The meeting started at 9:00 am

JP M. provided a status update on project permits and plans:

- SFWMD – Verbal complete message received from SFWMD. Finalizing conservation easement docs to add FCT required language. It was noted that the District Board must approve and there will be no quorum after April 23, 2012 due to state issues with Board member appointments. SFWMD has requested more time to review the CE.
- ACOE – still under final review with some progress but the 3rd public notice review time is up and no comments have been received. JP M. to contact the ACOE Office Manager to request movement.
- SDP – Resubmitting when other permits near issuance. It was noted that Consultant needs to check when existing surveys become outdated in terms of submittal regulations to avoid a further delay.
- Coast Guard – Expect permit within 60 days – by mid-May. It was noted that consultant needs to review the navigational lighting added to the pedestrian bridge with the Naples Airport to make sure there are no issues.
- City Utility – Permit approved. FDEP also consulted and approved.
Building Permit Application – Submitted last week before code changes went into effect.

FAA – No issues. Naples Airport Authority also has no concerns – will forward navigation lights for review.

Timeline – Permits should be in hand by the end of May; the SDP will be submitted in Mid May with approval expected by mid-June. The Building Permit should be issued by June 1st. CEI services contract should be awarded by mid-June with Bid by early July (perhaps sooner) with a planned construction start by September/October 2012. A 1 year construction period is estimated by the Consultant with staff estimating 1 year to 18 months.

90% costs – Mostly the same. A portion of the boardwalk will be broken out as an alternate for potential to save costs if the cost comes in too high. This could save $1.5 million. Cost of boardwalks is estimated at 1/3 of the entire project cost.

Boardwalk materials - IPE is the preferred material and Trex Transcend composite decking is the alternate. We may not be able to require bonding for the materials. Product availability is an important factor.

FCT Declaration of Restrictive Covenants – Target date to BCC is April 24, 2012. The revised land management plan would be good as a supporting exhibit. Christine Coons at FCT is reviewing and staff hopes to have a draft in time to get a recommendation from CCLAAC at their April 9th meeting.

STAKEHOLDER REPORTS:

Naples Zoo

• There was discussion about phasing the project to avoid conflicts related to the access road with the Zoo during the spring 2013 visitor season. There will be a meeting at the Zoo on April 9th to go over details of planning and to firm up timelines.

• There was discussion about breaking out line items in the contract and assigning costs so to better estimate different cost shares. One question pertained to drainage issues from the entry road. Costs can be kept separate and reimbursement requested from Mr. Ouverson. Matt M. requested an exhibit to see where the drive to the north actually begins.

• The Zoo is 60-90 days out from having a contractor on board to remove structures and start road construction.

• David T. asked that stakeholders contact the Naples Daily News editorial board to talk to Jeff Lytle over the summer to keep public informed.

Conservation Collier – Alex Sulecki

• Field work for the gopher tortoise permit has been started

• The Revised Freedom Park/Gordon River Greenway FCT Land Management Plan, a requirement for the revised FCT Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions adding the conservation Collier parcel is nearly complete.

Naples Airport – Sheila Dugan

• The Draft Avogation Easement will be provided shortly

• Sheila D. asked that the County try to expend funds offered for exotic removal by the end of September and let her know if this will not be happening and to keep them informed on contractor selection.

SWFPLT – Ellie Krier

• The “Design Team” has been meeting and is close to a recommendation on a bench design

• Marla R. noted that benches and shade structures are included in project specs and the whole project will need one bench type. Ellie K recommended keeping benches in the specs as a base. JP M. advised we can ask the contractor not to buy them, tell him that we will want to upgrade them. Marla agreed to attend the next Design Team meeting (not scheduled at present).
• In regard to regulatory signs, some signs are required by permits. Only the Golden Gate Parkway monument sign is covered in the SDP. This sign can be developed while project is in process. The other monument sign at the Zoo entry is not in the plans and will need to be addressed by the Zoo and County and a location selected.

• Barry W. asked about fundraising efforts. Ellie K replied that there are 2 pieces to fundraising: large grants like for the CDC parcel and City pedestrian bridge, and smaller efforts for the benches and naming opportunities. The Design Team will raise money when a design has been selected.

• Ellie K. noted the team is looking at solar powered compacting trash cans.

• SWFPLT members are meeting periodically with members of the BCC to keep them informed.

Grady Minor – Mike Delate

• There was discussion about the intersection of the entry road and Goodlette-Frank Road. The County will be improving the southbound turn lane. Dale Bathyon from Transportation advised all pieces are in place and they would start the design once the entry road was started. Costs are expected to be $25,000 and the project is within the 5 year plan. Barry W. to contact Nick Casalanguida to get confirmation and to coordinate turn lane construction with opening of Park.

Next Meeting to be held May 18, 2012 at 9:00 am at NCRP, Administration Building, in the main Conference Room.

Meeting ended at 10:45 am.