

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 – 7:30 P.M.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6591 Orange Drive, DAVIE, FLORIDA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathy Cox, Chair  
Donna Evans  
Charlene Murray  
David Oakes  
Christina Pellicane (arr. 7:59 p.m.)  
Toni Webb

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Wayne Arnold  
Linda Greck, Vice Chair

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT**

Mitch Taylor, Administration

**MOTIONS INDEX**

**Motion to approve January 28, 2013, minutes**  
**Motion to adjourn**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1 January 28, 2013**

Ms. Evans noted the following correction:

- Page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, “piles” should be “pilings”

Chair Cox noted the following correction:

- All occurrences of “Falk” should be “Faulk”

**Motion** by Ms. Evans, seconded by Ms. Murray to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013, OSAC minutes with corrections. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**2.2 January 28, 2013 - Quarterly Joint Meeting**

It was noted that these minutes should be approved at the next Quarterly Joint Meeting, not by this Committee. The matter was then deferred.

### **3. LIAISON UPDATE**

Mr. Taylor provided the following update:

Devine Parcels. The grade work will be finished this week, and the Project Manager will be meeting with the contractor onsite to establish a new completion date.

C-11 Extension (United Ranches Bridge). The contractor is submitting his material to the design firm, BH & Associates for approval. The new site for the bridge is 106 Avenue. Once the submittals are complete and approved, work will begin on the project.

N-23 Bridge at 14<sup>th</sup> Street Trail. The pre-fabricated bridge is scheduled to be delivered on April 4. Following that, the approach aprons (sidewalks/ramps leading up to bridge) will be finished.

Walmart Crossing Light. Mr. Taylor was awaiting word for the results of the meeting between staff and FDOT personnel. FDOT still maintained that the traffic study does not warrant a crossing light. Once the Walmart is open, another traffic study will be performed.

C-11 Bridges (3). The total amount of funding available for the project is \$170,000, far short of the \$524,000 needed. The District Two Open Space does not any funding available. Ms. Webb had suggested since they did not have enough money to do everything that they were supposed to do, she thought they should do one of the bridges. Chair Cox agreed, noting one is better than none. She thought perhaps the one at 70<sup>th</sup> might be the best one to start on, because it could free up more of the neighborhoods to go either direction. Mr. Taylor will speak with Mr. De Simone about the suggestion.

Sunny Lake. There are plans to remove some understory and Australian pines on the east side (by the turnpike). Since some of the neighbors are upset about the removal of the trees because they provide a sound barrier, the Town may just plant different understory vegetation and not address the pines until the shrubs are more mature. A second Partners in Preservation application has been submitted for exotic invasive vegetative removal and for the addition of Florida Friendly plantings. A similar application has been submitted to Van Kirk to preserve the community of Live Oaks at the north end of the property, and an application has been submitted for Westridge as well.

Chair Cox wondered how to proceed with the trail maps project, noting she had already met with Ms. Allen to review the updates to the "TripTik" maps. Mr. Taylor responded there is Open Space funding to publish those particular maps. When Ms. Allen has finished her work on them, the maps will be brought back to the Committee for a recommendation to the Town Council to accept and approve the maps. Chair Cox stated that Ms. Allen was going to verify that all the trails are dedicated, which was going to be a lengthy project.

Discussion ensued about how to expedite the process of getting the maps printed. Chair Cox thought the process of defining the trails was almost finished.

[Ms. Pellicane arrived at 7:59 p.m.]

Mr. Oakes was curious about the useful life of the printed maps. It was noted that the old "Triptik" maps have lasted approximately 15 years. When they run out of maps, they are reprinted. Chair Cox believed they printed about 2500 copies the last time, and some were bicycle maps.

Mr. Oakes wondered why, then, long-term funds would be used for a relatively short-term project. Ms. Pellicane commented that the maps generate long-term goodwill and use of the trails. Ms. Webb added that some of the money comes from impact fees. Chair Cox stated that the original bond money is probably all gone, and they are using the "second bond money" at this time. She added that part of the bond money is most likely used for disseminating information about the program.

Chair Cox requested that the maps be an agenda item.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 C-11 Culvert Extensions**

This matter was already addressed, and Chair Cox mentioned that Mr. De Simone will attend the next meeting.

##### **4.2 Robbins Lodge Management Plan**

See attached.

The revisions made at this meeting will be emailed to the Committee for the next meeting.

##### **4.3 Declaration of Restrictive Covenants**

Chair Cox reported she is working on an Executive Summary for the Town Council to peruse.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Capital Improvement Plan Wish List**

Mr. Taylor stated that the new CIP will be a ten-year plan, not five years, and asked for Committee recommendations.

Mr. Taylor noted that the Bridges on Griffin will remain in the CIP as a rollover item.

