

Land Preservation Advisory Board (LPAB)

Meeting of February 20, 2003
Sunrise Civic Center
10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise
9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Summary Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Baumbach-Reardon, PhD
Mitchell Burnstein
Emilio Esteban
Mayor Steve Feren
George Fitzpatrick, PhD
Vincent Grande, Chair
Darlene Harris
Alan Levy
Commissioner Hazelle Rogers
Commissioner Tim Smith
Rod Tirrell, Vice Chair
James Tsai, PhD

County Attorney's Office:

Sharon Cruz

County Staff:

Laura Brinkley
Donald Burgess
David Foote
John Leavitt
Eric Myers
Scott Park
Brian Rosen
Andrew Smith
Steve Somerville
Bob Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Henry Graham

The meeting was called to order at 9:45A.M by the Chair. Mr. Chair introduced the new board member, Dr. Lisa Baumbach-Reardon. Dr. Baumbach-Reardon led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Park called roll and a quorum was present. *On motion by Dr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, the minutes from January 9, 2003 were approved.*

Old Business

- (I) Update - Open Space Phase 5 - Mr. Burgess informed the LPAB that the criteria and dollar amount of \$20 million for Open Space Phase 5 will go to the County Commission for approval on March 4. He added that the initial deadline of March 31, 2003 is unfeasible and requested the LPAB decide on a new deadline. *Dr. Fitzpatrick motioned, Commissioner Rogers seconded to change the Open Space Phase 5 deadline to May 2, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.*
- (II) Notice of Election - Ms. Cruz and Mr. Burgess explained that per the LPAB's guidelines it must hold an election in March. The election will include choosing a Chair, Vice-Chair and a Second Vice-Chair. An agenda item for the elections of officers will be on March 20th's meeting agenda.

New Business

- (I) Reimbursement Requests - Mr. Foote presented the reimbursement request for OS-50 Plantation School Board site located within the City of Plantation. There was some discussion on the wetlands on site. Mr. Burgess clarified some of the wetlands concerns. Present on behalf of the City of Plantation was Priscilla Richards, whom also responded to many of the LPAB's concerns regarding the wetland issue. *Dr. Fitzpatrick motioned, Vice Chair Tirrell seconded to support the reimbursement for OS-50 Plantation School Board site. **The motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Rosen presented the reimbursement request for OS-44 Downtown Park located within the City of Oakland Park. Mr. Rosen informed the LPAB that this reimbursement is only for a portion of the original project. Present on behalf of the City were Pat Himelberger and Don Biehn. There was some discussion on the identity of the seller and the disclosure of that information to the LPAB for all projects. *Dr. Fitzpatrick motioned, Vice Chair Tirrell seconded to support the reimbursement for OS-44 Downtown Park. **The motion passed unanimously***
- (II) Conservation Land Ecological Restoration Plan(CLERP) - Mr. Rosen explained to the LPAB the information provided in the CLERP and that for each Conservation Land purchased with Bond funds the LPAB will have an opportunity to review a CLERP mapping out the plan by the City to restore the natural habitat of the site. Mr. Rosen went into explain some of the work being done at the Carpenter's Sand Pine Preserve, Conservation Land Site 90 located within the City of Oakland Park. After the CLERP is approved by the LPAB, the City will then complete plans and return to LPAB for the ecological restoration reimbursement of \$60,000. There was some discussion on the management of the site, which is to be preformed by the City of Oakland Park. Don Biehn from the City answered the LPAB's concerns regarding public access, replanting, long-term maintenance. *Dr. Fitzpatrick motioned, Vice Chair Tirrell seconded to approve the CLERP for Conservation Land Site 90. **The motion passed unanimously***
- (III) Project Amendment - Mr. Chair asked the LPAB's forgiveness in moving agenda item OS-19 out of order, because the district Commissioner from the City was present to speak on behalf on the project. Mr. Rosen began with the amendment to OS-19 The Pier located within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Rosen informed the LPAB that the owner is only willing to sell one quarter of the original project area. Present on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale were Commissioner Gloria Katz, Phil Thornburg and concerned residents. Commissioner Katz informed the Board that the smaller size will still be able to provide the same amenities indicated in the original project. There was much discussion on different issues on the site i.e cost, new size, and public access. *Dr. Fitzpatrick motioned, Mr. Levy seconded to accept the amendment to OS-19 The Pier located within the City of Fort Lauderdale. **The motion passed unanimously.*** The LPAB also asked the City to go back to the owner and get an estimated price for the total original project area and complete appraisals only on the modified project area.
- (IV) Open Space Inventory Additions - Mr. Burgess reminded the LPAB that the projects that are to presented will be funded with Commissioner Gunzburger's discretionary funds. Ms. Brinkley presented projects OS-78 Johnson Street Park and OS-79 The Church Site Park both located within the City of Hollywood. Present on behalf of the City was Dave Flaherty. *Dr. Fitzpatrick motioned, Vice Chair Tirrell seconded to add OS-78 Johnson Street Park and OS-79 The Church Site Park both located within the City of Hollywood to the Open Space Inventory. **The motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Flaherty also informed the LPAB that he will present to the City Commission the two approved Open Space projects along with Conservation Land 180, which the City has previously unsupported, for support.
- (V) Project Amendment - Mr. A. Smith gave the LPAB a brief overview of the amendments to OS-53 Hunters Manor located within the City of Pompano Beach. The project has decreased by half of the

original project size. Present on behalf of the City was Stan Hemphill and Mark Beaudraux. The City expressed that the same plans for the original project are still attainable within the new acreage. City will still be pursuing the other parcels, but are only ready to move forward on the half that are willing sellers. The representatives from the City further explained the plans for the site. After an extensive discussion on the willing sellers issue and the change in the project size. *Mayor Feren motioned, Commissioner Rogers seconded for the City of Pompano Beach to go and acquire as many parcels in OS-53 Hunters Manor as they can and then return to the LPAB with a final and feasible project. **The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Burnstein did not vote due to conflict of interest).***

(VI) Failed Negotiations

This item was discussed at great length. Mr. Myers and Ms. Friebaum gave the LPAB an overview of the County's policies and procedures for conducting appraisals and how negotiations handled. Every LPAB member expressed his/her concerns in regards to performing appraisals, having appraisals reviewed, conducting negotiations, and calling a site a failed negotiation.

Public Comment

Joe Wieselberg, a landowner, Brian Walters, a concerned resident in the City of Lauderhill and Phil Thornburg from the City of Fort Lauderdale expressed some of their concerns regarding how the County conducts negotiations and reviews appraisals.

Laura Ward, Assistant Town Manager from the Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, expressed her appreciate to the LPAB for awarded the Town a grant for Open Space 38 the Sand Castle which is due to close on March 3, 2003.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, adjourned the meeting at 1:20 P.M.