

February 5, 2008

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
RURAL LANDS STEWARDSHIP AREA REVIEW COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, February 5, 2008

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Rural Lands Stewardship Area Review Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted Business herein, met on this date at 9:00 A.M. in REGULAR SESSION at the Ave Maria University Academic Building 07 Conference Room 5, 5050 Ave Maria Boulevard, Ave Maria, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Ron Hamel
VICE CHAIRMAN: Neno Spagna
Brad Cornell
Zach Floyd Crews
David Farmer
Gary Edison
Tom Jones
David Woodley
Bill McDaniel
Timothy Nance
Fred Thomas
Tammie Nemecek
Jim Howard

ALSO PRESENT: Noah Standridge, Senior Planner, Comprehensive Planning
Michael J. DeRuntz, Principal Planner, Comprehensive Planning,
Thomas Greenwood, Principal Planner, Comprehensive Planning,

Approximately 20 members of the public and staff

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 AM by Chairman Hamel.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. Chairman Hamel noted that the entire committee was in attendance.

III. Approval of Agenda

*Mr. Farmer moved to approve the agenda as presented, Second by Mr. Thomas.
Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.*

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2008

There was a discussion as to the validity of the minutes if the persons that “second” motions were not noted in the minutes. Mr. Standridge checked with the County Attorney’s Office and reported that having only the motion maker noted was acceptable. Some of the committee stated that they had not received a copy of the January 22, 2008 minutes. Chairman Hamel circulated a copy of his minutes to those members that had not received their copy. Action for approval of the minutes was temporarily tabled.

V. Old Business

A. Technical Review

Item 1. Mr. Standridge reviewed the changes.

- *Mr. Edison* stated that the website for the study should be identified in the footnote.
- *Nicole Ryan, Conservancy of South West Florida*, suggested that in addition to the website, the data sources for the study be listed.
- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve Item 1 with the changes and to add the website for the study in to the footnote, second by Mr. Edison.

Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.

Item 2. Mr. Standridge reviewed the changes.

- *Timothy Nance* suggested that the definitions for R1 and R2 reflect the language stated in the text.
- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve Item 2 with the suggested edited changes, second by Mr. Farmer.

Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.

Item 4. Mr. Standridge reviewed the changes.

- *Mr. Hamel* stated that “Ave Maria: 2002 Land Use Breakdown, Exhibit Table 4-C” be spelled out and displayed in the study.
- *Nancy Patton, Florida Fish and Wildlife Federation*, suggested that Table 4-A should reflect additional land uses that would bring the total RLSA acreage into balance.

- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve Item 4 with the suggested changes to Table 4-A and Map 4-C, second by Mr. Crews.
Voice Vote- Unanimously approved 13-0.

Item 5. Mr. Standridge reviewed the changes.

- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve Item 5 with the suggested changes, second by Mr. McDaniel.
Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.

Item 6. Mr. Standridge reviewed the changes.

- *Mr. Cornell* suggested that the reference to other agencies that have acquired properties within the RLSA.
- *Mr. Cornell* moved to approve Item 6 with the suggested additions, second by Mr. McDaniel.
Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.

Item 7. Mr. Standridge reviewed the changes.

- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve Item 7 with the suggested changes, second by Mr. Edison
Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.

Item 2A. Mr. Standridge reviewed the changes.

- *Mrs. Nemecek* moved to approve Item 2A with the suggested changes, second by Mr. Nance.
Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.

Mr. Thomas moved to approve Phase I Technical Review Evaluation as amended, with the additional changes, and the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting, second by Mr. Crews.

Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0

Mr. Jones moved to forward the corrected draft of the Phase I Technical Review Evaluation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a cover letter signed by the chairman, second by Mr. Thomas.

Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0.

Mr. Cornell suggested that staff try to coordinate speakers such as Daryl Land and Fritz Rocka, who have various expertises that could speak to the committee.

Mr. Hamel requested that Mr. Standridge provide copies of the corrected Phase I Technical Review Evaluation Report to the committee members for their review prior to sending the copies to the BCC.

Mr. Thomas moved that the committee respond to staff with their corrections before February 10, 2008.

