

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.  
DAVIE TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
6591 Orange Drive, DAVIE, FLORIDA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathy Cox, Chair  
Linda Greck, Vice Chair  
Wayne Arnold  
Donna Evans  
Charlene Murray  
Toni Webb

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Donald Burgess  
Barry Mowell  
Christina Pellicane

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT**

Mitch Taylor, Administration  
Candyce Connelly, Prototype, Inc.  
Lisa Edmondson, Prototype, Inc.

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**Motion to approve July 23, 2012, minutes**

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**Motion to adjourn**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Following roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1 July 23, 2012**

Chair Cox noted several corrections:

- p. 3, second line of second bullet point for Jim Wollschlager: insert the word “want” before the word “unwanted.”
- p. 5, under “Devine Parcels”: “Bahar Construction” should be “Behar Construction.”

Vice Chair Greck requested the following clarification on her comments on p. 7, second paragraph under New Business:

- Vice Chair Greck believed that at Flamingo Road, the County trail that goes “westward north of the canal, which is north of 595 going east/west,” was going to connect under the I595 overpass at Flamingo Road, because that is where the County’s Greenway trail was supposed to “come south on Flamingo.”

Ms. Evans noted the following correction:

- p. 7, first line of first paragraph, under Item 6.1, “expensive and possible” should be “expensive and possibly.”

**Motion** by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Evans, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2012, meeting with all corrections. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **3. LIAISON UPDATE**

Mr. Taylor provided the update as follows:

Devine Parcels. Construction began in early September and should finish in early 2013.

C-11 Bridge. The item is currently in redesign, and staff should have the drawings ready for re-bid by the end of the current week.

Old Davie School. Work should be completed within two weeks, and the School has planned a grand opening for October 13, 2012.

Sunny Lake. The area should be open within the next three weeks. The parking lot has been completed, but grade work is taking place in the rear expansion area.

N-23 Bridge on 14<sup>th</sup> Street Trail. The contractor is submitting shop drawings, and the bridge should be complete on February, 2013.

Owl Lookout Park. This project is at “substantial completion.” Amenities such as trash bins and benches are being installed and should be completed within two weeks.

C-11 Culvert Extension. This project will extend across the S10, S11 and S13 canals. The project has been permitted, and Capital Projects is identifying a funding source for the construction.

Chair Cox thought the money for that project would come out of Open Space Funds, but Mr. Taylor said that Public Works is looking for funding. Vice Chair Greck thought that prior to the 2012 Capital Projects, money had been earmarked for the bridges. Mr. Taylor will look into the matter.

Vice Chair Greck was curious if the dog park was included in Devine Parcels. Mr. Taylor commented that it was included in the CIP, and he also saw it mentioned on the Town of Davie’s website.

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 Trail Map**

Mr. Taylor did not have any updated information. Chair Cox stated they would address the trail maps at the next meeting.

#### **4.2 Westridge Park Management Plan**

Chair Cox reported that Mr. Burgess had created the framework for a management plan, which had been sent to Committee members. Chair Cox stated that the Committee would have to review the framework in order to move it forward to the Town Council. She continued that Mr. Burgess divided Westridge into three sections:

- Eastern section, on the east side of the ridge
- The ridge itself (center section) including the Oak Hammock at the south end (environmentally and archaeologically sensitive areas)
- Nob Hill, where the trees were planted

Chair Cox expressed concern over the landscaping, and wondered if lantana was considered an invasive species in this instance. She said that they provide habitat for rabbits and butterflies.

Ms. Webb questioned the “constant mowing” of the grass, remarking that she thought it was supposed to be more natural looking. Chair Cox responded that should be part of the management plan.

Several Committee members commented they had trouble opening large email attachments, so Mr. Taylor offered to have large attachments sent via regular mail. Chair Cox confirmed that Mr. Taylor would send hard copies of the management plan. She said that would be on next month’s agenda, and hopefully Mr. Burgess would be in attendance to offer his expertise.

#### **4.3 Robbins Lodge Management Plan**

Chair Cox remarked that the boilerplate for the Robbins Lodge Plan was similar to one for Westridge Park, and she suggested waiting until Mr. Burgess can attend to address it.

Chair Cox noted that the last page of her copy of the Westridge Park Plan printed out the same as the last page of the Robbins Lodge Plan, and she wondered if there had been an error in collating.

