt the Broward County Farm Amendments as written. She explained that the attorney wanted to have setbacks and height restrictions put in place, all the items that the Town and the County had fixed in their ordinances and were exempted by the State because they were illegal. Chair Aitken commented that the attorney was providing inappropriate advice to Southwest Ranches' Town Council. A lengthy discussion followed with Chair Aitken expressing the opinion that Southwest Ranches would eventually have to adopt the Broward Farm Amendment.

The Board briefly discussed items for the next agenda.

**6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Hurley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Testa, to adjourn. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Board Member