Mr. Standridge requested that the committee review the goals of the RLSA program in relationship to the completed Phase I Technical Review Evaluation Report, discussion followed

Mr. Edison moved to proceed to New Business, second by Mr. Jones.

Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0

VI. New Business

A. Policy Review Schedule

- *Mr. Standridge* reviewed upcoming meeting schedule.
 - *Mrs. Nemecek* requested that the review should include the policies of the GMP relating to the RLSA program.
 - *Mr. Jones* stated that Mr. McIvoy would be a good speaker about leaf vegetable farming for the March 4, 2008 meeting.
 - *Mr. Edison* moved to meet on March 4, 2008 to set the agenda for the Phase II Policy Review Report with the recommendations, second by Mr. Thomas
- Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 13-0**
- A round table discussion occurred whereby each committee member expressed their perspective of objectives, successes and concerns of the RLSA program.
 - *Mr. Hamel* added that the two professors from Gulf Coast University, who just completed a study on “Agricultural Activities in Southwest Florida” should also be added as future speakers for the committee.

VII. Committee Comments

- *Mr. Hamel* stated that Mr. Standridge may not be assisting the committee in the near future. He stated that he believed that Noah had done a very good job.
- *Mr. Thomas* concurred with Mr. Hamel’s statements. He added that he hoped that continuity in a committee is very important in an activity such as this, and he hoped that Noah would be allowed to stay until the completion to this 5-Year Review.
- *Mr. Spagna* suggested that Mr. Hamel and he speak to Noah’s director about this situation.
- *Mr. Thomas* moved for Mr. Hamel and Mr. Spagna make an appointment to speak to Noah’s director about Noah’s importations to the present and future success of the RLSA 5-Year Review.
- *Mr. Cornell* suggested including Group 1,6, and 8 Policies in the agenda as well.
- *Mr. Jones* suggested that the committee send a list of speakers, which they believe would be advantageous to the committee completion of Phase II Policy Review, to Noah as soon as possible so this compiled list could be presented at the next meeting.

VIII. Staff Comments

- *Mr. Standridge* stated that the next meeting will occur on March 4, 2008 in the Academic Hall at Ave Maria. He stated that lunch is available for purchase in the cafeteria at the Student Union Building, and after lunch there will be a guided tour of Ave Maria.

IX. Public Comments

- ❖ **Nancy Patton** suggested that a speaker on “Climate Change” would be very important. She also suggested that Dr.’s Dan Smith, Reed Noss and Marty Main, who published the “Eastern Collier Wildlife Crossing Study” should also be invited to speak to the committee.
- ❖ **Nicole Ryan** stated that the Conservancy of South West Florida is requesting that the committee review their comments and DCA’s comments which were prepared about this plan in 2002, and the Conservancy’s concerns with the program over the past couple of years. She provided copies of those comments to each of the committee members and is attached.
- ❖ **Dan Scolfield** stated that this program has been voluntary for the property owners in the RLSA overlay area, and the RLSA program has experienced a lot of acceptance and successes. He recommended that if the committee would like to see this program continue to succeed, the committee needs to keep the property owners in mind. He also suggested that the word “term” needs to be defined.

X. Lunch (at university cafeteria) Adjournment

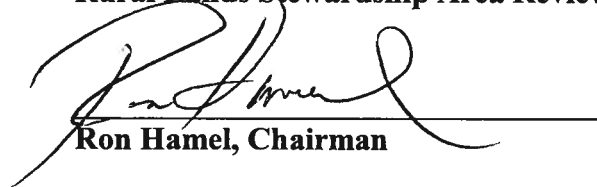
- **Mr. Hamel** stated that the meeting will be “Suspended” for a lunch break.
Meeting suspended at 11:54 AM.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 11:54AM for lunch.

XI. Tour of Town of Ave Maria

XII. Adjournment. Adjournment of the RLSA Review Committee meeting occurred following lunch and a tour of the Town of Ave Maria.

Rural Lands Stewardship Area Review Committee


Ron Hamel, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 3/4/08,
as presented or as amended _____.