

**TOWN OF DAVIE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.
DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER
6591 Orange Drive, DAVIE, FLORIDA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathy Cox, Chair
Linda Greck, Vice Chair (arr. at 7:39 p.m.)
Wayne Arnold
Donna Evans
Charlene Murray
Christina Pellicane (arr. at 7:44 p.m.)
Mark Sierens
Toni Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT

Donald Burgess

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Mitch Taylor, Administration
Amanda Lebofsky, Prototype, Inc.

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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 April 23, 2012

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

3. LIAISON UPDATE

Trail Markers. Mr. Taylor reported that Public Works is working with GIS, Fire and Police. A new map is being generated because the maps given to Public Works were inaccurate.

Step-ups at Robbins. Mr. Taylor reported that Mr. Collins is going to refill the step-ups with sand as a temporary measure. Mr. Collins will research additional options that might mitigate the possibility of a slippery surface.

Trail Booklets. Ms. Reid contacted two vendors, both of whom requested more time. Mr. Taylor said that in 2010, the cost was between \$8,500 and \$12,000 for 5,000 copies of the preferred format, which was 12 pages.

[Ms. Greck arrived at 7:39 p.m.]

Equestrian Trail at Robbins. Mr. Taylor continued that the owner has been cited by Code Enforcement. He then requested and was granted a continuance. Mr. Stallone will meet with them personally later in the week. Mr. Taylor believed the Town would put in the gate on the Robbins side to allow access to the easement, and the owner could build a fence along his property line. That would essentially create the alley.

C-11 Canal Equestrian Bridge. Mr. Taylor said this item is now out to bid, and the bid opening will be June 5.

Mr. Sierens advocated rubber padding for the step-ups, and said he has had difficulty relaying that information to Mr. Collins.

[Ms. Pellicane arrived at 7:44 p.m.]

Chair Cox said she had also been looking into options for the step-ups.

Chair Cox asked Mr. Taylor to find out when the variance for the expansion of the trail on the west side of Robbins is slated to go before Central Broward.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Trail Map

Mr. Taylor said they are still looking at pricing for the maps.

4.2 Emergency Markers

Mr. Taylor remarked that Mr. Collins is in the process of updating information. Conversation is taking place between Fire, Police, Public Works, and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vice Chair Greck recalled that the Committee had discussed having a designated member work with the staff. Ms. Evans stated that she was working with them.

4.3 Westridge Park Management Plan

Mr. Taylor reported that Mr. Lemack is examining the materials from the last Committee meeting to determine if the Committee should proceed.

4.4 Robbins Lodge Management Plan

Mr. Taylor said that he has not heard back from Mr. Lemack on the Robbins Lodge Management Plan.

4.5 Long Lake Ranches

Chair Cox noted they had already covered the update on that item.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sierens stated that a large nursery on 70th Avenue and Sterling is going before the Town Council to change their land use from R-10 and R-1 to R-16, R-16. He said that property butts up against Exotic Acres, which will be drastically impacted. Mr. Sierens remarked that they plan to put in 274 rental units, and he felt it did not belong in that area - the section was voted in by voter referendum as the Rural Lifestyle Initiative of the Town of Davie. He wondered if this Committee could send anything to the Town Council opposing it.

Chair Cox stated that if did not involve an open space issue, the Committee generally would not get involved in the planning and zoning part of it. Mr. Sierens added that the developer has not yet purchased the property. Some groups, such as Exotic Acres, and several communities are planning a fundraiser to purchase the property and donate it to the Town to turn it into a park. It was noted that the land is not on the trail map and is not designated as open space. Mr. Sierens pointed out that Open Space had originally set the area up, and he thought the area should remain rural. He added there is no other place in Davie where R-16 butts up to R-1. Chair Cox said the R-1 was meant to be a buffer.

Chair Cox commented that she did not see it as a suitable parcel for open space, and she felt the Town had enough parks and open space. The fight to retain the present zoning is what she would support.

Mr. Arnold agreed with the concerns, but felt the change would require a super majority of the Town Council, and he was confident they would not get a super majority.

