

**TOWN OF DAVIE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011 – 7:30 P.M.
ROBBINS LODGE, MAIN HOUSE
4005 HIATUS ROAD, DAVIE, FLORIDA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathy Cox, Chair
Linda Greck, Vice Chair (arr. 7:47 pm.)
Wayne Arnold
Donald Burgess
Donna Evans
Christine Pellicane (arr. 8:17 p.m.)
Mary Pence
Mark Sierens
Toni Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Phillip Holste, Program Manager
Amanda Lebofsky, Prototype, Inc.

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1. ROLL CALL

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Following a roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.

New member Mary Pence introduced herself, remarking that she is a 34-year resident of Davie, has worked in the schools and is a horse owner. Self introductions by other members were made for the benefit of the new member.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 March 28, 2011 Minutes

Mr. Holste commented that he had requested some changes and most were made with the exception of the changes related to the correct name of Central Broward. Chair Cox explained that most of the changes were approved and made in the minutes. However, if someone said "Central Water District" instead of "Central Broward" the minutes cannot be changed without a "major event." Ms. Edmondson of Prototype, Inc. suggested that the corrections be noted in brackets as follows: on p. 2, the "Broward Drainage Board" would be followed by [Central Broward Water Control District]; p. 4, 6th paragraph, "Central Broward Water Management District" would be followed by [Central Broward Water Control District]. In the same paragraph, "South Florida Water District" would be followed by [South Florida Water Management District].

Chair Cox asked if the Committee found that solution to be acceptable, and Mr. Sierens noted that is usually what the newspaper does for errors. Chair Cox added that it was explained to her that what has been said in the meeting cannot be changed, so the bracketing would fix the problem.

Chair Cox continued that the 2nd paragraph on p. 4 was unclear in the second reference to US 27, but she did not think it was important enough to make a change.

Chair Cox stated that the only other issue in the March minutes was the statement of the motion on p. 7 of the March minutes. She said that although Ms. Pellicane wanted to "fix" the motion at the April meeting, a motion cannot be fixed once it is in the minutes. The procedure would be to revoke the motion, then restate it in the desired fashion. Chair Cox re-read the motion. She said that Mr. Holste pointed out that on the previous page of the minutes, it was clearly stated what they were talking about. Chair Cox said they can either approve the minutes as they are, or revoke the motion as stated in the March minutes and then restate the motion and pass a new motion. Mr. Holste remarked that staff understood the intention of the motion as it was written.

Motion by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Sierens, to accept the March 28, 2011, minutes as amended with the brackets around the proper names of South Florida Water Management District and Central Broward Water Control District. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2.2 April 25, 2011, Minutes

Mr. Burgess pointed out that on the first page under the Motions Index, "DCR" should be "DRC" in three instances.

On p. 3, 2nd paragraph of the Liaison Report, he stated that the unheard words should be "Central Broward Water Control District maintenance vehicles."

Also on p. 3, 2nd sentence under N-20 canal, "118th Terrace" should be "Southwest 118th Terrace." In the next sentence, "Southwest 113th Terrace" should be "Southwest 118th Terrace."

Mr. Burgess continued with corrections, noting that in the next to last paragraph on p. 7, 3rd sentence, "stone water" should be "storm water."

Ms. Evans said that on p.4, 1st paragraph under 6.1, she did not say that "she had not removed anything in the draft regarding new facilities." It was suggested that the word "not" be removed.

Mr. Holste will double check on the correct spelling of "Julie Akins" (p. 3) and change if necessary.

Motion by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Ms. Webb, to approve the April 25, 2011, minutes as amended. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. LIAISON UPDATE

Mr. Holste brought up the meeting at Grove Creek with the HOA, and deferred to Chair Cox for a report. Chair Cox reminded the Committee that at the last meeting they had discussed the chain across the trail on the west side of Flamingo. She said that she and Mr. Holste met with the Vice President of the HOA

and they are in the process of overhauling the sprinkler system, and wanted to discuss planting palm trees on the canal bank along Flamingo Road. Chair Cox suggested planting them on the berm, if the Davie landscaping people would allow that. The chain had been put up because people were parking and then walking into residents' backyards to fish. The HOA also plans to fence the NW corner of the lake and put up No Trespassing signs. In one area where there are boulders, the HOA plans to remove the boulders and plant hedge material. The HOA Vice President said he was looking into "lifting" the oak trees on the south trail that goes along the shopping center because they are too low. Mr. Holste said he was confident that the HOA would follow through with what they had discussed, and it was a very positive discussion.

