

MINUTES OF MEETING
LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (L.A.M.P.) BOARD
February 22, 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: Paul Geiser, Acting Chairman; Sarah Bailey, Michael Adams, Charles Padera, and Roger Van Ghent

Members Absent: Mark Middlebrook, Warren Leve, Lee Gerald, and Rich Turnbull

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

Guests: Commissioner Cyndi Stevenson

1. Welcome / Call to Order

It was noted that Chairman Middlebrook would not be able to attend the meeting. Geiser, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:45 P.M.

2. LAMP Business Items

a. Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting

Motion by Padera, seconded by Adams, carried 6/0, with Middlebrook, Leve and Gerald absent, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting as submitted.

3. LAMP Workshop Items

a. Past Acquisition Strategies

Cubbedge talked about acquisition strategy and referred to the "Jewel List" which was developed several years previous. He expressed a desire to establish a "landscape" approach (taking into consideration interacting ecosystems) to acquiring property and noted in that regard a joint meeting was scheduled on February 26, 2007 with members from Flagler and Volusia Counties and the St. Johns River Water Management District. Commissioner Stevenson noted that she would attend. Cubbedge identified the State's Blueway acquisition corridor along the Intracoastal and the St. Johns River. There was discussion regarding the status on the Meldrim Conservation Easement. Cubbedge will follow-up and report back to the Board.

b. Review Greenway and Blueway Map

Cubbedge distributed copies of the St. Johns County Greenway, Blueway & Trails Master Plan. He reviewed some of the properties that had been acquired and talked about establishing corridors. There was discussion regarding preservation of tortoise habitats. Cubbedge noted that Billy Zeits, Recreation and Parks and Amy Meide, Real Estate will look into any County-owned property that may be suitable or restored for gopher tortoise habitats. Discussion followed regarding establishing greenway corridors and the possibility of working toward taking some requests to the State in the future for funding. There was discussion regarding the importance of connectivity, wildlife crossings and migration. Cubbedge suggested workshop discussions at the next couple of meetings to identify corridors and generate acquisition plans. He noted that staff would provide a presentation using live Geographic Information Systems. Com. Stevenson noted that she would contact staff at the St. Johns River Water Management District regarding maps.

It was noted that a regional meeting was scheduled on Monday, February 26th, 2007, 9:00 A.M. at Princess Place regarding conservation/environmental issues.

Commissioner Stevenson commented that the Fish Island – Pine Island Marina issue was scheduled on the City's Agenda for Monday, February 26th and urged anyone with environmental testimony to attend.

c. **Review Resolution for Land Acquisitions**

Cubbedge distributed a Resolution regarding the LAMP Board creating a plan for land acquisition for conservation and passive recreation. Bailey suggested that a funding source be included in the Resolution. Van Ghent suggested including a request that the State re-fund the Florida Forever Fund. Padera noted that the words "be created" be removed from the last sentence.

Motion by Padera, seconded by Bailey, carried 6/0, with Middlebrook, Leve and Gerald absent, to table further discussion until Middlebrook is available.

Bailey and Van Ghent talked about the need to review carrying capacity, which could be defined as "the number of individuals an environment can support without significant negative impacts to the given organism and its environment."

4. **Member Reports**

Bailey

Bailey queried the request regarding property she owns. Cubbedge commented that the Commercial Paper money capacity was depleted for this year and the Bailey property would be reviewed in Fiscal Year 2008. Bailey stated that she had a full list, which included DRIs and PUDs, for Round Table discussion. She queried the lack of suggestion boxes and also the possibility of tapping into money that comes into the Board.

Van Ghent

Van Ghent stated that he was on the road-naming committee and that the objective is to name some of the new major arteries. He asked that suggestions be sent to him.

Adams – No report.

Turnbull – No report.

Padera – No report.

Geiser

Stated that the next meetings would be March 22nd and April 26th. He also noted that his term and Bailey's terms would be expiring in April.

Bailey noted that she was liaison to the Recreation and Parks Board and substantial amounts of interesting information is made available.

It was noted that Melissa Lundquist, Administration, handles all appointments to Boards and Committees.

5. **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

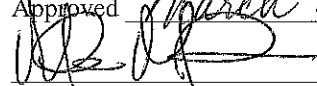
6. **Adjournment**

Motion by Adams, seconded by Van Ghent, carried 6/0, with Middlebrook, Leve and Gerald absent, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 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 March 22, 2007

Mark Middlebrook, Chairman