



## CONSERVATION LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CLAC)

Joseph Carroll, Eugenia Chapter - Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS)  
Heather Stapleton, Environmental Learning Center (ELC)  
Ken Grudens, Indian River Land Trust (IRLT)  
Tim Glover, Friends of St. Sebastian River (FSSR)  
*Frank Wegel, FSSR Alternate*  
Doug Carlson, Indian River Mosquito Control District (IRMCD)  
*Rich Wilson, IRMCD Alternate*  
Jorge Rey, Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory (FMEL)  
*Sheila O'Connell, FMEL Alternate*

**Jens Tripson, Pelican Island Audubon Society (PIAS), Chairman**  
**Peter D. O'Bryan, Commissioner Liaison**

The **CONSERVATION LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet at **10:00 a.m. on THURSDAY, October 15, 2009** in **Community Development Conference Room A1-411 of County Administration Building A**, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach.

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of May 21, 2009 minutes
3. Report on Management Activities on County Conservation Lands – Beth Powell
4. Update on Revisions to the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area (ORCA) Management Plan amended to include the Flinn Tract – Roland DeBlois
5. Consideration of Proposed Audubon Education Center on the ORCA South Link Conservation Area – Roland DeBlois
6. Other Matters/Updates
  - a. Oslo Riverfront Boat Ramp Improvements
  - b. Gopher Tortoise Relocation Sites
7. Adjournment

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Cc: Joseph A. Baird      Michael C. Zito      William G. Collins II      Robert M. Keating  
Roland DeBlois      Andy Sobczak      Beth Powell      Scott Johnson  
Terri Collins-Lister      Press

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## CONSERVATION LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CLAC)

The Indian River County (IRC) Conservation Lands Advisory Committee (CLAC) met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009, in the County Administration Building, Building A, Room A1-411, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the meeting agenda, backup material and the minutes on Indian River County website [www.ircgov.com/Boards/CLAC/2009](http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/CLAC/2009). Please note listed next to each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were members: Chairman Jens Tripson, Pelican Island Audubon Society Representative; Ken Grudens, Indian River Land Trust Representative (IRLT); Vice Chairman Jorge Rey, University of Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory Representative (FMEL); Tim Glover, Friends of St. Sebastian River Appointee; Joseph Carroll, Eugenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society Representative; Sheila O'Connell, Alternate, FMEL; Doug Carlson, Indian River Mosquito Control District Appointee and Heather Stapleton, Environmental Learning Center.

Also present was IRC staff: Roland DeBlois, Chief of IRC Environmental Planning; Non-voting Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan; Tim Freeman, Conservation Lands Technican; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present: Dr. David Cox, Pelican Island Audubon Society; Jimmy Sellers, Coastal Technology Corporation; and Billie Wagner, Interested Citizen.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Tripson called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of January 15, 2009 Minutes** (00:00:58)

There was a correction to Dr. Rey's name on page 3 of the January 15, 2009 meeting minutes.

**ON MOTION BY Dr. Rey, SECONDED BY Mr. Grudens, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of January 15, 2009 as presented as amended.**

**Consideration of Draft Revised Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area (ORCA) Management Plan amended to include the Flinn Tract** (00:02:19)

Mr. DeBlois reviewed the information contained in the Plan for the Use & Management of the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area (Amended to include the Flinn Tract), a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He detailed several of the proposed improvements to the Flinn Tract such as limited parking, loop trails into the Hammock portion and a boardwalk to the Indian River Lagoon. Mr. DeBlois turned the meeting over to Mr. Grudens to discuss the proposed Indian River Lagoon Greenway Plan.

Mr. Grudens gave a brief overview of the proposed Indian River Lagoon Greenway Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He indicated the purpose of the Greenway Plan was to create a trail system for public access of the Indian River Lagoon for recreational and educational uses while enhancing and maintaining the natural habitat.

A discussion ensued on the Florida Inland Navigation District's property and whether or not there were plans to clean up the South Relief Canal. Mr. DeBlois said there was a plan to eventually put a screening system similar to the Main Relief Canal should funding be available.

A question was raised whether ORCA project would be eligible for any Parks and Recreation Impact fee funds with the boardwalk and recreational trails as a public benefit. Mr. DeBlois replied he would check into potential funds for the project.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Glover, SECONDED BY Dr. Rey, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve the revised Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Management Plan amended to include the Finn Tract as well as the Indian River Land Trust Lagoon Greenway Plan.**

**UNDER DISCUSSION**, the committee felt given the importance of ORCA working group that their comments and considerations be included in final design as well as comments from FIND and SJWMD.

