

**Green PLACE Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting – January 16, 2008
Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
Panther Training Room 800 Mercy Drive, Suite 4, Orlando, Florida 32808-7896**

Green PLACE Advisory Board

Members PRESENT:

Lori Cunniff: Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
Larry Pearson: South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
Keith Schue: The Nature Conservancy
Vera Carter: Citizen Member
Dominique Shimizu: Citizen Member
Maurice Pearson: Citizen Member
Ross Hinkle: University of Central Florida (UCF)
Nancy Christman: St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)

Members ABSENT:

Vivian Garfein: Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
Susan Clary: Citizen Member
Barbara Serokee: Trust for Public Lands

Staff PRESENT:

Beth Jackson: Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
Mark Rizzo: EPD
Sally Kromer: EPD
Beth Bromfield: EPD
Nancy Rodlun: EPD
Charles Hawkins: County Attorney's Office

Guests PRESENT:

Eugene Kelly
Marge Holt

I. AGENDA

Lori Cunniff called the meeting to order on January 16, 2008 at 3:10 pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Lori Cunniff, seconded by Vera Carter, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Barbara Serokee, Susan Clary, and Vivian Garfein being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted approval of the March 7, 2007, minutes of the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and upon a motion by Vera Carter, seconded by Lori Cunniff, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Barbara Serokee, Susan Clary, and Vivian Garfein being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted approval of the October 10, 2007, minutes of the Green PLACE Advisory Board .

III. EPD REPORT

New Business:

1. Sunshine Law

Charles Hawkins of the County Attorney's Office gave a presentation on the Sunshine Law. All Advisory Boards are to be familiar with the Sunshine Law as part of Florida Regulation.

2. Adoption of Rules and Procedures

Beth Jackson made a presentation of the adoption of rules and procedures. Every Advisory Board is required to adopt rules and procedures for the operation of their Advisory Board. The Advisory Board has 3 options of rules and procedures to use for the operation of the Advisory Board they are: Robert's Rules of Order, the Board of County Commissioners Rules of Order, or the Advisory Board can make their own rules of order. Beth Jackson recommended Robert's Rules of Order. **Upon motion by Vera Carter, seconded by Nancy Christman, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Barbara Serokee, Susan Clary, and Vivian Garfein being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted approval of the Robert's Rules of Order.**

3. MyRegion.org – How Shall We Grow Green Print Map

Beth Jackson gave an introduction on MyRegion.org efforts to develop a regional Green Print Map for the seven county region. Eugene Kelly from The Nature Conservancy gave a brief presentation. The Green PLACE Advisory Board was asked for guidance and a recommendation on what map they would like to see used for Orange County. **Upon motion by Keith Schue, seconded by Larry Pearson, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Barbara Serokee, Susan Clary, and Vivian Garfein being absent; the Green PLACE Advisory Board voted to support including the most recent Greenways Network: Critical Linkages Priority ranking model from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy Peninsula Portfolio sites into the Green Print Map for Orange County.**

4. Green PLACE Website

The Green PLACE Advisory Board was given a brief overview of the Green PLACE website.

5. Review of Evaluated Properties

Beth Jackson gave a brief overview of the previously evaluated properties. Past and present Committees and the Advisory Board have evaluated properties within 7 drainage basins and have identified over 88 properties for potential acquisition through the Green PLACE program. Since 2003, The Green PLACE program has acquired 12 properties totaling 7605 acres.

6. Evaluation of the Partin, Ashlock, and Sieler Properties

Beth Jackson presented to the Advisory Board for their recommendation for addition of the Partin, Ashlock and Sieler properties to the Green PLACE potential acquisition list. The Seiler parcel had been previously evaluated. The Advisory Board was presented an overview of the parcels habitats acreage and adjacency to other publicly held lands. The

Advisory Board discussed the parcels and **Upon motion by Vera Carter, seconded by Larry Pearson, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Barbara Serokee, Susan Clary, and Vivian Garfein being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted to put the Partin and Ashlock properties in the A category**

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION:

Vera Carter brought up the subject of protection of recharge areas and how they have been historically ignored through the environmentally sensitive land acquisition programs. Staff informed Ms. Carter that the protection of water resources was part of the Green PLACE mission and that the program has purchased 3 parcels that have high recharge value and water resource protection value. Nancy Christman announced the Low Impact Development workshop. Orange County is cosponsoring the workshop on February 15, 2008.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Marge Holt brought to the Committee's attention the progress of the Orlando/Orange County Expressway Authority Road planning process and the proposed alignments through environmentally sensitive lands. Discussion ensued, no motions made.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Lori Cunniff, at 5:00 pm.

Chairperson, Green PLACE Advisory Board

Date

End of Minutes Prepared by Rochelle Braxton