

## LAND ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)

The Indian River County (IRC) Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (LAAC) held a meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Room "B1-501" of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the agenda and the minutes on the IRC website - [www.ircgov.com/Boards/LAAC/2008](http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/LAAC/2008). Please note the times listed at the end of each agenda item refer to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were members: **Chairman Dr. Richard Baker**, Pelican Island Audubon Society (PIAS); **Jim Granse**, Taxpayers' Association; **Bonnie Veron** and **Talmage Rogers**, Members-at-Large; **Councilmember Bud Oatway**, Town of Orchid; **Toni Robinson**, Indian River Land Trust (IRLT); and **Councilmember Sabin Abell**, City of Vero Beach; **Judy Orcutt**, Sierra Club; **Councilmember Andrea Coy**, City of Sebastian; **Janice Broda**, Mosquito Control District; **Lois Work**, Board of Realtors; **Denise Waddell**, IRC Historical Society; **Councilmember Frannie Atchison**, Town of Indian River Shores; and **Louis Schacht**, Agriculture Interest.

Absent was: **Adam Bolinger**, Development Community; **Michael Walther**, IRC Chamber of Commerce; **Susan Adams**, City of Fellsmere; and **Kevin Doty**, Civic Association (all excused).

Also present were: **Commissioner Peter O'Bryan**, IRC Commissioner Liaison; **Marian Fell**, IRC Senior Assistant County Attorney; **Roland DeBlois**, IRC Chief of Environmental Planning; and **Terri Collins-Lister**, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present were: **Ralph Monticello**, IRLT; and **John Baker**, Realtor and Applicant Representative.

### Call to Order (00:00:14)

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

### Approval of September 24, 2008 Meeting Minutes (00:01:22)

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Rogers, SECONDED BY Ms. Work, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2008 as presented.**

### Overview of New Project Proposals (00:01:36)

Mr. Roland DeBlois, IRC Chief of Environmental Planning, gave a Power Point Presentation on the new project proposals and reviewed the existing LAAC site rankings, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He indicated that staff was not prepared to make any recommendations on the ranking of the new project proposals at the time, but asked the committee members to nominate new sites and plan a site visit.

A discussion ensued on the proposed sites. Chairman Baker called for a motion to approve staff's nomination of the new project sites. It was suggested to remove the Sherman Scrub Lots from the nomination list because of the size of the property, the location, the price per acre and the consensus of the committee to focus on other sites.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Rogers, SECONDED BY Mr. Schacht, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to adopt the proposed projects: the High Pointe Scrub, the Giteles Agricultural Easement, the Hartig Oceanfront Parcel, and the Sebastian Village Scrub conditional upon a willing seller and remove the Sherman Scrub Lots proposed project.**

#### **Other Business** (00:25:41)

##### **a. Follow-up on the Sebastian Harbor Preserve FCT application points criteria**

Mr. DeBlois handed out a copy of the Florida Communities Trust Staff Report on the ranking review of the Sebastian Harbor Preserve, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He indicated the Sebastian Harbor Preserve did not receive enough points for funding in this cycle, however application would be re-submitted in the next Florida Forever Cycle. He gave a review of the report and asked the committee if they would bring back to the next LAAC meeting or e-mail him with suggestions on policies and improvements that could possibly increase the number of project points.

Mayor Coy pointed out the LAAC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 26, 2008 fell on the day prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Mr. DeBlois suggested cancelling the November LAAC meeting and schedule a site visit to the newly adopted proposed projects. It was the consensus of the committee to schedule a site visit of the newly adopted proposed projects sites for Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.