

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Joyce Steward, ~~Vice-Chair~~ Linda Greck, and Committee members Jeff Dudley, Casey Lee, Christina Pellicane, Toni Webb, and Vice Chair George Greb. Also in attendance from the Town were Larry Peters, Michael Mungal and Bruce Dell.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 25, 2005

~~Mr.~~ Vice Chair George Greb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dudley, to approve the July 25, 2005 Minutes. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Capital Improvement Budget for 2005-2009 – Town Liaison

Town Engineer, Larry Peters, introduced Engineering Manager, Bruce Dell, who presented his background. The Committee members welcomed Mr. Dell.

Chair Steward wanted to review of the Capital Improvement Budget documents. Mr. Mungal advised that the budget would change but was unsure whether the Open Space portion would change. He also advised that the Committee would have an opportunity to provide comments at a later time.

Chair Steward recalled Councilmember Paul stating that the dog park was on the budget. ~~Vice-Chair~~ Mrs. Greck stated the present budget might not be the newest version. Chair Steward voiced the Committee's desire to provide input on the budget.

Ms. Webb queried the section on page 38 referring to concrete trails. Mr. Mungal advised he would get further clarification on this. Mr. Peters explained that concrete recreational trails was the term used in the budget because engineering (compaction of soil) was not needed unless a sidewalk pavement was being installed.

~~Vice-Chair~~ Mrs. Greck referred to page 39 regarding the FPL C-11 easement and questioned the increase in cost from \$60,000 to \$210,000. Chair Steward felt the budget for 2006 appeared to include this item.

Ms. Lee spoke of Australian pines as a major liability because of the amount of debris they generated and asked Mr. Mungal to check on when trees would be removed.

~~Vice-Chair~~ Mrs. Greck felt silver fencing around Robbins Lodge should be painted green or black to be less intrusive. She also asked about financial implications with regard to the east-west FPL easement equestrian trail. Chair Steward felt this might be a matter of land availability. Mr. Peters advised that as all rights-of-way were leased, the Town would have to meet with the lessee on this matter. ~~Vice-Chair~~ Mrs. Greck asked that the Town set up a meeting with the property FPL representatives. Chair Steward asked Mr. Mungal to update the Committee on the status of these talks.

### **3.2 Update on Status of Trail Systems Maps – Town Liaison**

Mr. Mungal indicated he would update the Committee on the status of this item.

### **3.3 Update on the 3 Equestrian Bridge Crossings along Griffin Road**

This item was already discussed.

### **3.4 Adopt-a-Park Program – Handout provided by Dennis Andresky**

Chair Steward indicated that residents were interested in this program and felt the Committee should recommend that Council implement this plan. Ms. Webb asked who would monitor the program. Chair Steward spoke of various municipalities that had this which used groups of residents who were serious and committed.

Three possible parks for this program were discussed: 1) Veterans Park; 2) Lange Park – south of Griffin Road; and 3) Berman Park. The Committee felt Bergeron Park would also be a good candidate.

Mr. Mungal spoke of the importance of setting up a formal plan for this program. Dr. Pellicane wanted to ensure there were no hazardous materials if children participated in cleaning up. Ms. Webb asked how canal cleanup would be monitored. Mr. Peters advised there would be no policing of this.

Mr. Mungal requested that the Committee email him with their input on this program.

### **3.5 Progress Report – Davie Area Land Trust – Linda Greck**

~~Vice-Chair~~ Mrs. Greck indicated there was no change since the last meeting and that the Land Trust was still awaiting its 501(C)3 designation. She urged Committee members to join.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Discuss Long Key Natural Area Equestrian Trail connection concern from resident.**

The Committee discussed a resident's complaint about ATVs on the Imagination Farms trail park. Chair Steward referred to a letter from Broward County addressing the problem. Mr. Peters indicated a gate would be installed.

**4.2 Cost of routine trail maintenance – Provided by Bruce Bernard**

~~Vice Chair~~ Mrs. Greck felt the costs were not exorbitant. She wanted to discuss monument placements and whether enough was allocated in the budget for these. Ms. Webb asked who should be called about trees obstructing trails. Chair Steward advised that Bruce Bernard should be contacted.

**4.3 Open Space Impact Fund Update – Town Liaison**

The Committee reviewed a handout with the latest update. Chair Steward asked if the impact fee was likely to be raised.

**Dr. Pellicane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to recommend to Council that the impact fee be indexed to some definitive rate, such as the prime lending rate. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)**

**4.4 Update on Math Iglar property**

Mr. Mungal advised that all structures and contaminated soil had been removed and that the tree survey was being conducted. The soil under the slab that has not been removed is contaminated. Ms. Lee wanted to ensure the irrigation system was in place. ~~Vice Chair~~ Mrs. Greck asked Mr. Mungal to check on risers that were still on the property. Mr. Mungal advised he would check with Mr. Andresky on this.

**26<sup>th</sup> Street Roundabout.**

With regard to the 26<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout, Mr. Peters suggested that parking be moved to 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Chair Steward stated that originally, parking was for maintenance vehicles. Ms. Lee indicated that the map showed handicapped parking which meant the parking must be for public use. The Committee directed Mr. Mungal to look further into this issue.

Ms. Webb did not want balloons allowed at the equestrian park gate as horses disliked them. She asked that this request be passed on to the Parks and Recreation Board. Dr. Pellicane wanted to specify that signage only be used.

**5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Ms. Webb advised that the Stonebrook property did not have a trail connecting to the back portion of the lot, which the Town had stated would be there. ~~Vice Chair~~ Mrs. Greck read a letter from a resident who said the trail was inaccessible at Stonebrook.

The Committee directed Mr. Mungal to look further into this issue.

~~Vice Chair~~ Mrs. Greck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to recommend that the Town thoroughly examine the trail at the back of the Stonebrook property, open it as a horse trail and make it accessible. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)

~~Vice Chair~~ Mrs. Greck spoke of the new trail from 26<sup>th</sup> Street to Robbins Lodge and stated that the irrigation hole covers in the center of the trail were unmarked and a hazard. She also spoke of a portion of the trail from Hiatus Road to Nob Hill Road that was always under water. She requested that the Town address this issue and relocate or mark the irrigation covers.

**Ms. Lee made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to recommend that the Town's Zoning Inspector check the irrigation system to ensure that hazardous items were relocated if necessary. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)**

Ms. Lee stated that the trees to be replaced along Flamingo Road to Linear Park were not grade 1 as planned.

~~Vice Chair~~ Mrs. Greck stated that Roy Rogers ~~was putting up windmills along I-95 and felt Davie should too.~~ is initiating a local windmill project in Broward County, suggesting that Davie might want to consider working with him on strategically placed windmills in Davie.

She also ~~felt~~ suggested a trail crossing should be included as part of the ~~Linear trail.~~ Westridge Oaks development planned for the parcel on the NE corner of Flamingo Road and Orange Drive. Mrs. Greck advised the committee that she intended to push for the crossing and would be attending an upcoming community meeting about the development.

Ms. Lee encouraged everyone to attend meetings that were mandated for developers and residents.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Pellicane made a motion, seconded by ~~Vice Chair~~ Mrs. Greck, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)

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Chairperson/Committee Member