

MINUTES OF MEETING
LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (L.A.M.P.) BOARD
April 26, 2007
3:30 P.M.

Proceedings of a meeting held in Conference Room A, St. Johns County Administration Building, 4020 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Florida.

Members Present: Mark Middlebrook, Chairman, Lee Gerald, Roger Van Ghent, Paul Geiser, Warren Leve, Mike Adams, and Rich Turnbull

Members Absent: Sarah Bailey, Chuck Padera

Staff Present: Tony Cubbedge, Linda White, and Amy Meide, Real Estate

Guests: David Dinkins, County Extension Director and Sarah Owen, Florida Wildlife Federation

1. Welcome / Call to Order

Chairman Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. and welcomed those present.

Cubbedge introduced Mr. David Dinkins, County Extension Director, University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

2. LAMP Business Items

a. Approval of Minutes of the March 22, 2007 meeting

Motion by Geiser, seconded by Adams, carried 7/0 with Bailey and Padera absent, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2007 meeting as submitted.

3. LAMP Workshop Items

Old Business

Cubbedge commented that Resolution No. 2007-109 supporting funding for the Florida Forever Program was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at its April 17, 2007 meeting.

a. Review changes to the Resolution referencing land strategy

Middlebrook provided background on the Resolution. Cubbedge referred to the Resolution within the agenda packet and commented on the changes that were made at the request of the Board. Motion by Van Ghent to discuss the strategy Resolution to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. There was discussion regarding the revisions and additions that were made. Middlebrook clarified that the purpose of the resolution was to refine the strategy for conservation. **Motion by Van Ghent, seconded by Geiser, carried 7/0, with Bailey and Padera absent, to recommend the Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners to create a strategy for land acquisition for conservation and resource based recreation in St. Johns County.**

b. Mapping Workshop

Cubbedge referred to the map and explained that staff had highlighted some corridor areas that stood out. He identified some of the key corridors of interest and Meide highlighted various layers, such as the public lands layer. Meide commented that some of the data was from 1995 and she proceeded to review some of the habitat areas. There was discussion about protecting the head waters and specific reference was made to septic tanks. It was noted that data layers to identify the recharge and discharge areas were needed. Discussion followed regarding the current geographic system and various layers available and the list of data used to identify corridors. Staff will provide a list of the data sources including the top 10 conditions used to identify priorities or categories. Middlebrook suggested that staff consider land acquisition as a way to make policy in their endeavor of creating a list.

c. **David Dinkins presentation on Land Use Challenges**

Dinkins provided an information sheet entitled "Developing Visualization Tools to Address Land Use Challenges in the Tri-County Agricultural Area (St. John's, Putnam and Flagler Counties). He talked about the loss of agricultural land in St. Johns County in recent years and predicted that there will be a 40% loss within 10 years. Dinkins noted that there was a new Land Use Development Specialist who will be working on a pilot program of a sophisticated mapping program in the tri-county area. He asked what the LAMP Board would like to see as part of the mapping program and asked that the Board support preservation of agricultural land.

Cubbedge noted that two applications had been submitted for vacancies on the LAMP Board.

4. **Member Reports**

Van Ghent

Van Ghent talked about climatic concerns and recommended that the members familiarize themselves with the issue and offered a information source website of United Nations scientists at www.IPCC.CH.

5. **Public Comment:**

Sarah Owen, Florida Wildlife Federation, reported that the South Anastasia Community Association was holding a Public Forum on May 5th at 9:00 a.m. at Whitney Laboratory, Marineland. Speakers are scheduled at the meeting on environmentally sensitive lands and overlay zones in St. Johns County.

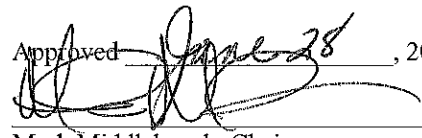
6. **Adjournment**

Middlebrook called the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

An audio tape of this meeting is on file and available for review in the St. Johns County Real Estate Division.

Respectfully submitted by:


Cecelia Aldrich, Recorder

Approved  , 2007
Mark Middlebrook, Chairman