

## DAVIE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

JUNE 25, 2002

6:30 P.M.

### 1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. Board members present were Chair Julie Aitken, Vice-Chair Jason Hurley (arrived 7:00 p.m.), Jacquie Daniels and Hilda Testa (arrived 6:35 p.m.). Also present was Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Barbara Spiece was absent.

### 2. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Aitken nominated Ms. Testa, seconded by Mr. Hurley, as Chair. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Ms. Spiece being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

### 3. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Hurley nominated Ms. Aitken, seconded by Ms. Daniels, as Vice-Chair. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Ms. Spiece being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

### 4. SELECTION OF SECRETARY

Mr. Hurley nominated Ms. Daniels, seconded by Vice-Chair Aitken, as Secretary. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Ms. Spiece being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 24, 2001 September 17, 2001 May 28, 2001

Vice-Chair Aitken made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hurley, to approve the minutes of July 17, 2001, September 17, 2001 and May 28, 2002. In a voice vote, with Ms. Spiece being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

### 6. DISCUSSION

Chair Testa indicated that since the major farm issues had been tackled, the Board could now move onto the smaller issues which would deal more with the average Oakhill resident than the previous issues. She added that in keeping with the rural atmosphere and equestrian lifestyle, many people would be affected. Chair Testa referred to previous ideas discussed regarding hurricane protection for livestock. The Board discussed at length different ideas for livestock protection during a hurricane with Chair Testa indicating that her plan was to place her horses inside her house, depending on the intensity of the hurricane. Ms. Daniels indicated that this was a thought to be a good idea; however, this would only be safe if the horses were tranquilized. She discussed at length the effects of thunder and lightning on horses as well as firecrackers, and explained the importance of making the public aware that tranquilizing of horses was strongly recommended. Ms. Daniels discussed the different types of tranquilizers available as well as ways these could be administered to horses.

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The Board discussed plans by DART for placement of horses after a hurricane and a list of people with trailers for transporting horses. Ms. Daniels commented that there should be a medical alert to make owners aware that a horse could not stand in water for more than 48 hours. Chair Testa added that there should be a public awareness as to what a horse could tolerate after a storm. Vice-Chair Aitken suggested that a brochure with basic information was a good idea. Chair Testa commented that “pre-hurricane” information would be more effective than “post-hurricane” information. She added that most residents relied on the Town for assistance and that was the problem.

The Board discussed different ideas for a brochure and several locations were suggested as placement for distribution. The following headings were suggested by Boardmembers for the brochure.

- Food and water
- Shelter
- First Aid - Medical Information
- Transportation
- Individual evacuation plans
- Danger - do's and don'ts, whys
- Referrals - Telephone number of DART (Mary Peters)

Vice-Chair Aitken commented that there should be some type of identification of the horses to know to whom each horse belong. Ms. Daniels commented that owners should have their horses tested, and the horses must have a negative Coggins test in order to be moved from one facility to another to be placed with other horses. She added this was a requirement by law in the State of Florida.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding different items to be included under the above headings such as location for food storage, amount of water to be provided to the horses and the type of structure for relocating horses. Ms. Daniels explained that a hurricane first aid kit was necessary and she listed the items that should be included. She also added that for identification purposes, the identification tag should be braided in the horses' mane. Chair Testa commented that the brochure should be geared for the average Davie backyard horse owners and not large commercial farmers.

The Board discussed transporting horses from one facility to another by means of trailer. Ms. Daniels advised that horses should be tranquilized at least 30 minutes before they were introduced to the trailer. She explained that if a horse became excited just before being transported, the tranquilizer would have an opposite effect. A lengthy discussion followed and many suggestions were made for the brochure as well as for advance hurricane preparation.

6.1 Chair Testa referred to the Oakhill Equestrian Center and commented that she was disappointed in how it had been used. She added that there were Town parks that could be used as hurricane shelters for horses. Chair Testa indicated that with that in mind, she would like the Board to investigate the cost of raising a shelter so that a proposal could be presented to Council.

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She added that this could be presented to residents as hurricane protection, and some residents might be willing to offset some of the construction costs. Chair Testa indicated that she would be willing to sponsor half of the cost for a stall. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the different uses for the site when it was not being used as a hurricane shelter.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Aitken informed the Board that she had contacted Town Administrator Thomas Willi regarding the progress of the Davie Farmer's Guide. She indicated that Mr. Willi informed her that he had received comments from the proofreader, and although extensive changes had to be made, they were manageable. Vice-Chair Aitken indicated that once the changes were made by staff, a copy would be forwarded to the Board for final approval. She added that she was informed that if the Board agreed with the proofreader's comments, the Farmer's Guide would be placed on the Council agenda for the August 7th Council meeting. Vice-Chair Aitken indicated that Mr. Willi informed her that the Farmer's Guide would be published by the Town and placed on the Town's website.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

**9. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hurley made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Aitken, to adjourn. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Board Member