Chair Cox was curious if there had been any news about the Walmart traffic light. Mr. Taylor replied that as recently as two weeks ago, Engineering and Planning and Zoning were still looking into it. Chair Cox mentioned that Councilmember Hattan had put forward a request for this Committee to look into it. Mr. Taylor stated he would follow up on the item for the next meeting.

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

Ms. Webb asked what number to call for Maintenance for trails in the County parks. She remarked that the overhanging trees are too low inside Long Key. It was noted the area in question is in the fenced area, just north of the field that used to be the parking lot. After a brief discussion, Ms. Webb was advised to call 954-347-3777 and try to contact Chris Deal.

Ms. Webb also noted she had seen people camping on the trail near the little lake (wetlands), and it was pointed out that part of the trail was also under the County jurisdiction.

Ms. Webb also brought up the step-over at the far end of the trail, where the trail goes into Imagination Farms. She said it was dangerous and she would call the County. Chair Cox encouraged Committee members to report such conditions.

Vice Chair Greck thought there were gates on the section of the trail between 130 and 136 Avenues that close at sundown. Chair Cox stated that the Town closes their gates, but the County does not.

Chair Cox remarked that the Sheriff's Posse and Treetops want the Trailriders to perform volunteer patrolling on those trails. Ms. Webb commented that people are generally not receptive to being informed they are doing something they are not supposed to be doing. Chair Cox advised her to call the Ranger for assistance in those situations.

## **6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **6.1 Emergency Markers Update**

Ms. Evans reported that she suggested starting the marker installation at Treetops, since it is so dense with vegetation. She relayed some difficulties that were encountered; however, those have been overcome, and the installation will begin there. She suggested that the first responders walk the trails so they can see where the markers are. Because the Town cannot plot the GPS locations and then use them for publication, the Fire Department will.

Chair Cox wondered why a County facility would be done first, since the Town's Fire Department is doing the surveying and so forth. Ms. Evans replied that it is part of Davie, and Davie is the first responder out there. It is important that the Fire Department become familiar with the area.

Vice Chair Greck was curious whether the markers would also be on the trail map, as the GPS positioning cannot be used for publication. Ms. Evans said that the maps could explain what the markers will look like on the trail. Ms. Evans suggested printing just a few trail maps until the issue is settled.

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

The following items were mentioned for the agenda for the next meeting:

1. Management Plans  
Chair Cox requested that Mr. Taylor send out the documents soon so that Committee members have time to read them.
2. Mapping  
Mr. Taylor reported that Councilmember Starkey requested that the Committee identify the trails that are missing on the last map (2009). Ms. Evans remarked that Mark Collins is working on that project, and she recommended checking with him before pursuing that project.
3. Walmart Light  
Chair Cox reported that a motorist hit the guard rail on 76 Avenue and Griffin Road and also took down the memorial sign that was in the opening. She said it was impossible to get through the opening onto the canal bank. She called the Department of Transportation and asked them to move the memorial marker behind the guard rail, and she thought that would occur.
4. Funding source for C-11 culverts

## **8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Vice Chair Greck asked if there was a date given for a grand opening on the Devine Parcels, and Mr. Taylor said there was no date yet. He added there is no "hard date" yet for Sunny Lakes either, because there is still lighting work and some plantings to take place.

Vice Chair Greck mentioned that a 41-acre tree farm between the Devine Parcels and Flamingo Gardens is for sale, and she wondered if a type of easement might be done if the entire farm sells as one parcel.

Chair Cox brought up that since the Town Council abandoned the Canal Trail, the riders are forced back up onto Peaceful Ridge. She hoped with the tree farm sale, there would be an opportunity to improve the Peaceful Ridge Trail in the future. It was suggested that the Economic Development Department could keep an eye on the transaction.

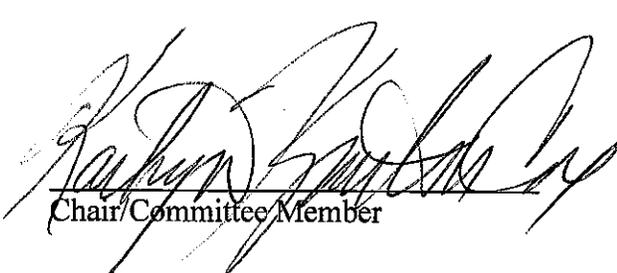
Vice Chair Greck thought there was some point in the site planning at which a discussion of an open space site would be brought in (if that property was adjacent or connecting to open space). Chair Cox said that would be in the Planning Division, and Mr. Taylor stated he would research the item.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

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Chair/Committee Member