

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)  
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
6591 Orange Drive, DAVIE, FLORIDA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathy Cox, Chair  
Linda Greck, Vice Chair  
Wayne Arnold  
Donald Burgess  
Donna Evans  
Christina Pellicane  
Mark Sierens

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Toni Webb

**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 7:35 p.m. Following roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1 February 27, 2012 Minutes**

Mr. Burgess noted the following:

- p. 2, fifth line under Sunny Lake Addition, “coral shelf” should be “littoral shelf.”
- p.3, second line under Owl’s Lookout Park, strike the following, “and it will be tied together with the Bergen Scott Walkway.”
- p. 3, second paragraph, “gray work” should be “grade work.”
- p. 3, second paragraph, third line, omit the second occurrence of the word “drainage.”
- p. 5, under Robbins Lodge, first paragraph, third line, “Mr. Kerr” should be “Mr. Carr.”

Chair Cox noted the following

- p. 3, last paragraph, first line, strike the word “horse” before the word “parking.”

**Motion** by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Mr. Burgess, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012, meeting with corrections noted. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### 3. LIAISON UPDATE

Mr. Taylor provided an update on the piece of trail at Flamingo Road nursery. He said there is no designated trail area, but there is a public right-of-way. Mr. Stallone from Code Enforcement informed him that they are still looking into the matter of people utilizing the right-of-way for their vehicles. Mr. Taylor said he will continue to follow up on the issue.

Vice Chair Greck recalled they had received a Recreational Trail grant to construct that trail, and she was surprised no trails were designated in that area. Ms. Evans reported she visited the area and said there were trail markers on both sides (north and south) of the property. She saw that as evidence of a trail between the markers. Vice Chair Greck remarked that she was referring to east and west. Ms. Evans also noted there are signs instructing people to park in the area.

Mr. Taylor said that Mr. Stallone referred specifically to the area along the canal embankment fronting the nursery. Chair Cox pointed out that the embankment is fenced off from the trail, and that the right-of-way is probably the issue.

**Long Lake Ranches.** Mr. Taylor reported that Mr. Stallone addressed concerns regarding a resident's encroachment on the trail with landscaping and fencing. Apparently the house there is currently in foreclosure, so it is not known who the contact is for the property at this time. Mr. Stallone promised an update for Mr. Taylor during the week. Vice Chair Greck observed it might be a good time to reclaim the trail by marking it.

There was discussion about contacting Councilperson Starkey, as the property is in her district.

[Ms. Pellicane arrived at 7:51 p.m.]

Mr. Sierens asked if there had been any Code Enforcement fines assessed on the property as it has been an ongoing issue. He said if there had been, then liens should be put on the property. Mr. Taylor said contact had been established with the property owner, and an informal agreement had been reached that the fence would be relocated and the landscaping removed.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Greck, seconded by Mr. Sierens, that the Town place a lien on that property for the reconstruction of the fence and that we pursue physical reconstruction of the fence while the property is in limbo. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pellicane wondered how much it would cost to place the lien. Mr. Sierens said it usually just involves some administrative work. Mr. Taylor commented that if the Code Department would issue a citation, it would show up in a lien search.

Mr. Arnold asked what subdivision the property was in, and it was noted it was in Long Lake Ranches West, north of Robbins Lodge and west of Hiatus.

Mr. Taylor explained that the motion is a recommendation to the Town, and it goes through certain steps. Then Code Enforcement would act on it. Chair Cox added it would require some action from a Councilmember to set in motion, and she will pursue that phone call.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Town is applying for a Partners in Preservation grant from Broward County for removal of exotic invasive vegetation at (Van Kirk) Davie Wetland Preserve and also Sunny Lake. The application will be submitted the coming Friday. Mr. Taylor continued that they were originally looking at the western boundary of the property, but Mr. Holste did mention coming back down to the north side where development of the park will occur. They will be visiting the site on March 28 to see if the site will qualify.

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

##### **4.1 Trail Location Map/Emergency Markers**

Mr. Taylor reported he met with the Town's Public Relations Officer and received all the material on the maps from 2010. He is now going through the material, and said Ms. Degroot will be marking the GIS locations on the maps. After she marks the maps, they would go to Police and Fire for their input, and ultimately be uploaded to their GPS or GIS systems. Mr. Taylor also said he spoke with Captain Engle of the Police Department, and he will meet with Sergeant Pritchard, who handles the trails.