**Mr. Glover AMENDED HIS MOTION, Dr. Rey AMENDED HIS SECOND, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve the revised Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Management Plan amended to include the Finn Tract as well as the Indian River Land Trust Lagoon Greenway Plan and consider any recommendations made by the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area working group, Florida Inland Navigation District and St. John's Water Management District.**

**Consideration of Draft List of Properties to Target for Acquisition and/or Restoration under a Florida Scrub-Jay Mitigation Fund Program (00:52:26)**

Mr. DeBlois recalled at the January 15, 2009 CLAC meeting, there was a discussion regarding the County entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and The Nature Conservancy Management Funds (TNC) to establish a "Florida Scrub-Jay Conservation Program Fund" which would allow the County to collect and administer scrub-jay mitigation funds for either acquisition and restoration of habitat. He stated that at the January CLAC meeting, the committee requested a list of properties that could be applied to TNC and identified on a map the main Scrub-Jay Mitigation Fund Target Parcels went over a map of Scrub-Jay Mitigation Fund Target Parcels, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. A discussion followed a County-wide Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Scrub-Jay parcels.

Mr. DeBlois asked the committee for a recommendation to move forward with the general concept of a MOU with the FWS for Florida Scrub-Jay Mitigation Funding Agreement. A question was raised whether CLAC would be reviewing the MOU once it had been finalized and would it include the ideal of any ownership of a third party conservation easement. He noted the FWS preferred a conservation easement be held on those properties and felt it should be incorporated in the MOU.

Ms. Billie Wagner, Interested Citizen, went over some questions she had regarding MOU funds and scrub-jay populations.

It was the consensus of the committee that there needed to be more information before moving forwarding with the program. Mr. DeBlois suggested

inviting the FWS to a future CLAC meeting to explain the MOU or delay the program and focus more on moving forward with a County-wide HCP.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Glover, SECONDED BY Ms. Stapleton, the members voted (6-1) to recommend the County move forward with the general concept of a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Florida Scrub-Jay Mitigation Funding Agreement with the stipulation to amend the list of properties presented. Dr. Rey abstained**

Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan suggested placing the agenda item: Consideration of Draft List of Properties to Target for Acquisition and/or Restoration under a Florida Scrub-Jay Mitigation Fund Program on future CLAC agendas for updates.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



**Audubon House - Gateway to Nature  
Proposal of Pelican Island Audubon Society  
for Lease Land from Indian River County**

**Purpose**

To provide land for the construction of a building -- to be named the Audubon House -- by the Pelican Island Audubon Society (PIAS) to serve as welcome center for the conservation lands owned by Indian River County (IRC) and as a training center for volunteers for the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Center (ORCA) and other County-owned natural areas

**Background**

When IRC purchased 6.6 acres on the south side of Oslo Road -- known as the ORCA link -- with matching funds from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), IRC made a contractual commitment to FCT to provide a nature trail, picnic pavilion, and educational workshops. Through the Audubon House, PIAS will assist IRC in meeting these contractual obligations, as well as provide much-needed handicap-accessible restrooms.

**PIAS will provide:**

- Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Audubon House building
- Construction and maintenance of a picnic pavilion
- Construction and maintenance of handicap-accessible restrooms
- Property and liability insurance coverage for the building
- Engineering and design of the parking lot and boardwalk

**Indian River County will provide:**

- Lease of one acre of land to the PIAS for the Audubon House for \$1 per year, renewable every 10 years up to 50 years
- Construction and maintenance of a 10-space public parking on the south side of Oslo Road across from the existing ORCA parking lot
- Construction and maintenance of a handicap-accessible boardwalk from the parking lot to the Audubon House

The building will revert to the county after 50 years unless the lease is extended.

**The Audubon House**

The Audubon House will include approximately 2,800 square feet of space for:

- An indoor classrooms with space for up to 44 students
- A covered outdoor classroom/picnic pavilion
- Exhibit areas for environmental displays
- The PIAS 1,500-book nature library
- Office and storage space for PIAS and ORCA volunteer activities
- Handicap-accessible rest room facilities

**Goals**

- To house volunteer training efforts for the ORCA and other 15 conservation areas in IRC
- To provide a welcome to the natural areas of IRC and the Great Florida Birding Trail
- To serve as an eco-tourism destination focused on bird watching, hiking, canoeing and kayaking, and nature photography and art
- To provide a classroom and meeting space for school programs, civic groups, and community organizations

