

**Green PLACE Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting – January 21, 2009
Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
Panther Training Room**

800 Mercy Drive, Suite 4, Orlando, Florida 32808-7896

Green PLACE Advisory Board

Members PRESENT:

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

Members ABSENT:

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

Staff PRESENT:

Beth Jackson: EPD
Mark Rizzo: EPD
Melanie Brodhead: EPD
Alicia Eidam: Parks and Recreation
Mehul Parek: Roads and Drainage
Tambora Cunningham: Roads and Drainage

Guests PRESENT:

Becky Neilsen: Trust for Public Lands

I. AGENDA

Lori Cunniff called the meeting to order on January 21, 2009 at 3:10 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Lori Cunniff, seconded by Larry Pearson, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Vivian Garfain, Susan Clary, and Barbara Seerokee being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted approval of the September 17, 2008, minutes of the Green PLACE Advisory Board.

III. EPD REPORT

New Business

1. Orange County Public Works-Rainey Road widening issue

Mehul Parek and Tambora Cunningham from Roads and Drainage are asking the Board to approve an additional 5 feet from the Fazio property for the widening of Rainey Road. The Board had previously approved 20 feet from the right-of way. The Advisory Board briefly discussed the request.

Upon motion by Ross Hinkle, seconded by Keith Schue, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Vivian Garfain, Susan Clary, and Barbara Seerokee being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted approval of the additional 5 feet from the Fazio property for the widening of Rainey Road.

2. Evaluation of Zellwood Station Natural Area

Staff presented a potential acquisition site located in the Zellwood Station subdivision for the Green PLACE Advisory Board's consideration. The site is approximately 103 acres in size and the dominant habitat is Pine Flatwoods. The site is not contiguous to any other publicly owned lands nor is there a potential to connect the Property to other publicly owned lands. The Green PLACE Advisory Board briefly discussed the property.

Upon motion by Vera Carter, seconded by Larry Pearson, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Vivian Garfain, Susan Clary, and Barbara Seerokee being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted not to consider the Zellwood Station Natural Area for acquisition.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

V. **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Discussion regarding the County's budget as it relates to Green PLACE acquisitions. Currently, there are 3 million dollars in the Conservation Trust Fund and most of the money has been earmarked for management of existing Green PLACE parcels. One pending acquisition is 40 acres of Pine Plantation from the Expressway Authority. The Green PLACE Advisory Board was informed that the County is participating in the purchase of the Rybolt parcel with the St. Johns River Water Management District. A Land and Water Grant are in the works for the purchase of a 50-acre parcel next to the NRC/Hal Scott/Longbranch parcels.

Ross Hinkle brought to the Green PLACE Advisory Board, a request for a letter of support for the UCF National Science Foundation Grant application.

Upon motion by Vera Carter, seconded by Dominique Schimizu, and carried by all members present voting AYE by voice vote; Vivian Garfain, Susan Clary, and Barbara Seerokee being absent; The Green PLACE Advisory Board voted for Chairperson Lori Cunniff to write a letter of support for the UCF National Science Foundation Grant application.

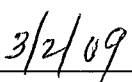
VI. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**


Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Lori Cunniff, at 4:10 pm.



Chairperson, Green PLACE Advisory Board



Date



End of Minutes Prepared by Rochelle Braxton