

MINUTES OF MEETING
LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (L.A.M.P.) BOARD
July 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, Richard Turnbull, Nicholas McAuliffe, Lee Gerald, Michael Adams, Charles Padera and G. Warren Leve

Members Absent: Sarah Owen, (one Vacancy)

Staff Present: Tony Cubbedge, Linda White, and Amy Meide, Real Estate;
William Smith, Recreation

Guests: Commissioner Cyndi Stevenson, Roger Van Ghent and Paul Geiser (outgoing Board Members), Cindy Ray, Don Beattie

1. Welcome / Call to Order

Chairman Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 3:35 P.M. and welcomed those present.

Cubbedge recognized and thanked the departing LAMP Board founding members, Roger Van Ghent and Paul Geiser and Sarah Bailey. Van Ghent and Geiser provided historical information of the early stages of the LAMP Board and creation of the Ordinance. Cubbedge presented Van Ghent and Geiser with Certificates of Appreciation (Ms. Bailey was absent).

He introduced and welcomed the new members, Nicholas McAuliffe and Sarah Owen (who was out of town).

2. LAMP Business Items

a. Approval of Minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting

Motion by Turnbull, seconded by McAuliffe, carried 7/0 with Owen absent, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting as submitted.

b. Introduction of New Lamp Board Members

Conducted during Welcome/Call to Order.

3. LAMP Workshop Item

Old Business

a. Update ranked listings of Shapefiles

Meide provided a handout showing the original ranking and a dual list which identified LAMP Board only ranking, as well as, LAMP Board and Staff ranking. She reviewed the source of data for each layer, identified the priorities and explained how the ranking, based on responses from Board members, was determined.

Middlebrook talked about the steps to be taken next. He commented on Duval County's approach to dividing up their county. Discussion followed regarding possible data sources to be transformed to shapefiles and possible uses for the shapefiles.

Meide reported that the Property Appraiser's shapefile containing conservation easements within St. Johns County, is not complete, as it is a continuing work of progress, as is the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) data.

4. Member Reports

Padera

Padera commented that he sees the shapefiles as tools and land use as a driver for growth. He indicated an interest in the "pocket" approach, also.

Turnbull

Turnbull indicated he saw value in both approaches and expressed the importance of adding to other public lands and suggested the shapefiles could be used for ecology, parks, and scaling tract sizes. Turnbull suggested the list be reduced to eight.

Leve

Leve commented that the population in northern St. Johns County is the densest and would like to see the data used for growth management.

Gerald

Gerald suggested that the Board may want to develop a strategy that queries parcels to meet all the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) key criteria.

Adams

Adams noted that he would like to see the County broken down into zones and that certain areas warrant a regional approach.

Commissioner Stevenson suggested that a layer be used for agricultural land buffer and trail networking.

Middlebrook suggested that Staff try to identify vacant land or parcel sizes in quadrants within various population density zones. He commented that there would be another review of the shapefiles and that the Board had the formation of a plan. He expressed his appreciation and complimented Staff on their work.

5. Public Comment

Van Ghent expressed a desire to discontinue the ranking order and alphabetize instead. He would like a layer to identify rare species.

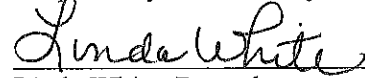
Beattie commented that the County has four sectors with Visions. He expressed a desire to require larger buffer areas within developments. Beattie suggested that the Planning Department provide a Vision briefing.

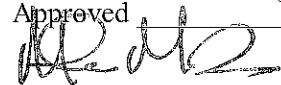
6. Adjournment

Middlebrook called the meeting adjourned at 4:50 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:


Linda White, Recorder

Approved  9.27, 2007
Mark Middlebrook, Chairman