

Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting – January 17, 2007
Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
Panther Training Room 800 Mercy Drive, Suite 4, Orlando, Florida 32808-7896

Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Members PRESENT:

Larry Pearson: South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
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
Vivian Garfein: Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Vera Carter: Citizen Member
Nancy Prine: Citizen Member

Members ABSENT:

Lindsey Stevens: Trust for Public Lands (TPL)
Lori Cunniff: Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Staff PRESENT:

Beth Jackson: Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
Elizabeth R. Johnson: EPD
Alicia Eidam: Orange County Parks and Recreation Division
M. Krishnamurthy: Orange County Stormwater Management Division (SWM)
Mike Drozeck: SWM
Rod Lynn: SWM
Daniel Negron: SWM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Beth Jackson called the meeting to order on January 17, 2007, at 3:07 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Vera Carter, seconded by Charles Lee, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Lori Cunniff, Vivian Garfein and Lindsay Stevens being absent; The Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee voted approval of the November 15, 2006, minutes of the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Vivian Garfein joined the meeting at 3:30.

III. EPD REPORT:

Old Business:

- a) Review of property uses list: The Orange County Parks and Recreation Division has asked to review the property uses list to discuss the use of paved bike trails. The specific example used was the West Orange Trail. The Committee members discussed the proposal and decided against changing the proposed property uses document.
- b) Request from Stormwater-Strite Property: The Orange County Stormwater Management Division has asked to discuss the placement of a retention pond in a portion of the Plymouth-Sorrento property known as the Strite Property. The Stormwater Management Division gave a presentation to the Committee members outlining why they need 3 acres from the parcel know as the Strite

Property for the construction of a storm water pond. The Committee members discussed this issue at length.

Upon a motion by Charles Lee, seconded by Keith Schue, and carried with all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Lori Cunniff and Lindsey Stevens being absent; the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee voted against the Orange County Stormwater proposal for the Plymouth-Sorrento property as presented on January 17, 2007, and are requesting that Orange County Stormwater Management explore different methods to avoid a structural solution that impacts a Green PLACE property.

Vivian Garfein stated for the record that the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee should not be micro managing Orange County issues.

- c) Mitigation options and protective measures: The Committee members discussed the use of Conservation easements and the sale of Development Rights as a means to leverage Green PLACE money. This layering of easements and sale of Development Rights will provide additional protection for the properties in the future. Committee members requested that they be informed up front of these types of activities or methods are going to be employed to assist with the funding of the properties.

New Business:

1. Acquisitions

EPD staff informed the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee that the Orange County Board of County Commissioners approved the Sale and Purchase Contract for the Hampton Bay and Stucki Properties. The BCC also approved the Participation Agreement between Orange County and St. Johns River Water Management District of the purchase of the Neighborhood Lakes Property.

2. Acquisition Strategy

- a) Little Econlockhatchee Basin-postponed for discussion at a later meeting.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF A PROCESS FOR NAMING GREEN PLACE PROPERTIES:

EPD staff informed the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee that there is a possibility of creating an Administrative Regulation to outline a process for naming Green PLACE properties. The Committee members expressed their support of this proposal and would gladly assist.

V. PERMANENT GREEN PLACE COMMITTEE

EPD staff discussed with the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee members, the establishment of a permanent Green PLACE Committee since the current committee sunsets in March 2007. The Committee members expressed their support of a permanent Green PLACE Committee and would be willing to serving on a future Green PLACE Committee.

Larry Pearson left the meeting at 4:45 pm.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION:

None

VII. PUBLIC INPUT:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

- a) Scheduling of the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Chairperson, Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Date

End of Minutes, Prepared by Rochelle Braxton