C-11 Project. Mr. Holste said he had distributed copies of the timeline for the C-11 culvert project. Based on the timeline, the project should be complete by May, 2012. He said the project starts June 26, 2011, and the final design and permitting is expected to be complete by August 17, 2011.

Mr. Burgess said that "RAI" means Request for Additional Information. Mr. Holste explained that "ERP" is Environmental Resource Permit, and "ROW" is Right of Way.

Batten's Farm. Mr. Holste announced there was a Dignitary's Grand Opening last week and the official Grand Opening will be the coming Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Joint Task Force. The Joint Task Force will meet on June 14 right before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. He encouraged all to attend. He thought it would be all four boards involved in the Urban Farming project, and the Task Force will make sure that their recommendations are retained by the boards. Several members said they would attend.

Mr. Burgess asked to be reminded of the tasks assigned to this Committee, and it was noted it was just trails. Mr. Holste will double check to see if there were any other tasks.

Sunny Lake Bird Sanctuary. Mr. Holste reported that the last remaining element, the paving of the parking lot, should be done in the next few weeks. He hoped it would be open for recreational use in the next few months.

Ms. Webb expressed concern about the trees that birds preferred possibly being replaced by lollipop trees. She thought it was a bad idea to go in and take out the trees (Australian pines) that the birds liked but were unattractive. Mr. Holste said he would defer to the Public Works Department regarding action that has been taken at Sunny Lake. There was a short discussion about the impact of removing the trees. Mr. Holste said the situation is dependent on commitments that the City has made with the State and the County. Ms. Webb wondered if the State and County agreements could be modified on the basis of what the birds do. Mr. Holste said he would have to review the agreements.

Vice Chair Greck thought the tree replacement program was being done in conjunction with Audubon and other wildlife agencies with consideration for the bird habitat. Again, Mr. Holste deferred to Mr. Pursell. Chair Cox asked Mr. Holste to report what was done and what the approach is going to be at the next meeting.

Liberty Park. Mr. Holste reported that the grand opening occurred several weeks prior, and was very successful.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Proposed Peaceful Ridge Trail

Mr. Holste asked to defer this item to the next meeting, as it is a work in progress and more research is needed. He did have an estimate of \$60,000 for filling the canal.

4.2 Draft Declaration of Restrictive Covenants – Pine Island Park

Chair Cox recalled that at the last meeting, the Committee talked about sequestering certain areas for certain activities.

[Ms. Pellicane joined the meeting at 8:17 p.m.]

Ms. Evans brought up the press box. She said it is not complete, is not hurricane-safe, and does not meet the disability requirements for the State as it now stands. Chair Cox stated that this Committee is not involved in designing buildings or approving structures as they are built. The Committee's concern is whether the use is permitted.

Chair Cox noted that in the draft DRC, the opening language is very similar to what they had for the other sites. Mr. Burgess pointed out that Item 1 is about preserving natural areas and then the document goes into the permitted uses. Chair Cox wondered if they wanted to sequester out the southwest quadrant. Ms. Pellicane recalled previous discussion about a water park, and thought it should be addressed.

Chair Cox said that the Hammock area, the extension of Treetops, and the equestrian area in the southwest corner should be preserved as is. Vice Chair Greck spoke in favor of specifying particular areas for preservation in terms of vegetation and hydrologic features, and maybe have a subsection within the covenant that addresses that area. Mr. Holste said he would get a legal description of the area covered. Chair Cox roughly described the area for Mr. Holste's benefit: the boundary would go from the eastern perimeter of the Loop Road, then go east along the Park's southern boundary to the end of the jogged section, then go straight north (taking in the pool area) along the east side of the T-ball fields, go directly west from there back to the Road, and continue south on the Loop Road until reaching the corner.

Chair Cox wondered if they would have to protect the equestrian trail that goes along the southern boundary to the south side of the Public Works yard. (From there it goes all the way to the canal and then heads south on the west side of the canal.) Vice Chair Greck suggested creating a strip that goes along the southern edge to capture the 25 feet (the distance between the Public Works building and the fence line) all the way down to preserve the trail. Mr. Holste thought it would be doable. Mr. Holste then said Exhibit A will be the entire park, Exhibit B will be the rectangle, and Exhibit C would be the trail portion.

Vice Chair Greck brought up the area around the south eastern ball fields that might factor into the water retention capabilities, and she wondered about restricting impervious surfaces in that area. Mr. Holste said they cannot add that much more impervious surface area to the park anyway.

Mr. Holste suggested that in the DRC, the matters pertaining to Exhibit A will basically be the whole park except for the areas in Exhibit B and C. Chair Cox asked him to bring a draft back to them.