Ms. Murray suggested adding the Peaceful Ridge Road/path, noting it is overgrown and dangerous (between 26 Street and 39 Street on the east side of Flamingo Road). The Committee would like a safe trail and bike path along the road.

Discussion ensued on different ways to improve the Peaceful Ridge trail.

Mr. Taylor stated that the plan will likely go before the Town Council in June or July, and the Committee should have their recommendations done at the next Committee meeting. He noted that the Town Administrator is already having budget meetings with staff, and will have meetings with the public in the next several months.

Ms. Webb brought up the trail between the end of 136 Avenue and the Imagination Farm Trail, commenting that for the most part, the ground is very rocky and there is no grass. Due to that being treacherous, the horses end up riding on the street. She wondered if grass seed or fill could be added, and if that would be a capital improvement. Chair Cox requested that Mr. Taylor research whether they have legal access to the trail via a private bridge. In addition, she wanted to know if the right-of-way could be improved using CIP funds.

## **5.2 Faulk Property**

Mr. Taylor reminded the Committee that they had wanted to discuss whether to improve the property under the Robbins Management Plan, or if they wished to have a separate plan for the Faulk property. There was also a question raised about the archaeological sites on the property. Chair Cox said she did not know of any archaeological sites on that property.

By consensus, the Committee decided to include the Faulk property in the Robbins Management Plan. Chair Cox remarked that there are a lot of exotic plants, which would make it difficult to manage from an exotic plants standpoint. Ms. Evans suggested preserving it "as is" with no encroachment or improvements.

## **5.3 Devine Parcels**

Ms. Pellicane wondered what had transpired with the dog park, and Mr. Taylor stated that the dog park will be there, but it is "on hold."

# **6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **6.1 Emergency Markers Update**

Ms. Evans reported they have received written approval to install the emergency markers in all the Broward County Parks, but have not proceeded yet.

Ms. Pellicane wondered if the Scouts were still involved, and Ms. Evans said she believed they would be involved at some point.

Chair Cox stated that Flamingo Road ESL has locked the gates for the horse trail that passes through there due to a robbery. She felt that closing the trail would not solve the problem. Ms. Webb relayed that when she saw the trail was closed, she contacted Chris Deal, who told her he thought the robbers had come in on the horse trails. He also said they do not have anyone to lock/unlock the gates. Ms. Webb challenged the idea of unlocking the gates between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., a time when nobody uses the trail anyway due to the heat. She said that Mr. Deal suggested that all the affected horse people call him at his personal number every day to justify action on the item. Ms. Webb said she had contacted the Trailriders, Mayor Paul (who will forward the information to Town Administrator Lemack), and Lois Wexler.

Mr. Taylor questioned the feasibility of Town staff locking the gates on a County park. Ms. Evans said it was already done at Town locations close in proximity to County parks.

Ms. Webb brought up the possibility of someone accidentally getting locked in, citing an example when the gate was closed before 4:30 p.m. Chair Cox said the gates should not be closed at all.

## **7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The following items were suggested for the next meeting:

- Robbins Lodge Management Plan
- Mr. De Simone regarding the C-11 Bridges
- CIP
- Trail Map

## **8. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Ms. Evans said residents in Oak Hill have been planting closer and closer to the street because they do not want the trail on their property. Chair Cox suggested complaining to the Mayor and appropriate Councilperson.

Ms. Evans noticed there are locked gates at the end of the 26 Street Trail (that runs behind the Australian Pines and south of the chain link fence). Mr. Taylor said those are to keep out ATVs, but added that horses could go through the opening. The trail into the easement is locked, however. Ms. Evans asserted that while there is no trail there, riders are supposed to be able to enter. Mr. Taylor explained that FPL has an easement in the middle of Van Kirk, and the horse trail will be there when the park is developed. At the present time, however, the trail is used for bush hogs to access the power lines. He added nobody else is supposed to be in park at this time.

Mr. Oakes mentioned that the sidewalk has buckled due to Australian Pine roots on the bicycle path that cuts through Long Lake Ranches and comes out onto Nob Hill Road. He detailed it is on the east/west portion between Hiatus and Nob Hill. Ms. Webb added that as you go north on that trail, the sidewalk has a big crack in it and is falling off. Chair Cox requested that Mr. Taylor take care of that issue through Public Works.

Ms. Webb wondered why they could not ride in the area that is cordoned off at Kapok Tree. Chair Cox replied the County has declared it to be environmentally sensitive property. No horses are allowed anywhere on the Kapok Tree property except on the old railroad. She added that the area will be preserved in its existing condition, other than the removal of exotics. It was noted that access is restricted to being accompanied by a biologist or other authorized personnel.

Ms. Webb thought they were supposed to have a trail along the Kapok Tree drip line (along the edge of the hammock), and Chair Cox said they did want it, but the County denied access.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **motion** duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

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

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Chair/Committee Member