

**Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting - September 20, 2006
Environmental Protection Division (EPD)**

Orange Blossom Conference Room 800 Mercy Drive, Suite 4, Orlando, Florida 32808-7896

Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Members PRESENT:

Tom Genovese: South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
Nancy Prine: Citizen Member
Keith Schue: The Nature Conservancy
Marge Holt: Citizen Member
Jack Stout, PhD: University of Central Florida
Nancy Christman: St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)
Charles Lee: Citizen Member
Lori Cunniff: Orange County Environmental Protection Division (OCEPD)
Vivian Garfein: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Members ABSENT:

Lindsay Stevens: Trust for Public Lands (TPL)
Vera Carter: Citizen Member

Staff PRESENT:

Beth Jackson: Orange County Environmental Protection Division
Alicia Eidam: Orange County Parks and Recreation Division

Guests:

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Lori Cunniff called the meeting to order on September 20, 2006, at 3:20 pm.

II. INTRODUCTION:

Lori Cunniff discussed the Invest in Orange Program, which was a discussion item brought before the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on September 19, 2006. Invest in Orange is the program that funds Green PLACE. Lori asked that all available members of the Committee attend the budget meeting held on September 21, 2006, at 6 pm.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Nancy Prine, seconded by Charles Lee, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Ms. Lindsay Stevens and Ms. Vera Carter being absent; The Green PLACE Committee voted approval of the August 16, 2006, minutes of Green Place Committee.

IV. ACQUISITION STRATEGY:

a. **Overview of GIS Layers:**

Beth Jackson made a presentation and requested the Committee to decide on which GIS layers that the Committee wanted to use.

b. **Econlockhatchee River Basin Corridor:**

An overview of the Econlockhatchee River Basin Corridor was given to the Committee members.

Upon motion by Nancy Prine, seconded by Charles Lee, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Ms. Lindsay Stevens and Ms. Vera Carter being absent; The Green PLACE Committee approved the proposed Econlockhatchee River Basin Corridor.

c. **St. Johns River Basin Corridor:**

An overview of the St. Johns River Basin Corridor was presented to the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee requested additional refinement on the proposed corridor prior to making a decision.

V. PROPERTY USAGES:

a. **Property Uses:**

The Green PLACE Ad Hoc Committee discussed the various recreational uses that may or may not be allowed on Green PLACE properties. Based on the discussion, EPD will refine the proposed usage list for further discussion at the October Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

b. **Fazio Tract:**

Lori Cunniff informed the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Committee that she would be updating the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed recreational uses for the Fazio Parcel. Based on the committee discussion of the property at the August meeting her briefing will inform the Commissioners that at this time it is premature to determine the appropriate recreational uses due to a lack of information concerning the natural resources that exist on the property.

c. **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Request:**

EPD staff informed the Committee that a request had been received from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to store heavy equipment under the pole barn that is located on the Lake Hart Property. The Committee briefly discussed the request.

Upon motion by Nancy Prine, seconded by Charles Lee, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Ms. Lindsay Stevens and Ms. Vera Carter being absent; The Green PLACE Committee voted approval of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissions request with the contingency that the agreement can be terminated if it interferes with the management or use of the property.

d. **NRC Parcel – Letter from Bob Carrigan:**

Lori Cunniff discussed a letter received from Mr. Bob Carrigan requesting to mow the pastures located on the NRC parcel. The purpose of this discussion was to highlight the various requests that EPD receives regarding using Green PLACE properties for a variety of purposes that are unrelated to passive recreation. The Committee suggested

developing a general policy statement on uses that are unrelated to the reason the land was purchased through the Green PLACE Program.

VI. PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTATION:

Alicia Eidam gave a presentation on the management and types of activities that are allowed on Parks and Recreation Division Natural Lands Parks.

VII. GOPHER TORTOISE PROTECTION MEASURES:

Lori Cunniff briefed the Committee on a memo written by Commissioner Jacobs to Mayor Crotty regarding Gopher Tortoise Protection measures. Mayor Crotty requested that EPD discuss Commissioner Jacob's proposed initiative with the Green PLACE Committee.

Upon motion by Charles Lee, seconded by Vivian Garfein, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Ms. Lindsay Stevens and Ms. Vera Carter being absent; Green PLACE Committee agrees with the thrust of Commissioner Jacob's request and that the County should reevaluate the Comprehensive Policy Plan that addresses the protection of Threatened and Endangered Species in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rules.

VIII. HAL SCOTT PRESERVE BROWNFIELDS GRANT APPLICATION:

Lori Cunniff briefed the Committee on the Environmental Protection Division proposal to submit a Brownfields Grant application to conduct a site assessment on an 8.2-acre out parcel in the Hal Scott Preserve. The information generated from the site assessment will be used to determine whether Orange County purchases the out parcel.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION:

There was no open discussion.

X. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The committee adjourned at 5.23 pm

Chairperson, Green PLACE Ad Hoc Committee

Date

End of Minutes, Prepared by Rochelle Braxton