

**DAVIE WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 17, 2004  
5:30 P.M.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Board members present were Chair Tom Green, Timothy Fulton, Daniel Lavrich, Gail Ling, Ronald Phillips and Don Zane. Also present were Utilities Director Daniel Colabella and Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Jeffrey Harrod, Gary Gaffney, and Barry Mowell were absent.

**2. PRESENTATION**

2.1 Everglades Restoration Project – Karl Kennedy, Calvin, Giordano & Associates

Mr. Kennedy provided handouts and referred to the map which highlighted the major engineering projects taking place in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERF) program. He indicated that CERF was established to restore, protect and conserve the water of Central and South Florida. Mr. Kennedy highlighted the problems affecting the Everglades, adding that although there were plans to restore the Everglades to its former glory, total restoration would be impossible. He explained why total restoration of the Everglades was not possible and indicated that the Everglades had been substantially reduced in size by approximately 70 percent and the flow into the Everglades had also been reduced by the same percentage.

Mr. Kennedy spoke of water quality degradation adding that sugar farms were being blamed for the dumping of phosphorus into the Everglades which was a major contributor to the problems. He explained the negative effects of phosphorus on the Everglades as well as the positive effects as fertilizer for farms.

Mr. Kennedy commented that there were tests done to determine the allowable amount of phosphorus for the Everglades, adding that these tests were only a portion of the complete restoration program in eliminating the phosphorus discharged into the Everglades.

There was a brief discussion regarding the plan, costs, benefits, and the length of time that the restoration would take. Mr. Kennedy indicated that 50 percent of the funds for the restoration would come from the federal government. He commented that there were 68 major components that made up the comprehensive Everglades restoration program. Mr. Kennedy briefly spoke about the history of the Everglades as well as the endangered species that had been affected by the changes.

A lengthy discussion was devoted to the major plan components involved in the CERP Plan and the different aspects of management of the lake, and the reuse of wastewater.

Chair Green asked if there was any information regarding the Miccosukee lawsuit. Mr. Kennedy explained that the lawsuit had gone before the Supreme Court but no decision had been made yet. He indicated that if the Miccosukees won the lawsuit the pumps on the C-11 would have to be shut off until a permit was received.

Mr. Zane referred to the restoration costs and asked if the maintenance of the pump for the canal was included. Mr. Kennedy responded negatively. A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Kennedy explaining about the different construction in progress as they related to the Everglades restoration. Mr. Fulton commented that the CERF had been on paper for sometime; however, the "District" was having some success and work was moving forward. He added that there would be major changes in the future.

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**3. OLD BUSINESS**

3.1 Update on Park Acquisition Land located at 136th Avenue

Chair Green asked if there was anyone who could provide an update. Mr. Colabella indicated that the only information available was the ordinance that approved the purchase of the property. He added that the money used to purchase the property would be repaid through Broward County, the State and the developers. Mr. Colabella indicated that the wetlands would be a big issue; however, it would be six months before there would be a design for the area.

Mr. Zane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillips, that the Board recommends to Council to update its Land Use map for green spaces and a copy be provided to the Board. In a voice vote, with Messrs. Harrod, Gaffney, and Mowell being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

A brief discussion followed with Mr. Zane commenting that the current map had not been updated in six months and several locations were still being shown as commercial. Chair Green explained that the reason for referring to the issue was that he wanted the Board or a representative from the Board to be involved with whatever planning group was established at the beginning of the project.

3.2 Discussion of Noxious Tree Ordinance

Mr. Zane suggested that the item be tabled; however, Ms. Ling indicated that it should be discussed since it has been presented several times. She asked about a program that she thought was established by the "water district" for the removal of noxious trees.

Ms. Ling expressed the opinion that there would be negative reaction from homeowners if there was an ordinance created to force them to remove these trees because of the cost. There was a lengthy discussion concerning noxious trees, their removal during land development, placement with other trees, established homeowner locations and the cost for the removal of these trees. Mr. Colabella spoke of a tree preservation ordinance that was already in effect. Mr. Zane highlighted an example of the removal of some trees on a residents' property and added that there was no time frame within the ordinance and that the Town was not enforcing its own ordinance. Mr. Colabella indicated that Urban Forrester Michael Orfanedes would make a presentation at the April meeting. He indicated that he would ask Mr. Orfanedes to provide the Board with a copy of the correct ordinance at the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion as to how a mulch area could be created by the Town to provide this service to residents.

Chair Green indicated that the noxious tree ordinance be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Mr. Colabella advised that Water Matters Day would be held at Tree Tops Park on March 27th. He added that this was a joint event between the County and the Town and provided an explanation as to what was involved.

Mr. Phillips asked about activity that he noticed on Hiatus Road. Chair Green commented that for safety reasons the canal was being moved further west in order to provide room for a turn lane. This decision was made by the Town and not the drainage district. A brief discussion followed regarding traffic and speeding.

Chair Green indicated that he had called his Councilmember and suggested that other Boardmembers do the same if they had concerns regarding speeding in that area. Mr. Colabella suggested that if Boardmembers sent him an e-mail, he would forward the e-mails to the appropriate department. Chair Green suggested that concerns regarding drainage should be directed to the water district.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discussion.

**5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTION**

Chair Green reminded Boardmembers of the upcoming election on March 9th.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Board Member