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Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017, 5:30 P.M.

Environmental Protection Department

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Board Members Present: : Kathryn Tancig (KT), Christopher Kinslow (CK), Darrell Hartman (DH), Brian Block (BB), Susan Carr (SC), Christine Housel (CH), Edward Hunter (EH), Nicholas Pool (NP), Joshua Proudly (JP), Russ Weber (RW)

Staff: Sandra Vardaman, Charlie Houder, Steven Montgomery, David Hoyt, Alex Whann, Rick Campanale
Others: Debbie Segal, Kate Lee, Margaret Flagg, Salina Briseno, Simini Kiker, Xander Kiker, Ivor Kinkaide, Tom Kay, Val Lee, Don Shepherd, Jason Teisinger, Marion Hope, Dot Hope, Mary McCarty, Joe Hartley, Summer Hartley, Bruce Biggar, Jodi Biggar

- 1) Call to Order – 5:30 KT
- 2) Approval of Agenda – BB/EH unanimous.
- 3) Approval of the Minutes from April 27th, 2017 - EH/BB – unanimous.
- 4) Introduction of New LCB Member Susan Carr and farewell Comments from former Chair Jason Teisinger
- 5) Property Evaluations
 - a) Paynes Prairie Additions – Serenola Forest

Motion to place in eligibility pool by EH, second by BB. Approved unanimously.

JP moved to place it in the priority pool, CK seconded. Vote failed 7-2, with JP and CK voting for. SC did not vote.

EH moved and JP seconded, that the staff look for cost-sharing, connectivity through conservation easements on neighboring properties and reach out to the city. Passed unanimously, RW out of room.

Tom Kay with ACT said ACT could partner with the county and perhaps initiate some fund-raising by concerned residents. He said Oak Hammock might be interested in helping. Some residents of the neighborhood spoke and said they were concerned about development on the property changing the rural nature of the neighborhood. Staff noted that 90 percent of the property had ardisia and other invasive exotics.
 - b) Hickory Sink – Kanapaha Timber Land & Cattle

Described by Sandra Vardaman as one of the last large pieces in that part of the county but the county would need other funding partners. She said the land was managed for quail since the 1930's. Owner Val Lee said they have about 200 cow calf units.

DH moved to place in the eligibility pool on a bargain-share basis, which means the county would pay no more than 50 percent of the cost of the conservation easement.

CK seconded. Passed unanimously. DH moved to place in priority pool on bargain-share basis. BB seconded. Passed 9-1 with JP opposed.

- c) Gainesville Archipelago – Saarinen, Howard
Presentation of evaluation by Rick Campanale and comments from Ivor Kincaide with ACT, who said ACT would be willing to manage it as an addition to the Saarinen Preserve. There was no motion from the board, which means the board is taking no action.
- 6) Property Nominations
 - a) *Stringfellow – The LCB did not want an evaluation of the property and took no action on the property.*
- 7) Eligibility Pool - *No action*
- 8) ACF Stewardship Update - *Presentation on management of Alachua County Forever properties, including trail development, fire management, timber harvesting, invasive exotics and others.*
- 9) Acquisition Update - *Charlie Houser said staff is working on a contract with ACT to negotiate deals for ACF. The person will be housed with staff. Houser also said in an auction earlier in the day, the county was the high bidder on the 200-acre YMCA Camp McConnell.*
- 10) Other Business
 - a) *Next Meeting date - August 24, 2017*
- 11) Public Comment - *none*
- 12) Adjourn – *8:23 pm*