Regarding Item 1 (b), there was a discussion of the more active uses, and it was noted they could add more sports or exclude some. Vice Chair Greck pointed out the distinction between motorized transportation and motorized equipment for sports. Mr. Burgess commented that once the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants gets reviewed and hopefully approved by the Town Council, it will probably "go in a drawer" and never be seen again. There are park rules that determine how the site is used on a daily basis, and he thought the Committee was over-thinking the covenants. The Committee agreed by consensus to move on to Item 1 (c).

In Item 1 (c), Mr. Holste said that "concession stand" should be plural. Chair Cox commented on the cell phone tower that is already there, and wondered if that should be a permitted use. Since it did not cause any issues and would bring potential revenue to the Town, the Committee decided by consensus to allow that.

Chair Cox brought up the use of lights, and there was a discussion of existing lighting. The Committee agreed that lighting should be added as a permitted use. Mr. Holste noted that scoreboards were already there and they are lit.

Mr. Burgess suggested using the term "communications tower" instead of "cell phone tower."

Chair Cox summarized that they want to add a communications tower, lights, and scoreboards in Item 1 (c).

Moving on to Item 1 (d), Mr. Holste said in the past there had been discussion about structures for Parks and Recreation offices or add-ons to the gymnasium. Chair Cox believed they were covered for that aspect in Item 1 (c).

Chair Cox then moved on to Item 1 (e) and 1 (f). It was noted that the language in those items was standard.

Regarding Item 2, Prohibited Uses, Mr. Burgess said he did not make any changes, but just used standard language.

Ms. Pellicane expressed concern about the restriction of sponsor banners for the games, and it was suggested that "permanent" signs might be a better option.

It was mentioned that they did not want the surface areas to be littered with debris from the cutting down of trees in other areas. Mr. Burgess said he would check into that.

Chair Cox noted that Items 2 (f, g and i) were standard language.

Mr. Burgess mentioned that Exhibits B (Oak Hammock) and C (Horse trail) would be added to the language in Item 9.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burgess brought up the Signature Grand Hotel, noting it has a program to plant trees to offset carbon emissions on the property. He thought that would be a good idea for the County to incorporate at their

facilities and asked the Committee members to bring ideas on that to the next meeting. He added it would be a voluntary program.

Mr. Sierens wondered when the Committee would address the DRC for Wolf Lake. Mr. Holste replied that he was not aware of any plans to do so. Chair Cox remarked that it is not a very "natural" habitat with lots of surface storage and Public Works use in it. Mr. Sierens wondered how they could prevent more dumping there.

Mr. Sierens also commented that the removal of exotic trees would have a negative impact on the wildlife at Wolf Lake. Chair Cox said perhaps that park could be maintained as an historical example of what happens when an area has invasive species of vegetation: if the trees are removed, the birds disappear.

Chair Cox reported that she spoke to the Park Rangers regarding the balloons and signs hung from the gate posts and mailbox at Oak Hill Park. The Rangers understood the nature of the problem (spooking the horses) and said that from now on they will not allow balloons or anything else to hang from the gate posts or the mailbox.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports given.

Ms. Webb brought up the need for more maps to help visualize the park areas. Mr. Holste said there was no timeline in place to print any more maps. At this point, several members said they would bring in extra maps that they had. Mr. Holste recommended approaching members of the Town Council about this item.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chair Cox suggesting revisiting the Signature Grand carbon offset project at the next meeting.

Mr. Holste noted that the Committee has finished Tier I of the Parks and said that the parks in Tier II are Shenandoah, Westridge, and Yoder.

Ms. Webb suggested that since they have new members, perhaps they should take a tour of the parks. Mr. Holste said he would look into that as an activity.

Vice Chair Greck wanted to bring up Westridge as the first park in Tier II. Chair Cox mentioned that there was a problem with the parking lot. She said there is access to Westridge through the west entrance to Forest Ridge.

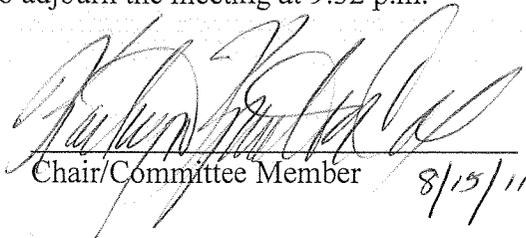
8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Vice Chair Greck asked about the blocking of the trail on the west side of Flamingo Road. Chair Cox reported that she had spoken to the HOA and the chain was taken down.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Ms. Webb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Approved


Chair/Committee Member 8/15/11

[Minutes prepared by J. Rubin, Prototype, Inc.]