Chair Cox verified that they had the draft foldout map that the Committee had chosen. There was a short discussion on the printing cost, with Chair Cox recalling that the trip-tik type of map was projected to be more expensive to print than the foldout.

Mr. Taylor continued that Mr. Holste was going through the Committee minutes from 2010 to find the last meeting when this item was discussed.

Discussion ensued on what map size to pursue.

Mr. Arnold suggested that eliminating photos would reduce the cost.

Vice Chair Greck suggested using the Fort Lauderdale Art Institute as a source of students looking for class projects. The students could possibly assist with the project. She was concerned about the folding aspect of the map, as it may prove cumbersome or dangerous to use when riding.

Various formats were discussed, such as a butterfly-type map, with zoomed areas. Mr. Sierens commented that a paper map would be destroyed the first time out, and he preferred a laminated folding map.

Mr. Taylor said that if they add emergency markers to the maps, it would be an extra graphic that would have to be clearly visible. Mr. Sierens did not think adding an extra mark would be that difficult, and Mr. Taylor said it could be helpful for trail users as a navigation aid.

Mr. Arnold was curious about the map's texture, and Mr. Taylor responded that on the foldout map, the texture would be the same (paper) as he was showing at the time. Quotes that were previously submitted were for card stock and coated paper. Chair Cox said the original map they did was on glossy paper.

From there they went to the trip-tik type, because the smaller format was more manageable. However, she noted that was a costlier format.

Mr. Sierens favored a book format, the outer two sheets being thick reinforced card stock with the insides being regular paper sheets. He continued it could fit in a back pocket.

**Motion** by Mr. Sierens, to use a book format with a thicker, sturdier cover. Motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Sierens suggested having it the width of a back jeans pocket, and Chair Cox favored a large format for readability.

**Motion** by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Ms. Pellicane, to turn the maps into a book-style map with a thicker stock front cover, roughly the same dimensions as the Davie Parks and Trail Guides 2008-2009. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taylor said he will obtain new quotes.

Chair Cox commented that the emergency marker part of the maps was a separate issue, but Ms. Pellicane did not want to hold up printing the maps for that. Mr. Sierens suggested starting off deciding on a format for the maps. Chair Cox thought the projects could run concurrently.

Mr. Taylor said he would meet with Ms. Degroot and ask her to produce a trail map on cardboard so the Committee could indicate where the markers should go. He would also ask Mr. DeSimone to attend the meeting. Ms. Evans felt it should be up to Police and Fire to determine the location of the markers.

Mr. Sierens wondered how many markers would be budgeted. He also commented that the markers are not about whether or not emergency personnel can easily access the markers -- rather, it is about where the person is on the trail who needs assistance.

Vice Chair Greck suggested that someone from the Committee meet with emergency personnel to determine where the markers would go, since they are not as familiar with the trail system as Committee members are. Chair Cox concurred.

Ms. Evans said there is an iPhone application or program to mark a location to the phone and then upload it, and she suggested using that to create the maps.

Mr. Taylor recommended that the Committee provide input as to where the markers should go, and then consult with emergency personnel. Chair Cox remarked that the Fire Department could determine what type of vehicle they might need for certain areas and learn ways to access more remote points.

Mr. Sierens recalled there are already markers every half mile on the trails with an identifier for the trail. This could be provided to EMS in the case of emergency. However, EMS needs education on how to find the trails and their markers. Mr. Taylor said he would find out how many markers already exist. Chair Cox said they need to identify the most remote areas and work backwards from that. Mr. Sierens emphasized the markers should not be random, but be done in some sort of order.

Mr. Taylor said they could add a layer for county parks on the GIS system, and add more road names for reference.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to meet with Ms. Degroot and look at the more remote areas, see how many markers they have, and then determine what areas they need to map out first. Then they can meet with EMS to talk about what EMS needs to know if someone requires help in a certain area.

