

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COLLIER LAND ACQUISITION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Naples, Florida, October 11, 2021

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 9:00 A.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 (Excused)

Gary Bromley (Excused)

Brittany Patterson-Weber

Thomas J. Iandimarino (via Zoom)

David Corban (Excused)

Hannah Rinaldi

Karyn Allman

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ALSO PRESENT: Summer Araque, Conservation Collier Program Coordinator
Jennifer Belpedio, Assistant County Attorney
Melissa Hennig, Regional Manager, Parks and Recreation
Mitchell Barazowski, Environmental Specialist
Molly Duval, Sr. Environmental Specialist
Christal Segura, Sr. Environmental Specialist

Any persons in need of the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the video recording from the Collier County Communications and Customer Relations Department or view online.

I. Roll Call

Chairman Poteet called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Roll call was taken and a quorum of 5 was established by those present in person.

A. New Member Karyn Allman

Ms. Allman was welcomed as a new Member of the Committee.

Ms. Lenhard moved to allow Mr. Iandimarino to participate in the meeting via Zoom due to an extraordinary circumstance. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.

II. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lenhard moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

III. Approval of September 13, 2021 minutes

Ms. Rinaldi moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Lenhard. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

IV. New Business

A. Acquisition Cycle 10 – Updates

Ms. Araque reported 47 applications have been received, 38 of which are in the Target Protection Areas. Five applications have been received for Red Maple Swamp and two for Winchester Head. These are in the multi parcel project areas and the acquisitions are moving forward as they are not required to be processed through the ranking policy.

1. Updates on previously reviewed ICSRs

Ms. Araque provided an update on the HHH Ranch application noting Staff is slated to conduct a site visit of the property on November 12th. The parcels are adjacent to 962 acres owned by the County and a roadway could eventually bisect the property however it would need to be processed through the special benefits requirements of the program if Conservation Collier acquires the property.

2. Turner Groves Citrus LTD Partner - Mitch Hutchcraft - Pepper Ranch TPA

Ms. Araque reported Staff reached out to the owner to determine the extent of conservation easements on the lands given the 3 parcels are subject to numerous South Florida Water Management District Permits. At least one of the parcels contains a scrub jay preserve and they are adjacent to Pepper Ranch Preserve. The owner has not responded to Staff's inquires as of yet.

Ms. Rinaldi moved for Staff to prepare and Initial Criteria Screening Report for the properties. Second by Ms. Lenhard. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

B. Acquisition Cycle 10 – Initial Criteria Screening Reports

1. Forrest G Amaranth Trust – Bayshore TPA

Mr. Barazowski presented the “*Forest G. Amaranth Trust Initial Criteria Screening Report*” for review. He noted the application includes 2 parcels located in the Bayshore Target

Protection Area containing 71.6 acres with an estimated market value of \$1.419M and received a ICSR score of 245 out of a possible 400.

The Committee requested Staff to:

- Notify the owner if the County is to acquire the property, the debris (vehicles, boats, etc.) needs to be removed from the property prior to closing.’
- Staff will continue to investigate the opportunities for a gopher tortoise preserve, however only a portion of the lands are suitable for the use.
- Provide information on the proposed PUD adjacent to the site including which areas are slated for homes and which are preserve areas – *At the end of the meeting Staff provided a copy of the PUD Master Plan for the Committee’s records.*

Ms. Lenhard moved to forward the application to the ranking process. Second by Ms. Rinaldi. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

2. Helen Santamaria Et Al – Caracara TPA

Ms. Duval presented the “*Santamaria, et al. Initial Criteria Screening Report*” for review. She noted the parcel is located adjacent to the Caracara Prairie Preserve. The applicants own 2, 20-acre parcels adjacent to each other and the rear 20-acre parcel contains a home and is not offered for acquisition. The estimated market value of the parcel is \$220,000 and it received a ICSR score of 266 of a possible 400.

During Committee discussion, the following was noted:

- Direct public access is not envisioned for the property as it abuts CREW lands and there is a parking area approximately ½ mile from the parcel.
- Staff investigated the feasibility of CREW or the SFWMD acquiring the parcel however it is outside their designated boundary.

