

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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  
Toni Webb

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None.

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT**

Emilio DeSimone, Project Manager  
Keith Pursell, Project Manager  
Mitch Taylor, Administration  
Amanda Lebofsky, Prototype, Inc.  
Jim Moore, Parks and Recreation Board  
Emily Cribas  
Mariam Wu

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**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Following roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1 January 23, 2012 Minutes**

Mr. Burgess noted on p. 3, second paragraph under Devine Parcels, “2102” should be “2012.”

Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Sierens, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2012, meeting as corrected. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. LIAISON UPDATE**

Mr. Taylor said that Mr. DeSimone and Mr. Pursell would provide the updates.

**Sunny Lake Addition.** Mr. Pursell relayed the difficulties they have experienced with the Sunny Lake project. The biggest issue has been the drainage, and the first installation of the drainage pipe had to be removed and redone. He said the fine grading is nearly done for the first phase, and they will be opening up the western portion of the park. Mr. Pursell is obtaining prices on sod, asphalt and landscaping. The next phase will be the littoral shelf. They are also working on getting a grant for tree removal on the eastern side of the lake. They will remove all the trees on the one side, let it grow back in, and then remove the vegetation on the remaining side.

Chair Cox asked about the opening plans, and Mr. Pursell said they will open Phase 1 before Phase 2. Mr. Pursell hoped to open the first phase by the end of March.

**C-11 Equestrian Culverts.** Mr. DeSimone reported that they submitted to Engineering for permitting on February 8, who wanted them to fill out a different application and it was resubmitted on this day. He noted there were no comments on the application. Mr. DeSimone also said the environmental permitting is ongoing, the "hold harmless" letter has been confirmed for Central Broward. He noted that they got both South Florida Water Management and Central Broward permits.

**SW 14th Street Trail.** Mr. Pursell said the bridge (on 130<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>) has been reviewed by the Engineering Department, and they hope to have it out to bid within a week. The bridge will be pedestrian/equestrian, similar to the bridges on SR84, but not as large.

Mr. Pursell said the last section to do is Scarborough. He said he has been investigating the concerns about putting in the trail that will be in the HOA area.

Mr. Pursell also brought up the empty lot on the west side, where the owners did not want to resubmit their site plan. He is working on a solution with them.

**C-11 Bridge.** Mr. Pursell reported that the request went in to the Town's Engineering Department this week for permitting. When it comes back, they will go to bid. He noted it was already approved by the South Florida Water Management District. Mr. Pursell said it will be east of Hiatus and is essentially pre-fabricated.

**Old Davie School Addition.** Mr. Pursell said that is going along "quite well." The deadline is March 8 for finishing work. He noted an issue that arose 20 years ago from the residents on the west side, who wanted a landscape buffer. The buffer is actually a mass of invasive vegetation and the Town will have to explore replacing that. Mr. Pursell noted that item will probably be on the agenda for the Town Council in late March.

Chair Cox asked about the status of the lift station, and Mr. Pursell commented that it is in place. He added it is on the right hand side of the road as one enters.

Mr. Pursell reported that he met with the playground supplier about adding a new playground.

**Peaceful Ridge.** The canal fill permit went to Central Broward, who sent it back and requested a biological study. The study was done and submitted. Chair Cox asked when the variance hearing would be, and Mr. Pursell said signs would be posted when the date is set.

**Devine Parcels.** Mr. Pursell said the plan was submitted to the Building Department, was reviewed with comments, sent back to the engineer who revised the drawings, and returned to him. As soon as the application is put together, he will send it back to the Building Department. In response to a question by Mr. Burgess, Mr. Pursell said the fence will be installed, but the dog park is still a “set aside” area.

[Vice Chair Greck arrived at 7:56 p.m.]

Chair wondered about the long term possibility of the dog park, and Mr. Pursell said it was the plan to have it there, but it would be in the final phase of the project. The first phase is “grade work”: drainage, paving, drainage, etc. The second phase is opening up an area in the trees for the large pergola. The dog park would be part of the third phase. He added they are mostly done with tree removal.

