

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON INDIAN RIVER COUNTY DRAFT
EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT FOR THE COASTAL
MANAGEMENT, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND NATURAL
GROUNDWATER AQUIFER RECHARGE ELEMENTS**

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of the County Administration Building, 1801 27th 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/PZC/2008.

Present were members: Chairman **George Hamner**, Member-at-Large; **Donna Keys**, District 1 Appointee; **Gerard Weick**, District 2 Appointee; **Greg Smith**, District 4 Appointee; and **Dr. Richard Baker**, Member-at-Large.

Absent were **Craig Fletcher**, District 3 Appointee; **George Lawrence**, District 5 Appointee; and **Carol Johnson**, non-voting School Board Liaison (all excused).

Also present was IRC staff: George Glenn, Assistant County Attorney (9:04 a.m.); Bob Keating, Community Development Director; Stan Boling, Planning Director; Jim Davis, Public Works Director; Roland DeBlois, Chief of Environmental Planning; Sasan Rohani, Chief, Long-Range Planning; Keith McCully, Stormwater Engineer; Brian Freeman, Senior Planner; and Reta Smith, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (9:00:28)

Chairman Hamner called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bob Keating, IRC Community Development Director related these were the final three elements of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and after today the P&Z would have looked at all 15 of the elements. He advised at the P&Z meeting of October 9, 2008 staff would present the entire draft EAR report and review the comments and suggestions received at the workshops.

Coastal Management Element EAR (9:03:54)

Mr. Roland DeBlois, IRC Chief of Environmental Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Ms. Billie Wagner, 2225 20th Avenue, Vero Beach (9:17:45) referred to page 22 of the backup on file in the Commission Office relating to the removal of citrus trees from abandoned groves. She did not know if the citrus growers had said this was absolutely necessary to protect working groves; however she felt it was critical habitat for wintering birds.

Chairman Hamner explained the abandoned groves harbored canker and greening diseases and citrus growers were asking owners to push the trees completely or else defoliate the trees. He clarified unfortunately it was necessary to kill the trees because that was where the bacteria lived and the diseases would spread.

Ms. Wagner stressed the importance of the Atlantic Coast Sand Ridge scrub property (9:22:28), and urged County staff to make it a priority in its land acquisition program. She mentioned there were loopholes when it came to constructing beyond the Coastal Construction Line and cited the new construction at Humiston Park as an example.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Wagner took issue with the manatee mortality rate as referenced on page 65 of the backup (9:28:06) and accused IRC staff of fudging the numbers. Mr. DeBlois noted the conclusion was the Objective was not achieved.

Ms. Wagner said she was 100% for beach access but did not favor parking lots east of Highway A-1-A (9:31:46). She took issue with the fact public tax money was used for beach renourishment but there was no access for the public to use the beaches.

Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director (9:38:28), advised the County recognized there was no land east of A-1-A available for purchase; however they had recently bought property west of A-1-A opposite the Disney resort.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Baker thought it was important to include a management plan for properties purchased through the conservation land acquisition program, and felt it was critical to provide portable toilets on the spoil islands.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Stormwater Management Element EAR (10:04:19)

Mr. Brian Freeman, IRC Senior Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Hamner called a recess at 10:20 a.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element EAR (10:28:00)

Mr. DeBlois gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Ms. Wagner (10:37:53) said she did not see anywhere in the element that addressed mines going into the Atlantic Ridge for fill dirt and digging down the water table, which she felt caused salt water intrusion. Chairman Hamner explained during the recent mining workshops, the P&Z had proposed the County put monitoring wells around a mining project in order to see the overall effect, if any, on a water table.

Discussion followed about consumptive use permits for wells.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

George Hamner, Chairman

Date

Reta Smith, Recording Secretary

Date