

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 27, 2006**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Joyce Steward and Committee members Don Burgess, Jeff Dudley, Linda Greck, Paul Greenbaum, Christina Pellicane, Frances Steier, and Toni Webb. Also in attendance from the Town was Michael Mungal.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 23, 2006**

Mr. Burgess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenbaum, to approve the January 23, 2006 Minutes, pending corrections. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 UPDATE ON TRAIL SYSTEM AND MONUMENT MAP CHANGES**

Mr. Burgess advised that Broward County Parks had planned to put in a trail at Long Key (also called Kapok area). Gretel McCausland, Broward County Parks and Recreation, spoke of the trail going along Flamingo Road and at SW 36 Street, cutting through the wetland to 136 Avenue. She spoke of features of the trail near the old Pioneer Village which would not open until the nature center was completed. Ms. Webb thought the trail appeared to be fenced in and questioned the need to wait. Ms. McCausland stated that the contractor had left the job unfinished which added to the delay.

Ms. Greck commended the plans for the trail. Ms. McCausland provided her contact information for the Committee.

Ms. Webb spoke of the five street lights that caused the birds to leave the Rookery. She requested that these lights be dimmed or directed downward. Ms. Steier agreed with this request.

Ms. Webb also pointed out that the trail near the north of Ms. Aitken's property which was treacherous. Ms. McCausland advised the County would be willing to work with the Town to widen this trail. She added that the whole area was up for mitigation projects.

**3.2 ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM INITIATIVE – NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Steward advised she had spoken with Mr. Cohen and sent him an outline of this program and was waiting for his response. Mr. Burgess recommended an Adopt-a-

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Trail program. Ms. Steward agreed this would be a good program. Mr. Mungal spoke of the Adopt-a-Park initiative and asked for specifics where sponsorship amounts were concerned. Ms. Steward spoke of possible corporate sponsors for donations.

**3.3 SCHEDULING OF TOURS TO DETERMINE CURRENT TRAIL SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mr. Mungal suggested a possible route for the first tour starting at Pine Island and ending at Shenandoah. He suggested using 6-seater golf carts as one option for transportation. He also suggested using minivans with pick up/drop off at Pine Island Ridge. Ms. Webb advised doing the tour quickly for favorable weather. Mr. Mungal asked the Committee to recommend a Saturday, between 8:30 am–1:00 pm. The Committee agreed to Saturday, April 29. Ms. Steward asked if the tour could include the Long Key area. Mr. Burgess indicated he would check on this.

**3.4 STATUS ON JEHOVAH WITNESS SITE (NW CORNER OF NOB HILL AND ORANGE DRIVE)**

Mr. Mungal deferred to Town Engineer Larry Peters. Mr. Peters advised that the Jehovah’s Witnesses could be on the Town’s right-of-way as long as they did what they agreed to do. Ms. Steward brought up the parking issue. Mr. Peters advised they had paved a parking area without permission which amounted to 20’ of encroachment, but they had agreed to re-sod this stretch. Dr. Pellicane asked if there were fewer accidents now. Mr. Peters stated he was not aware this had been a problem.

**3.5 REZONING CRITERIA FOR OPEN SPACE PARCELS (CREATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION)**

Mr. Mungal indicated he had not gone further with this issue but had sent emails to Marcie Nolan and Bruce Bernard and was awaiting feedback. Mr. Mungal advised that once a parcel was designated as open space it could not be changed. Ms. Greck thought this would be a difficulty, not an impossibility. Ms. Steward suggested tabling this to the next meeting. Mr. Mungal suggested creating a recorded document which would make it harder to change zoning on open space parcels. Mr. Burgess pointed out that the property needed to be accessible in a title search.

**3.6 STATUS ON THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR RAISING OPEN SPACE IMPACT FEES**

Mr. Mungal advised that per Mark Kutney, the resolution wouldn’t work as is because doubling impact fees needed to be justified in writing. He added he would speak further with Mr. Kutney on this.

**3.7 UPDATE ON TOWN’S WEBSITE (MEETING MINUTES, CALENDAR, PHOTOS)**

Ms. Steward advised she had spoken with Braulio Rosa who was planning to go to the webmaster to further update the website. She advised there were no changes as yet. Mr. Mungal indicated he would add a place holder for the public to learn about OSAC meetings. Ms. Greck asked if Mr. Rosa was going with the Committee on the tour. Ms. Steward responded affirmatively.

### **3.8 COST OF MONUMENT MARKERS**

Mr. Mungal advised that per Mr. Bernard, the monuments now cost \$1,000-\$1,200 per marker. Ms. Webb felt they were attractive and useful. She suggested it might be cheaper to locate them on a flatter surface. Ms. Steward pointed out that more people wanted to see them from roadside and felt that ground level markers would not be as visible. The Committee discussed developers' contribution to these markers.