Ms. Lenhard moved to forward the application to the ranking process. Second by Ms. Rinaldi. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

3. Arnold, Blocker, Jim Howard Moody - Pepper Ranch TPA

Ms. Segura presented the “*Emily Arnold, Brian Blocker, Moody Crawford Trust Initial Criteria Screening Report*” for review. She noted the application includes 5 parcels in the Pepper Ranch Target Protection Area containing 89.29 acres with an estimated market value of \$696,400 and received a ICSR score of 280 out of a possible 400.

Ms. Rinaldi moved to forward the application to the ranking process. Second by Ms. Lenhard Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

4. Gore area TPA parcels (5 properties)

Ms. Araque presented the “*Dr. Robert H. Gore III Preserve area parcels Initial Criteria Screening Report*” for review. She noted the application includes 5 parcels located in the Gore Target Protection Area containing 17.59 acres with an estimated value of \$214,200. They received a ICSR score of 258 out of a possible 400. One of the parcels (Rudnick) is offered as a donation to Conservation Collier and would not be required to go through the ranking process should the County decide to acquire the parcel.

Ms. Lenhard moved to accept the donation of the Rudnick parcel. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

Ms. Lenhard moved to forward the 4 remaining properties in the application to the ranking process. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

C. Acquisition Cycle 10 – Initial Screening Criteria

1. Agua Colina – Marco Island

Property Owners: Agua Colina LLC

Parcel(s) acreage: 0.63 acres

Property Location: 1929 Indian Hill Street, Marco Island, FL 34145 (folio 58105400007) This property is 900 feet east of Otter Mound Preserve.

Ms. Araque presented the application noting it meets the Initial Screening Criteria.

Speakers

Dr. Rich Blonna noted the parcel has 100 percent public access with an opportunity to construct a small parking area. It abuts a canal and additional access may be available via kayak if a floating dock is constructed. It also provides educational opportunities given the archeological aspects of the lot.

Eugene Erjavec, Jr. noted he is Chairman of the County’s Historic/Archeological Preservation Board and supports the acquisition of the parcel as it provides architectural and ecological benefits to the area.

Ms. Lenhard moved for Staff to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

2. Charles & Linda Anderson - non-TPA Rural Fringe

Property Owner: Anderson Jr., Charles E & Linda

Parcel(s) size: 5 acres

Property Location: Rural Fringe Mixed Use Sending (non-TPA)

Ms. Araque presented the application noting it meets the Initial Screening Criteria.

During Committee discussion it was noted there is no road constructed to access the property but there’s the possibility of an easement through adjacent lands however an additional concern was expressed the parcel is isolated.

Mr. Iandimarino moved for Staff not to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report. Second by Ms. Rinaldi. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

3. Mary Baxley c/o Judy Harris – Rivers Road TPA

Property Owner: Baxley, Mary Cathryn; c/o Judy Harris

Parcel(s) acreage: 0.2 acres

Property Location: Rock Rd. folio 00213040103

Ms. Araque presented the application noting it does not meet the Initial Screening Criteria.

Chairman Poteet moved for Staff not to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report. Second by Mr. Iandimarino. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

V. Old Business

A. Preserve Updates

Ms. Araque provided the following updates:

Pepper Ranch Preserve – A photo captured on the wildlife camera was subject of a Naples Daily News article and there was a Sunflower Viewing event held on October 8th and 9th.

VI. Coordinator Communications

A. BCC Items – None since the last meeting

Ms. Araque reported the Board of County Commissioners approved a Youth Hunt Agreement for Pepper Ranch and appointed Karyn Allman to the Committee.

B. Miscellaneous Items

Ms. Araque noted the HHH Ranch site visit will be held from 9am – noon on November 12th. Typically, only one Member may attend however Staff will investigate the feasibility of staggered visitation for any interested Members.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Lands Evaluation & Management – Chair, Bill Poteet – Last meeting September 8, 2021.

The next meeting will be held in February or March of 2022.

B. Outreach – Chair, Brittany Patterson-Weber - Last meeting March 24, 2021.

None

C. Policy and Rules – Chair selected - Tom Iandimarino - Last meeting July 28, 2021

None

VIII. Chair Committee Member Comments

Chairman Poteet reported some Members appointments will be expiring over the coming months and any Member seeking re-appointment or other person interested in joining the Committee should file the necessary applications with County Staff.

IX. Public General Comments

None

X. Staff Comments

None

XI. Next Meeting Date

October 8, 2021

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 11:00A.M.

Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee

Bill Poteet, Chairman

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