

**OPEN SPACE BOND
TASK FORCE MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2006**

1. ROLL CALL

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

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

Also in attendance from the Town was Phillip Holste.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 January 5, 2006

Mr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Aitken, to approve the January 5, 2006 Minutes. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

2.2 December 28, 2005

Mr. Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Greck, to approve the December 28, 2005 Minutes. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 CRITERIA MATRIX

Mr. Segal thanked Mr. Holste and staff for their work on the matrix and for their email correspondence. Mr. Holste advised that he had incorporated the information provided by Mr. Burgess into the matrix. Ms. Aitken wanted to first define the four criteria headings and then work on prioritizing items within the matrix. Ms. Greck stated she was unsure why priority would be given to a parcel in one demographic area versus another. Mr. Holste advised that this was a Broward County consideration and felt the board should decide whether to include these criteria. Ms. Aitken added that priority would need to be given to geography.

Ms. Greck asked if the task force would be involved in submitting applications. Mr. Holste felt this might be submitted by the Council. Mr. Bartlett added that the task force's goal was to establish criteria, not create a system where a property might be locked out because it did not meet criteria. He felt this was Council's responsibility. Mr. Greb pointed out that the task force's job was not over when it completed setting criteria. Ms. Aitken agreed and wanted to complete setting headings for the matrix. Ms. Greck felt agricultural was a defining characteristic of a given property. Mr. Green agreed and felt agricultural sounded like property attributes, which could be one of the four headings.

Mr. Prichard suggested making a recommendation on how the funds would be evenly distributed based on land costs and availability in each district. Mr. Green agreed that geographical factors were important attributes within individual districts. Mr. Greb pointed out that geographically there would not be an equal amount of land to purchase in each district. Ms. Greck suggested making a recommendation that allowed each Councilmember the flexibility to apply portions of their funds to projects outside their district. Mr. Holste felt this would have to be a Council decision.

Jason Curtis, 3801 Flamingo Road, spoke of the importance of equity and felt each Councilmember would make sure to spend all their funds within their districts. He wanted the task force to recognize that Districts 1 and 2 had a greater need for parks.

General discussion followed on breaking down terms under the “Geographic” category on the matrix. Mr. Greb pointed out that funds would have to be allocated for development of lands acquired. Ms. Greck added that the focus of the matrix was on acquisition. Don Burgess also agreed and offered various suggestions for prioritizing expenditures on the matrix.

Mr. Greb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green, to rename the matrix “Open Space Acquisition Matrix.” After brief discussion, the task force came to the consensus that the matrix would be used for acquisition while another process would be used for recommending improvements. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

Mr. Bartlett felt goals and attributes should be the two functions of the matrix.

Ms. Greck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, to set up major criteria headings for the left hand column of the matrix entitled: **Geographic** (or something similar); **Property Attributes** (or something similar); and **Financial Considerations** (or something similar), and start organizing attributes under these headings.

Mr. Green offered to amend the motion to add any kind of environmental consideration as one column on the left. Ms. Greck declined the amendment as she felt these fell under property attributes. Ms. Aitken agreed with Mr. Green that natural or environmental resources should be a stand alone category.

Mr. Prichard offered to amend Ms. Greck’s motion to name the columns: **Geographic Attributes**; **Financial Attributes** and **Physical Attributes**, which could be changed at a later date. Ms. Greck accepted the amendment.

In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

General discussion followed on adding items to the different categories on the matrix. Development demands were also discussed in terms of their significance to the task force’s goals. Mr. Green felt all land in Davie was under developmental pressure. Mr. Prichard suggested that parcels which residents wanted to sell to the Town instead of developers might rank as higher priority items. Ms. Aitken wanted the task force to list all items being discussed on paper for further review.

3.2 CRITERIA DRAFT DOCUMENT

Mr. Holste hoped the focus of the next meeting would be finalizing the matrix as the criteria draft document would be based upon it. He indicated he would incorporate definitions provided on the various informational documents and provide options on what different municipalities and organizations used.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Curtis wanted the task force to keep in mind that this project concerned people more than land, as the projects being pursued affected people. Mr. Green felt concerns which were aired about public accessibility should be part of the overall criteria draft document. Mr. Prichard

felt the task of molding the goals of the document to meet residents' needs would best be addressed in a different section.

Pam Rose, 4810 SW 54 Terrace, pointed out that while the Town now owned the Sunny Lake site, with the use of two bonds, there was no accessible park there. She felt it was important to make the parks the Town owned usable. Ms. Greck agreed that in some districts acquisition was less sensible than park improvements. Mr. Segal advised that the task force would also address improvements of existing parks as a separate issue. Mr. Greb recalled his earlier concerns that residents would be turned off by the Town buying more land without improving public accessibility. He felt the only way to do this was to provide funds to make parks accessible as soon as possible.

Mr. Holste pointed out that there were existing sites without funding and that future sites to be purchased had no funding source yet. He reminded everyone that this was all being taken into consideration within the process. He clarified that the ordinance required "even distribution of bond money within each of the Town's districts." Mr. Green wanted items to apply to each heading on the criteria draft document and cautioned against repetition within the document.

Ms. Rose wanted the task force to remember that the public attended the meetings to hear all the broad aspects of the bond project being discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved

Chairperson/Committee Member