**Owl’s Lookout Park.** Mr. Pursell said the north side is now preserved. On the south side there is existing exercise equipment that was installed by the Boy Scouts . There will be a picnic shelter and on either side of the road, there will be entrance walls.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Town Council approved the resolution to secure grant funding for invasive removal in the Davie Wetland Preserve. On the north end there may be some native oak, so they will work around that section. The application is in the preparation process, along with one for Sunny Lake.

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

##### **4.1 Flamingo Gardens Trail**

Mr. Taylor recalled that at the last meeting there was a discussion about an area that was difficult for the horses due to grade variations. Mr. Pursell acknowledged it was a difficult area, and they want to ensure it is safe not only for horses, but for other users as well. Mr. DeSimone said they are looking at ways to stabilize the area. Mr. Pursell noted that the sand is very soft there, and it is hard to compact it for any length of time.

Ms. Webb noted that there is a model for what was done at Calder track, showing what was done beneath the rubber. She added it is very resilient and would be long-lasting. She suggested removing the soft sand underneath. Chair Cox warned they would have to be careful with the excavation.

Ms. Webb brought up rubber pavers, which are installed one at a time, rather than laid down like an asphalt machine. Mr. Sierens suggested pads that are about one foot thick, to add weight to them. He also suggested railroad spikes to hold it down. He said the rubber is mixed with quartz for non-slip properties.

Chair Cox mentioned the parking at the ESL, which has holes in it. She wondered about using a variation of that. Mr. Sierens said they would still need stabilization. Mr. Pursell thought they might have the potential to get a horse hoof stuck in the holes. Chair Cox said she successfully uses rubber restaurant mats at the entrance to her barn. Mr. Sierens noted that the rubber used in playground mats is very dense and has “memory” to retain its shape. He said it is also used for vehicular traffic/parking. Chair Cox mentioned that Flamingo Gardens has a rubber sidewalk in the gardens. It was hoped that some variation of the rubber matting could be used.

#### **4.2 Batten's Farm (not addressed at this time)**

**Motion** by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Ms. Webb, to move to Agenda Items 5.1 and 5.2, then return to Item 4.2. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

This was done to accommodate staff so that they could leave after Items 5.1 and 5.2.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Public Works CIP Items**

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. DeSimone and Mr. Pursell to update the Committee pertaining to open space related CIP items.

Mr. Pursell commented they are waiting to hear from District 3 as to the remaining balance for the projects. Mr. Taylor added that some of the CIP items were addressed in the Liaison update.

Mr. Burgess asked about the trail marker project. Mr. DeSimone said that they are trying to coordinate an Eagle Scout project for the markers. He recommended to the Director that this Committee approve maps with the recommended markers.

Chair Cox said that originally she and Mr. Holste were supposed to do GPS markers along some trails so that injured trail users could call a rescue team and provide the GPS location. Vice Chair Greck said the markers were supposed to go in areas not easily accessed by the vehicles. She did not think the markers were intended to go everywhere throughout the trail system. Vice Chair Greck also mentioned that they had wanted to coordinate with the emergency personnel to create a system that would work for them.

Mr. DeSimone said they have the markers, but have been waiting for the Eagle Scouts. Ms. Evans recommended staff discuss the project with Mr. Lemack, as she believed he had knowledge of the project. Mr. DeSimone assured her that the Boy Scouts would be instructed where to place the markers.

Chair Cox asked what type of markers the City had, and Mr. DeSimone said they are flat yellow plastic, similar to the indicators for gas lines. They would have a number on each sign which would coordinate with a number on the map, with a GIS for location. Mr. DeSimone reiterated that someone familiar with the trails should help establish where the markers should be located. Chair Cox suggested doing one loop trail at a time if working with the Scouts. She further suggested that the Committee pick a trail that they think is most important, and then figure out where to put the markers.

Mr. Taylor said he will meet with Mr. Lemack, Mr. Andresky, and Mr. Collins to identify the best section of trail to begin with, and will include this item in the next liaison update. Mr. DeSimone suggested having the Scout(s) do a few of the markers, but not the entire Town. Ms. Webb cautioned against waiting too long, as the Scouts have a limited timeframe in which to complete their projects.