Chair Cox reviewed a few possible options:

- Send a letter from the Committee to the Town Council
- Each Committee member contact their Councilperson or write as an individual
- Attend the Town Council meeting on April 23 and voice opposition

It was pointed out that a trail on the property would be useless, as it would not go anywhere and could not connect to any other trail.

By consensus, the Committee agreed that if they feel strongly about the issue, they could contact their Councilperson on their own.

Chair Cox brought up the Walmart site plan, and wondered how the trail along Orange Drive proceeded from Pine Island across University. She wondered if there would be any improvements. Mr. Taylor said there was an entrance/exit on Orange Drive, and also one on University Drive. Mr. Sierens said it has a north orientation. Chair Cox noted all the dry retention areas are on the south side, and there is a wet pond.

Mr. Taylor read an email from Mr. Quigley, wherein he stated that no provisions were made in the site plan for pedestrian/equestrian trails other than partial sidewalks on University Drive and Orange Drive

and connections to internal walkways. Chair Cox remarked that the Linear Park Trail goes along the length of Orange Drive on the south side, and it is now “marginal at best.” She observed that a median on Orange Drive is planned that will encroach on the trail. Mr. Sierens thought there needs to be a median for safety reasons.

The subject of buffers came up, and Mr. Taylor said he did not know if Walmart was planning any landscaped buffers for the scenic area. Mr. Sierens said there are berms on the site, which, if landscaped, would “hide” the Walmart.

Chair Cox remarked that her concern was how the site will impact the trail. Ms. Pellicane remarked the street is going to go from two to three lanes.

Motion by Ms. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sierens, to ask Mr. Taylor to find out what is being done, if anything, and who is doing what for that particular intersection (Orange and University). Chair Cox offered an amendment to specifically discuss how the Linear Trail is going to accommodate bicycle/equestrian people as they want to cross University Drive, and what provisions are being made for the safety of the pedestrian. The amendment was accepted by Ms. Evans and Mr. Sierens. Ms. Evans then added an amendment to her motion: how Linear Park is going to connect going across University Drive. Mr. Sierens accepted the amendment. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Greck brought up the trail crossing at Flamingo and wondered if the trail crossing at Orange and University had been addressed.

Chair Cox stated they need a larger map of the area, and Mr. Taylor said the original (24” x 36”) was too large to print, but can be obtained from the Planning Department on a CD. Mr. Taylor offered the contact information for the Walmart project engineer, and read it aloud.

Mr. Taylor remarked that the large map for Davie Farm Park was produced independent of the Town and may contain inaccuracies, but the site plan (produced by the Planning and Zoning Department) is accurate. He distributed copies of the site plan.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Evans said she is “educating” the Police and Fire Departments regarding the accuracy of the maps. They are going to go to GPS and get the maps accurate first, then move forward, although they may install some trail markers as they go. Ms. Evans continued that the maps will be reviewed by multiple people before final approval.

Vice Chair Greck asked who was updating the maps, and Ms. Evans responded the Town’s GIS staff in conjunction with the Chiefs of Police and Fire. Vice Chair Greck wanted to make sure the Committee would get to see the map before it is finalized.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following items were suggested for the next meeting’s agenda:

- Linear Park Trail by the Walmart
- Possible response from Mr. Lemack regarding management plans

- Trail map estimates
- Update on variance for Central Broward for trail on the canal west of Robbins Lodge
- Update on bids for C-11 Canal Equestrian Bridge
- Update on culvert bridges on Griffin Road
- Update on Majestic ~~Rose~~ Groves gate

8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS (not addressed)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Vice Chair Greck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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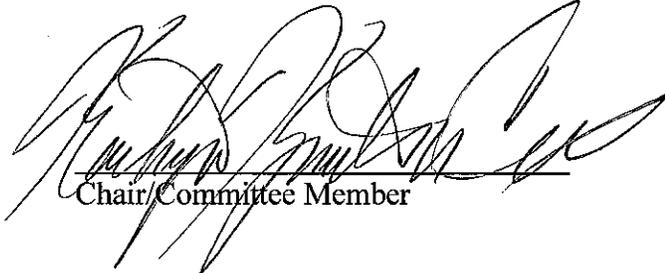
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