

**TOWN OF DAVIE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 – 7:30 P.M.
ROBBINS LODGE, MAIN HOUSE
4005 HIATUS ROAD, DAVIE, FLORIDA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Greenbaum
Mary Pence

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

David Quigley, Planning and Zoning Manager
Keith Pursell, Project Manager
Todd Evans, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Amanda Lebofsky, Prototype, Inc.

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1. ROLL CALL

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. Following a roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 August 15, 2011 Minutes

Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Sierens, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2011, with the noted corrections. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Sierens said that his name was misspelled in the minutes on pp. 4 and 5.
- Ms. Evans said she was incorrectly referred to as Mr. Evans on p. 6.

- Ms. Pellicane pointed out that on p. 5, “Hiatus Toad” should be “Hiatus Road.”
- Mr. Burgess noted that at the top of p. 5, “horse trial” should be “horse trail.”

3. LIAISON UPDATE

Mr. Quigley remarked that he did not have anything to report.

Mr. Burgess was curious about the digging that has been occurring on Orange Drive, and Mr. Pursell explained that regional gas lines are being installed.

Chair Cox observed that Public Works has been busy planting trees, which is nice for the community. However, she also observed that some have been planted in the middle of horse trails, and riders have to go around them.

Mr. Pursell reported that a longstanding Linear Park project is awaiting approval by Central Broward. He added that Central Broward is having a meeting in October.

Chair Cox asked about an over-excavated canal bank (N-17) and wondered when it would be filled in. Mr. Pursell said it would be filled in 10-15’ feet from water’s edge for the entire length of canal in the weeks to come.

Mr. Burgess wondered about progress on the dog park. Mr. Pursell responded that they are starting the design, getting pricing, and preparing to send bids out. Public Works has been busy with many projects, including construction at the Old Davie School, working on pedestrian bridges over the C-11 canal, and working on the SW 14th Street Trail.

Chair Cox asked about the bridge over C-11, and Mr. Pursell said they are building two survey stations 75 feet east of Hiatus Road.

Mr. Sierens was curious about progress at Arrowhead Golf Course. Mr. Pursell remarked that the first bidder did not work out, and they are moving on to the second bidder. Chair Cox asked when it would be opening, and Mr. Pursell said that would occur the next month.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Sunny Lake Bird Sanctuary

Chair Cox has observed a lot of exotic plant removal at the Sanctuary. She wondered if work will be done in phases or all at once. Mr. Burgess said he has an aerial photograph, and discussed what they are planning to do in the park, including removing exotic vegetation and planting live oak. He allayed concerns that the displaced birds would die and said they will find another area to roost.

Vice Chair Greck asked about the time frame for the Bird Sanctuary, and Mr. Burgess said there was no set time frame.

4.2 Draft Declaration of Restrictive Covenants – Pine Island Park

Chair Cox commented she did not get the colored aerial photo of the park.

Vice Chair Greck remarked that they should think about whether to allow community gardening in the park. The Committee discussed possible locations for such a garden, and determined it would necessitate taking a part out of the equestrian area.

Motion by Vice Chair Greck, seconded by Ms. Evans, to add Section 2 (j) to prohibit farming and gardening in Pine Island Park. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sierens wondered if that meant there could not be a butterfly garden. It was pointed out that a butterfly garden would not be included under “gardening” because it would involve native plants, not cultivated ones.

Motion by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Ms. Pellicane, to approve the DRC for Pine Island Park. Amendment by Chair Cox that legal be included. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Draft Declaration of Restrictive Covenants – Joy Yoder Park

Ms. Evans brought up the deplorable condition of the park, and Ms. Webb concurred with her observations. Chair Cox added that drainage has always been an issue. Ms. Evans said no general maintenance/mowing is occurring. Chair Cox asked Mr. Quigley to contact Public Works and see why this park is not being maintained.

There was a discussion about what to do about the maintenance in the park.

Motion by Ms. Webb, seconded by Mr. Sierens, that playgrounds be removed from the permitted uses in the DRC for Joy Yoder Park. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Ms. Evans, that the DRC would prohibit farming and gardening in Joy Yoder Park. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Webb, seconded by Ms. Pellicane, to approve the DRC for Joy Yoder Park. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Scheduling of November and December 2011 meetings (currently November 28 and December 26, 2011).

Chair Cox mentioned they do not normally have a meeting in December.

Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Sierens, to cancel the December meeting and leave the November meeting to occur on the date it is scheduled. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Future OSAC meeting locations (Town Hall Community Room)

Chair Cox announced that the OSAC meetings are being moved because cloggers will be using this facility at the Committee's regularly scheduled meeting time. Future Committee meetings will be held at Town Hall Community Room. Chair Cox announced that the next meeting is October 24, 2011.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Todd Evans brought up an issue involving Bar-B-Ranch (a horseback riding business), which is adjacent to Robbins Park. The Ranch wants to use the park as a place for horseback riding. He noted that the park is public property, and the Ranch is a for-profit business. Bringing in large groups of horses would create more wear and tear. Mr. Evans mentioned that the Ranch owners (the Hurleys) had come to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, and said they are willing to pay for their use of the park in some way. However, they do not feel they should have to pay an admission price, as the park is free to use.

The Committee discussed different ways of charging the Ranch to use the park (perhaps Adopt-a-Park program). They discussed the liability/legal issues involved. At the next meeting, the Committee will discuss the item, and then at a later meeting, invite the Hurleys to a second discussion of the matter.

8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Sierens shared that Batten's Farm is better than ever. He said Dr. Samuel Scott is doing a great job of running it, and a wide variety of goods is available.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sierens, seconded by Ms. Pellicane, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved

Chair/Committee Member