**Audubon Education Center  
Indian River County, Florida**

**Engineers Preliminary Cost Estimate  
19-Aug-09**

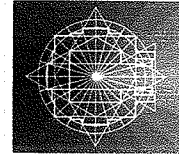
DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Mobilization	1	L.S.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Clearing & Grubbing	0.5	AC	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grading and Compaction	1,349	SY	\$2.00	\$2,698.00
Construction Staking	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Lake Excavation (0 CY)	0	CY	\$5.00	\$0.00
Sedimentation and Erosion Control	1	LS	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00
Asphalt pavement	435	SY	\$25.00	\$10,875.00
Concrete Sidewalk (4" Thick)	447	SY	\$28.00	\$12,516.00
Type C Inlet	0	EA	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Mitered End Section 12"	0	EA	\$500.00	\$0.00
Mitered End Section 15"	2	EA	\$550.00	\$1,100.00
Drainage Manhole Type P-7	0	EA	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
6" PVC Roof Drain	43	LF	\$15.00	\$645.00
12" PVC Roof Drain	20	LF	\$20.00	\$400.00
12-inch RCP	0	LF	\$21.00	\$0.00
15-inch RCP	60	LF	\$26.00	\$1,560.00
18-inch RCP	0	LF	\$30.00	\$0.00
18-inch CAP	0	LF	\$39.00	\$0.00
Concrete Jacket - 18"	0	EA	\$750.00	\$0.00
Pavement Markings	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00
Single Post R1-1 STOP Sign	1	EA	\$195.00	\$195.00
Bahia Sod	150	SY	\$2.50	\$375.00
1-inch PVC Water Service	130	LF	\$10.00	\$1,300.00
1" RPZ backflow Preventer	1	EA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
5/8" Water Meter and Box	1	EA	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fire Hydrant Assembly	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
8" PVC Sanitary Sewer	130	LF	\$52.50	\$6,825.00
Lift Station	0	EA	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>\$77,389.00</b>
Bonding (@ 1%)				\$773.89
Contingency @ 10%				\$7,738.90
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$85,901.79</b>
*Note: Does not include Landscaping				



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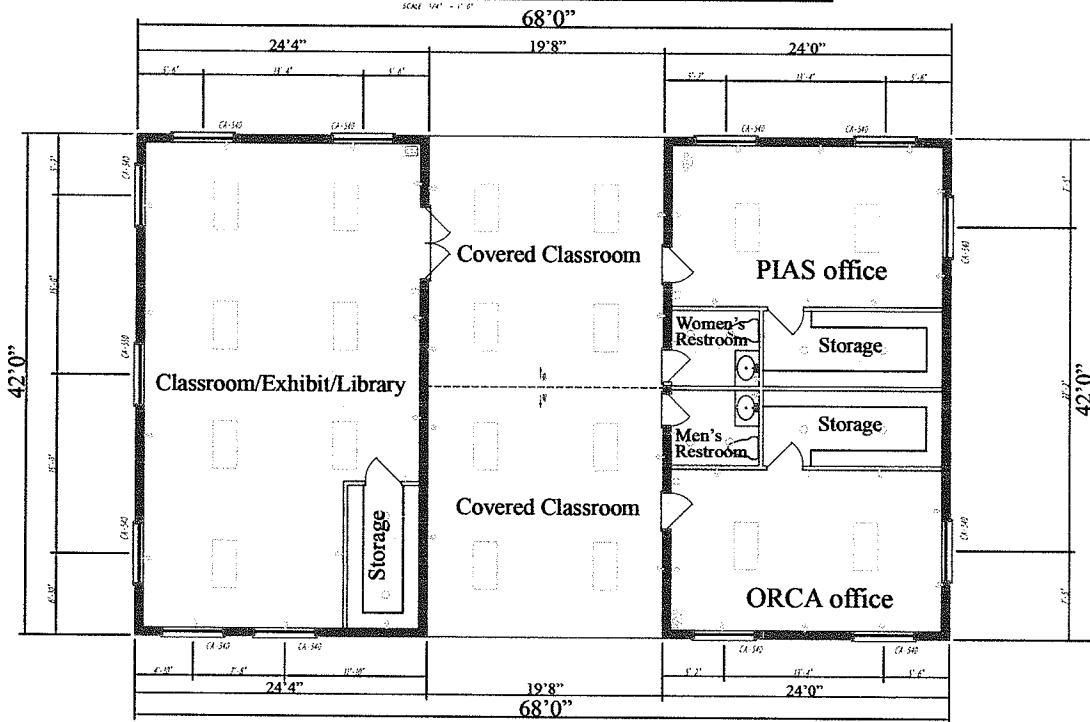


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*FRONT ELEVATION*

SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



*FLOOR PLAN*

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