

March 2, 2022

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COLLIER LAND ACQUISITION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Naples, Florida, March 2, 2022

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 1:00 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Administrative Building “F”, 3rd Floor, Collier County Government Complex Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Bill Poteet
VICE CHAIRMAN: Michele Lenhard
Michael Seef
Gary Bromley (Absent)
Brittany Patterson-Weber
Hannah Rinaldi (via Zoom)
David Corban (Excused)
Karyn Allman
Ron Clark (via Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT: Summer Araque, Conservation Collier Program Coordinator
Jennifer Belpedio, Assistant County Attorney
Molly DuVall, Environmental Specialist
Kathlene Drew, Administrative Assistant
Mitchell Barazowski, Environmental Specialist

1. Roll Call

Chairman Poteet called the meeting to order at 1:00P.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established with 5 Members present in the Boardroom.

A. Approval of CCLAAC Members attending the meeting remotely

Ms. Lenhard moved to allow Mr. Clark and Ms. Rinaldi to participate in the meeting via Zoom due to an extraordinary circumstance. Second by Mr. Seef. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Seef moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Ms. Lenhard. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

3. Approval of February 2, 2022 minutes

Ms. Lenhard moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 as presented. Second by Mr. Seef. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

4. Old Business

A. Acquisition Cycle 10 Update Status of Active Acquisition List

Ms. Araque provided the "Cycle 10 Active Acquisition List approved by BCC January 25, 2022 - updated 2-23-22" noting:

- The owners with properties on the A List were contacted and many have responded they wish to move forward with the sale of their property.
- Staff is moving forward with appraisals on the properties and any agreements for purchase will be presented to the Committee for a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Since the meeting package was disseminated to the Committee, the owners of the Addison Fischer property on Marco Island have notified Staff they are no longer interested in selling the parcel to the County.

Discussion occurred on the process for moving forward with a property if an owner declares they are not interested in selling the property to the County, but then reverse their decision.

Ms. Araque reported they have not encountered the situation previously and would need to research the issue. One concept may be to re-contact the owners in June to determine if they have changed their mind and the parcel could move forward in the process.

Ms. Belpedio recommended the issue be addressed when and if the need arises.

B. Acquisition in Multi-Parcel project Areas

Ms. Araque reported the acquisition of parcels in the project areas (Winchester Head and Red Maple Swamp) continues outside of a regular acquisition cycle. One contract for sale is being presented to the BCC and there are currently no further requests at this time.

5. New Business

A. Target Protection Mailing Areas

Mr. Barazowski provided the "Cycle 11 Target Protection Mailing Area Parcel Selection Strategy" and "Cycle 11 Target Protection Mailing Areas Cycle 11 Target Protection Mailing Areas" noting:

- The goal of the Conservation Collier Program is to protect and conserve the remaining greenspaces within the county.
- The Critical Lands and Water Identification Project (CLIP) is a collection of spatial data identifying priorities for a broad range of natural resources in Florida.
- The CLIP Priority Natural Communities layer was developed by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory using the Florida Cooperative Land Cover System for the Florida Forever Conservation and Recreation Land Acquisition Program.
- The priority natural communities identified within Collier County by this layer neatly overlap with those listed as priorities in the Ordinance.
- The Selection Strategy includes:
 - Identifying parcels protecting priority natural communities.
 - Enhancing the current conservation lands.
 - Identifying areas at risk of development.
 - Identifying properties currently for sale,
- Priority lands include: Priority 1: Upland Forest; Scrub and Coastal Uplands; Priority 2: Pine Flatwoods; Priority 3 and 4 – Coastal Wetlands.
- The TPMA Selection results yielded 21 areas, 10 adjacent to preserves, 795 parcels and 5,515 acres.

He provided an overview of the individual maps (*Caracara Prairie Preserve, Cocohatchee Bay, County Barn Road, East Trail, Gordon River Greenway, Dr. Robert H. Gore III Preserve, Dr. Robert H. Gore III Preserve Expansion area, HHH Ranch, Marco Island, McIlvane Marsh Preserve, Nancy Payton Preserve, NGGE Scrub, North Belle Meade, North Immokalee, Panther Walk Preserve, Pepper Ranch Preserve, Railhead Scrub Preserve, Randall Curve, Rattlesnake Hammock Preserve, Rivers Road Preserve*).

The Committee noted it would be beneficial to be aware of the zoning designations of any properties under consideration to determine if the acquisitions are in conflict with any County intended uses such as affordable housing development, Activity Centers, etc.

Discussion occurred regarding whether parcels which have been significantly disturbed in recent times should be removed from the TPA (i.e., properties in Copeland). Some felt properties containing these characteristics should be removed from consideration while others felt early in the process all owners should be contacted and if a property is brought forth for consideration the issue can be reviewed at that time.

Mr. Seef moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve the Target Protection Area Maps as presented by Staff. Second by Ms. Lenhard. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The Committee requested Staff develop maps depicting:

- *Overlays of the land uses of the properties.*
- *A map of the entire County depicting the TPMA's including the voting districts in the County.*
- *TPMA's by individual voting districts so Commissioners are aware of the lands under consideration in their district.*
- *The zoning districts be depicted on the maps.*

6. Coordinator Communications

A. BCC Items

Ms. Araque reported the contract for acquisition of the Rudnick Parcel in the Gore expanded preserve area being donated to the County and a 1.50-acre lot in Winchester Head will be heard by the BCC on March 23rd.

B. Miscellaneous Items

Ms. Araque requested Members to respond within 24 hours to Staff's email request regarding attendance at an upcoming meeting so they can ensure a quorum is present in the Board Room for the meeting.

7. Subcommittee Reports

A. Lands Evaluation & Management – Chair, Bill Poteet

Next meetings March 2, 2022 and April 21, 2022

B. Outreach – Chair, Brittany Patterson-Weber

A meeting was held on February 15, 2022 where the Target Protection Area Mailing lists were reviewed.

C. Ordinance Policy and Rules - chair vacant- Last meeting July 28, 2021

8. Chair Committee Member Comments

Ms. Allman queried if Staff has considered reaching out to those individuals responding to letters inquiring about potential acquisition of their property to determine what prompted them to answer the letter. If necessary, the language in the letter may be altered based on the input to help encourage responses.

Ms. Araque reported they do review the letter on an annual basis to determine if any changes are necessary. Staff will forward the letter for review by the Committee Members who may provide recommendations should they so desire.

9. Public General Comments

None

10. Staff Comments

None

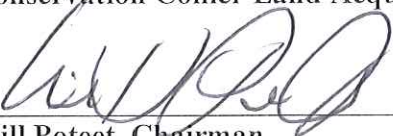
11. Next Meeting Date

April 6, 2022

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 2:20P.M.

March 2, 2022

Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee



Bill Potect, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on April 6, 2022 as presented ✓ or
as amended _____.