Vice Chair Greck suggested that the Committee begin by identifying the areas, and then take that to Emergency Services for their input. Chair Cox added they can identify the general area, make some general suggestions, then coordinate with Emergency Services, who would coordinate with the Scouts. She suggested putting that on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Pellicane recommended bringing in

the large aerial map, and Mr. Taylor will check with Mr. Holste for the map. Mr. Taylor will also meet with the Fire Department to get their input. Ms. Evans suggested involving the Police Department.

## **5.2 New Trail Location Map**

Chair Cox recalled they were going away from the Trip-Tik flip type to the fold-out format. Mr. Taylor will try to locate the material/draft of the maps. Chair Cox said there were boxes of individual trail maps. Chair Cox noted that access to Pine Island Ridge was limited to going through Tree Tops. Vice Chair Greck added it is easy to get lost in some areas of Tree Tops. Chair Cox thought Tree Tops would be happy to cooperate with the Town, as they have been cooperative with the Trailriders.

Chair Cox then returned to the agenda.

## **4.2 Batten's Farm**

Mr. Sierens remarked he had reviewed the agreement and there was not much the owners can receive in terms of financial assistance. They (the owners) need to find some other source of capital or funding to accomplish what they want to there. Mr. Burgess brought up the lease forgiveness, and Mr. Sierens said they are already aware of that and are petitioning the Town Council on that matter.

## **5.3 Management Plan**

### **1. Robbins Lodge**

Mr. Taylor said that he and Mr. Holste had not been able to locate the copy of the Management Plan drawn up by the University of Florida. However, he said that Chair Cox did find a draft plan for 2000. She said she had both the archaeological and historical assessment that Mr. Carr did in 1999, and the draft plan. Mr. Taylor will continue looking for the final copy, scan it, and distribute it to the Committee. Chair Cox said the title of the document she had was, "The Resource Management Plan for Robbins Open Space," prepared by the Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences, the University of Florida.

Mr. Burgess remarked he had contacted Broward County Parks, who were aware that a plan had been done but did not have a copy. Mr. Burgess spoke to someone at the University who will send an electronic copy of the document to him. He is also trying to get a copy of the plan for Flamingo Road from County Parks, as it is comparable to Robbins Lodge. Through the County Land Preservation Program, he got a copy of the management plan for conservation land sites.

### **2. Westridge Park**

Mr. Burgess asked Chair Cox if she had archaeological information for Westridge, and Chair Cox replied that she is not aware of a survey for that area, but will look through her documents. Mr. Burgess suggested checking with the Archaeological Society to see if they have one. He said he would also check with the Broward County Commission and Development Management to see if they have a survey.

Regarding Robbins Lodge, Chair Cox recommended that the Committee review and update the existing plan. Mr. Taylor said he would clarify where the document would go from this Committee for approval. He will also distribute copies of the scanned documents referenced above to the Committee members.

#### **5.4 Long Lake Ranches Trail Update**

Mr. Taylor met with Mr. Holste on this day and said there was no update on the Long Lake Ranches Trail. He was not sure if Mr. Holste had met with Code Enforcement yet.

Vice Chair Greck reviewed the Code Enforcement issue involving the homeowner who took down a fence at Robbins Lodge, claimed the easement area as his backyard and planted trees.

#### **6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Webb thought she was supposed to be the representative for the Urban Farming Task Force meeting on February 22, and wondered if someone else attended, as she could not. Ms. Pellicane said she was a representative, but the meeting was not noticed to her and she could not attend. Mr. Burgess thought it was a Community Gardens meeting, not a Task Force meeting.

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

The following items were noted for the agenda:

- Trail Location Mapping /Emergency Markers/Boy Scouts
- Robbins Lodge
- Long Lake Ranches Trail Update/Code Enforcement
- Westridge
- Update on Flamingo Gardens trail (rubber substrate)
- Code Enforcement – Flamingo Road Nursery encroachment on trail and Stonebrook Estates open electrical boxes on Flamingo Road Trail

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

Ms. Pellicane verified that the trail markers would be going in Tree Tops and Imagination Farms.

Chair Cox said that the three trees that were illegally planted on the trail on Nova Drive are gone.

Jim Moore from Parks and Recreation Board introduced himself. He mentioned that the next Urban Task Force meeting would be at the Agricultural Board meeting.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Ms. Sierens, seconded by Ms. Webb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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Approved

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Chair/Committee Member