**MOTION.** Ms. Webb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Greck, to recommend that developers pay for monument markers ~~adhering to height stipulations~~ abutting or near developments. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

Mr. Mungal suggested that maintenance of markers could be added as a line item under 5-year capital improvements.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **4.1 UPDATE ON OPEN SPACE BOND TASK FORCE MEETINGS**

Ms. Greck updated the Committee on the Open Space Bond Task Force's discussions. She advised that all details from the meetings were completed on March 23 and would go before Council. She briefly explained the point system and matrix exercise developed by the task force to determine properties that met the Bond's goals. She advised that with this system, prospective properties would come from varied places Townwide but go through a single starting point. Mr. Dudley asked when this would go before Council. Mr. Mungal advised it would be either on April 5 or April 19.

### **4.2 RE-APPOINTMENT OF EXISTING MEMBERS (TERMS END APRIL 30) FOR NEW TWO-YEAR TERM**

Ms. Steward introduced new Committee member, Paul Greenbaum, who spoke of his qualifications and background.

Mr. Mungal indicated he had provided the Clerk's office with Committee members' names and asked anyone who wished to stop serving to let him know.

### **4.3 DISCUSSION OF THE 2006-2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET OPEN SPACE ITEMS**

#### **a. Dog Park**

Ms. Steward asked for an update on the dog park issue. Ms. Greck referred to Councilmember Paul's request in September 2005 that the dog park be removed from the 2006 Capital Budget consideration as a bond item as it since the referendum had not yet been approved, but what ultimately occurred was that the dog park was shifted into the 2007 fiscal budget, still indicated to be funded through the open space bond. Mr. Mungal advised that it still had to go through the selection process if the funds came from the \$25 million.

Marie Eisler, a resident of the Town, and advocate for the dog park, questioned where it was stated that the dog park would be paid for from the Open Space Bond. Ms. Steward advised this was not stated anywhere. Ms. Eisler asked if this could be done apart from the OSAC. Ms. Steward suggested it could be covered under capital improvements.

Mr. Mungal added that if it did not use open space, it would not go through the Committee. Mr. Dudley felt the public should not assume the dog park would be voted down. Ms. Steward pointed out there were no suitable sites submitted yet. Ms. Eisler asked who was able to recommend a site. Ms. Steward advised that a resident in the relevant District could bring it forward. Dr. Pellicane added that the Committee would then look at whether the site was appropriate for a dog park.

Ms. Steward suggested residents could submit portions of property as the Committee did not do site selection. Ms. Steward asked if the residents in favor of a dog park had eyeballed a site. Ms. Eisler responded affirmatively and stated they were in favor of a portion of Robbins Lodge. Ms. Steward suggested a more eastern location as residents out west had large properties and ample open space.

**b. Bergeron Park**

**c. Recreational Trail Improvements**

Ms. Steward made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to place the trail monuments on the equestrian and recreational trails as proposed. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

**d. Equestrian Trails – Bridge Crossing slated for 2007**

Mr. Mungal advised that per Mr. Bernard, locations had been provided for bridge crossings at a previous meeting. Ms. Greck asked for clarification on language on the detail sheet concerning the FPL easement along Griffin Road on the south bank of the C-11 canal. Mr. Mungal clarified that the word "bridge" should be plural from the Capital Improvement Budget and advised that some additional work was needed at that location.

**e. Linear Park – Improvements**

#### 4.4 PLACEMENT OF EQUESTRIAN SIGNS AROUND TOWN

Ms. Webb advised that Wellington had specific signage addressing motorists about horses and equestrian safety and wanted the same for Davie. Ms. Greck read aloud Florida Statute 361.0825 concerning vehicles approaching animals and specifically horses. She talked about the importance of educating the public on this issue. She referred to the *Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices* book and advised that relevant signage was available.

Ms. Steward asked where these signs might be needed. Ms. Greck suggested Orange Drive and wherever trails were adjacent to heavily traveled roads. Mr. Mungal indicated he would submit request to Mr. Cohen. Ms. Webb wanted specific language about what vehicles and that speed frightens horses. Ms. Steward agreed this issue should be further explored as it was a problem. Ms. Webb suggested a public awareness article in *The Davie Update*.

Ms. Greck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to recommend that the Town install signage requiring caution by motorists ~~due to the unpredictability of horses.~~ for all trail users. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

#### 4.5 DISCUSSION OF TREE LEGACY PROGRAM (DISCUSSION ON HOW TO INCORPORATE INTO PARKS AND OPEN SPACE)

Ms. Steward wanted to address this issue but was unsure about costs or how to implement this through both the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Committees. She indicated this program has been used as a memorial or for special occasions. She advised there was a list of parks that needed new trees. She indicated she would send suggested parks and sites to Mr. Bernard for consideration. Mr. Mungal requested an email from Ms. Steward with further detail for him to review. Ms. Steward wanted this kept in the forefront of capital improvements projects.

#### 5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Dudley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Greck, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 6-0)

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Chairperson/Committee Member