

**Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee
Ordinance, Policy, and Rules Subcommittee
Summary Minutes**

Meeting Date: December 18, 2023

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Meeting was held at: Growth Management Community Development, Conference Room C, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL 34104

ATTENDEES IN PERSON

Staff Present Summer Araque
 Melissa Hennig (Phone)
 Sally Ashkar, CAO
 Jaime Cook

Committee Members Michele Lenhard
 Brittany Patterson-Weber
 Rhys Watkins
 Gary Bromley

CCLAAC Present Nick Pearson
 John Courtright

1) Approve Agenda

Michele Lenhard motion to approve to agenda, second by Brittany Patterson-Weber, passes unanimously.

2) Approval of meeting minutes from June 1, 2022

Michele Lenhard moved to approve the minutes as presented, Rhys Watkins second, passed unanimously.

3) Old Business - None

4) New Business

Ordinance Revisions – Ordinance No. 2002-63

Discussion made on Ordinance No 2002-63 as amended by the Board of County Commissioners and further amendments discussed and recommended as follows:

Section One:

Name: The Ordinance shall be known as Conservation Collier Implementation Ordinance.

Section Two:

No changes or recommendations made.

Section Three:

No changes or recommendations made.

Section Four:

No changes or recommendations made.

Section Five – Definitions

Paragraph 6 – add in verbiage in perpetuity to the paragraph to read: management under Conservation Collier in perpetuity, including provision of appropriate public access.

Section Six:

- Change section name from Creation of the Conservation Collier Acquisition Trust Fund to Funding of the Conservation Collier Program.
- Remove first paragraph and replace it with: Collier County has established and will maintain (1) the Conservation Collier Acquisition Trust Fund for use in acquiring environmentally sensitive lands in Collier County, and (2) the Conservation Collier Management Trust Fund for the preservation, enhancement, restoration, conservation and maintenance of environmentally sensitive lands that either have been purchased with monies front the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, or have otherwise been approved for management. Each year through fiscal Year 2031, the Board will set the millage rate for the Conservation Collier Program, which may not exceed .25 mills, and set the percentage of revenues each Fund will receive for that fiscal year. At the direction of the Board, funds may be transferred between the two funds, or used for any other County purpose, if found to be in the best interest of the public by super majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.
- Add super majority vote to #2 in the last sentence of the paragraph.
- 3.n. add super majority vote
- 4. Add verbiage to sentence disbursements from the Conservation Collier Management Trust Fund shall be made by the County Manager oh his or her designee to manage Conservation Collier lands as approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

- 5. Add super majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section Seven:

No changes or recommendation made.

Section Eight:

- 1. Add verbiage to end of paragraph – with the exception of lands currently designated as Stewardship Sending Areas within the Rural Lands Stewardship Area Program.
- 3.add verbiage to end of paragraph – Any lands with legal management obligations must be conveyed with adequate management endowment fund.
- 4. Paragraph as read raised concerns of a companion policy, TDRs and management of CE, also CE doesn't give public access. Recommendation - needs a policy, questions availability for accessibility, maintenance of property. Raises concerns with retaining development credits.
- 5. How is the parcel eligible for sale – if paragraph remains in ordinance, CCLAAC would recommend that property no longer fits the purpose AND the criteria of the program. Would require a super majority vote.

Section Nine:

- 1. The elevation of each acquisition proposal shall be based on satisfying at least four of the initial screening criteria below
 - a. Update to match Florida Natural Areas Inventory
 - b. Lands comprised of native habitat.
 - c. No change or recommendation made.
 - d. No change or recommendation made.
 - e. No change or recommendation made.
 - f. No change or recommendation made.
 - g. Lands which provide climate resilience to drought, flooding, and wildfire risks.
 - h. Any qualified land which meets at least four of the above criteria and has matching funds available.
- 2. Removed the verbiage – and ranked
- 3. Remove the verbiage - and ranked and or proposed

Section Ten:

- 2. Remove word ranking and replace with evaluation

Section Eleven:

No changes or recommendation made.

Section Twelve:

- 1. Acquisition proposals which do not satisfy four out of seven
- 2. Acquisition proposals which satisfy six out of seven
- 3. Proposals which satisfy four out of seven

Discussion made on what would be sent directly to the BCC and what would be sent to CCLAAC for determination of review and movement forward. The committee liked having the public input on parcels before they went to ranking or to the BCC for final decision of acquisition.

Section Thirteen:

No changes or recommendations made.

Section Fourteen:

No changes or recommendations made.

Section Fifteen:

- 1. Add verbiage at the end of the sentence – referendum approval or by the Board of County Commissioners super majority approval
- 2. No change needed
- 3. Same as section 6 – where does this sentence belong – if the Management Trust Fund has inadequate funds for maintenance, then General Fund monies will be used.

Section Sixteen:

No changes or recommendations made.

Section Seventeen:

No changes or recommendations made.

Section Eighteen:

No changes or recommendations made.

Brittany Patterson-Weber motioned to recommend the changes to CCLAAC, Gary Bromley second, vote taken passed unanimously.

5) Program Coordinator & Staff Updates

Discussion made on the format of Land Management Plans and changing of the format to one management plan for all preserves. Pros and cons were discussed, and Michele Lenhard, CCLAAC, thought a master management plan with addendums for each preserve could be done. Staff would have additional discussions on this, if any changes are made, they will be brought to the committee.

6) Public Comments

Brad Cornell, Audubon Western Everglades, thanked everyone to have the ability to speak at today's meeting and have input on the proposed Ordinance change.

7) Subcommittee Member Comments

No further comments made.

8) Next Subcommittee Meeting – TBD

9) Adjourn 12:36 pm

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Michele Lenhard, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____ as presented _____ or as amended _____.