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

Chair Cox did not think they ever did a park management plan, although she recalled archaeological work. Mr. Burgess said there should have been an Environmental Impact report done by the County to confirm what sites of concern should be purchased or set aside. Chair Cox thought it had been platted. Mr. Burgess said he could continue to look for information on it for the next meeting.

Vice Chair Greck mentioned that there had been plenty of discussion regarding a proposed wetland in that area. Mr. Burgess noted that depending on what type of project goes forward, the Army Corps of Engineers may get involved if there is a wetland impact someplace that could serve as mitigation for that. He remarked that the Corps tries to get all mitigation into large "mitigation banks." He said if they could not get it as a mitigation project, they could still voluntarily create a wetland. Chair Cox verified that would be something the Town would have to undertake on its own.

Vice Chair Greck recalled that originally they planned to have it funded through the developer of Van Kirk. Mr. Taylor said there still is a plan to do the wetland at Van Kirk, and they are exploring having the Town fund the wetland portion. He added the Town submitted for a \$200,000 grant from the State to fund that program, and he believed that funding would come through.

Mr. Sierens commented that residents were complaining about mosquitoes before, but a functioning wetlands project would mitigate the mosquito problem.

Chair Cox said she would continue looking for the preliminary reports on the Park.

Chair Cox announced this item will be addressed at the next meeting. She asked Mr. Burgess if he would call Mr. Carr to see if Mr. Carr has any assessments to contribute.

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

Mr. Taylor was curious if the Committee was going to expand what was done in the draft plan or start from scratch. Chair Cox said it did have some recommendations in it as far as resource management and objectives, which are the more significant parts of the plan. Chair Cox asked the Committee if they wanted to expand on the goals and objectives of the report relating to resource management, and then leave it with staff so that Public Works and other departments have some direction.

Mr. Taylor observed that expanding on the plan should not be that difficult, and he also said that some replanting had recently been done at Robbins.

Mr. Burgess was curious if anything about creating a wetlands in the northeast portion was included in the plan, but Chair Cox did not recall seeing that.

Chair Cox asked the Committee to look at the document for the next meeting, beginning on p. 26, where the goals and objectives for resource management begin. On p. 37, there is information on security, which she also asked the Committee to review for the next meeting.

Mr. Taylor will make PDF copies of pages 26 and 37 for reference, even though the Committee has received the entire file by email. Chair Cox clarified that she had been looking at the Resource Management Plan, while everyone else had been looking at the Robbins Archaeological and Historical Assessment.

Mr. Sierens recommended breaking the project into smaller parts, not trying to look at the entire document. Chair Cox then announced they would look at the goals and objectives at the next meeting.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Cox brought up the Robbins archaeological survey, and noted that the sites identified at Robbins Lodge potentially are eligible as a group or district for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. She said the Registry provides a higher level of protection, but there would be potential that the area could not be used for trails. She thought pavement or two feet of fill protect such sites.

Mr. Burgess suggested checking with an archaeologist to find out the exact impact of having the site placed on the Registry.

Discussion ensued about the trail on the Falk property, with comments made about previous debates regarding connections to it, and how sandy and impacted it is.

Ms. Pellicane was curious if the exterior dotted line (on the map) marked the site, or if it was just the shaded area. Chair Cox thought the shaded area was the site, and the Town's boundary is the dotted line.

## **6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

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

Items for the next meeting were noted as follows:

- Westridge
- Prices for maps
- Robbins Lodge Management goals and objectives

Vice Chair Greck requested an update in the Liaison's Report on the bridges on the C-11 and the trails coming from Robbins (Long Lake Ranches and Flamingo Road Nursery).

Mr. Taylor showed a large map of Davie Farm Park that had been requested by Committee members. After looking at the map, the Committee agreed by consensus to pursue connecting the bike trail that ends at #2 (Observation Tower) in some fashion to the trail to the service road to the south, so that that the bike

trail could be a loop as opposed to a dead-end. The Committee also wished to have a legend of all the features on the new map so they can accurately identify the buildings and trails (features).

### 8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Arnold thought a public petting zoo for children would be nice for the Farm Park, and Chair Cox said the owners were not sure what they would do. She said Project Stable has a variety of animals and provides hands-on experiences with animals.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Vice Chair Greck, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

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Chair/Committee Member