

**OPEN SPACE BOND TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2006**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Acting Chair Fred Segal, Acting Vice-Chair Linda Greck and task force members Julie Aitken, Mike Bartlett, George Greb, Tom Green, Marie Kaplan, and Don Prichard.

In attendance from the Town were Phillip Holste and Michael Mungal.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Mr. Prichard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Greck, to nominate Mr. Segal as Chair. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Ms. Aitken made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green, to nominate Ms. Greck as Vice-Chair. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**4.1 SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mr. Segal recalled earlier discussions by the board about holding meetings every Thursday through the end of February and/or until the task force's job was completed.

Ms. Greck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green, to set a regular schedule of meetings as discussed. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

**4.2 ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Ms. Greck wanted the task force to have the ability to view relevant public documents via email or on the Town's website to facilitate better discussion. Mr. Bartlett advised the group that he could download documents on the Land Trust website. Mr. Holste indicated he and Mr. Bartlett would work together on this initiative.

Mr. Holste advised the group that he had spoken with Acting Town Administrator Cohen about the current funding status of three existing Town sites. He advised the group that the Clark Parcel was currently not in the Town's 5-year capital plan for funding. Regarding the Van Kirk site, he advised that the Town currently had a land development grant for \$200,000; however, the Town was required to contribute matching funds of \$200,000 which is not currently funded. He further advised the group that there were no funds currently allocated to developing the Sunny Lake site.

Mr. Greb was concerned about bond funds being used for maintenance. Mr. Holste advised that no funds could be used toward maintenance. Mr. Holste also referred members to the Florida Communities Trust application forms. He advised that two applications were successful in obtaining funding while the Davie Farm Park had not yet been approved yet. He added that land preservation applications had been provided for the Clark, Van Kirk, Sunny Lake, Farm Park and Math Iglar sites. Mr. Holste indicated that Don Burgess had provided relevant documentation which would be useful in outlining the bond criteria. Mr. Burgess

addressed the committee and referred them to two documents, entitled “Davie Open Space Bond Referendum” and “Criteria for Acquisition” which were briefly discussed in terms of their relevance to the task force’s project.

### 4.3 OUTLINE OF CRITERIA DRAFT DOCUMENT

Mr. Green questioned the purpose of certain parks, including one park on Hiatus Road, which was not used as an actual destination park. Ms. Greck felt these parcels were useful to the Town’s overall trail system connectivity even though they were not used as destination parks. Mr. Greb stressed the importance of allocating a certain amount of money for development of properties after acquisition. Ms. Aitken agreed. Mr. Holste referred to **Ordinance 2005-9** and requested the committee clarify the exact wording to use in outlining criteria.

Mr. Segal called for a short break at 7:55 p.m. to give members time to review the documents submitted by Mr. Burgess. Mr. Segal resumed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Ms. Aitken stated that from her reading of the bond language, she understood that wildlife habitat and parks would be one category. Mr. Holste added that from his reading, preservation of open space was stated in the ordinance but not in the referendum. He stressed the need for the committee to clarify exactly what topics would be addressed. Ms. Greck felt that preserving wildlife habitat would be achieved through acquisition of property, while establishing the criteria should address the particular objectives that a parcel meets. Ms. Aitken agreed with this approach and felt that the four main categories should be set with relevant objectives under each category.

The Committee held further discussion while following staff’s initial criteria draft on overhead. Mr. Segal asked if there was any designation for trails and questioned why natural habitat, wildlife habitat and natural areas were divided. Ms. Aitken felt the bond referendum language should be retained, and that four sub-categories should read as follows: 1) protect the quality of water bodies, 2) improve wildlife habitat and parks, 3) improve the recreational trail system and 4) protect natural areas from development, with everything else being a sub-category using the wording of the bond referendum. Mr. Bartlett agreed that the four columns should represent the goals as stated in the referendum. Mr. Burgess recommended taking the bond and interpreting its language before moving on. Mr. Segal agreed.

General discussion was held regarding defining protecting quality of water bodies. Mr. Segal spoke of the merits of first setting categories for the overall matrix before prioritizing levels of importance of any specific properties.

Mr. Bartlett made a motion to make accept the four categories that were previously discussed. Ms. Aitken seconded the motion with the addendum to use the wording “natural habitats” (instead of “natural areas” as stated in the bond.) Mr. Prichard suggested amending the motion to set up the categories as follows: **1) Protect the quality of water bodies, 2) Complete the recreational trail system, 3) Preserve and protect natural areas and wildlife habitat from development, and 4) parks.** In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

### 4.4 CRITERIA MATRIX

The task force discussed definitions of each heading on the matrix. Mr. Mungal asked whether the Town would need to hire a consultant to conduct a site feasibility report on each proposed site which would be part of the application process to determine if the criteria are being

met. Ms. Greck felt this would be part of the application process. Mr. Green felt Town staff would likely play a role in this process. Mr. Holste advised that trying to come up with a plan for a site while also deciding whether to buy it was unrealistic. He felt it was more effective to focus on features currently on sites at this point.

Karen Stenzel-Nowicki, 5480 SW 55 Avenue, spoke of damage to the Sunny Lake site since Hurricane Wilma. She cautioned the task force to remember that repair costs to hurricane-damaged areas would be reimbursed by the federal government.

Don Burgess pointed out there were so many components to water bodies that no site would score 100% of the points, but that some would score higher or lower where the criteria was concerned. He suggested that staff visit residents Town-wide to ask what they wanted in their districts. He also cautioned against acquisition of sites that could not be developed or that might have restrictions.

Mr. Segal suggested setting out the wording for each category in bullet points going vertically along the matrix for review during the next meeting. Mr. Holste asked whether the entire recreational system should include equestrian trails.

Mr. Prichard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, to set 1) protect the quality of water bodies; 2) preserve and protect natural areas and wildlife habitat from development 3) recreational trails, and 4) preserve and protect park lands as the four categories. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Mr. Green advised that the Central Broward Water Control District denied the developer's request to fill in the canal at the Sunny Lake site.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Aitken made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion passed 8-0)

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Chairperson/Committee Member