



Memorandum

To: Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee Members

From: Alexandra Sulecki, Pr. Environmental Specialist

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Subject: Advisory Committee Letter to Board

The Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (CCLAAC) has been discussing the issue of sunset of the Committee for over a year at its public meetings. The Conservation Collier Ordinance language advises in section 8.6.d.:

At such time as there are insufficient uncommitted funds in the Conservation Collier Acquisition Trust Fund to conclude another acquisition and all acquisition projects have been closed, the Land Acquisition Advisory Committee shall report to the County Commission that its business is concluded. All remaining Conservation Collier Acquisition Trust Fund monies shall then be transferred to the Conservation Collier Management Trust Fund.

In the various committee discussions, CCLAAC members have reached a general consensus that:

- The Program has not met the minimum requirements identified in Section 54-278 (f) 4 of the Ordinance given acquisition of properties is ongoing via developer donation and there is currently approximately \$15K in the land acquisition fund (An additional \$103,255 has not been donated yet but is expected).
- Given the responsibilities of the BCC to address a myriad of County items, and the structure of their meetings, the Committee provides a forum for public participation greater than that available at a BCC meeting for public input on oversight of the Programs funds.
- Given the taxing authority has ceased, and the Program may be changing direction, consideration should be given to altering the role of the Committee as opposed to sun setting it.

The ordinance references a report to the County Commission from the CCLAAC stating its business is concluded, which does not appear to be the consensus of the Committee. Staff wishes to respectfully advise members that it plans to address the Board of County Commissioners (Board) at its February 25, 2014 meeting with a recommendation for sunset, understanding that the CCLAAC recommendation will be different. Please consider any additional points the CCLAAC as a body would like to make or whether the points noted above should be refined. The report to the Board can be as simple as a letter stating the recommendations which the Chairman can send to the Board. Staff will also present CCLAAC recommendations as part of the overall agenda item presentation and members are always welcome to attend and address the BCC to ensure the CCLAAC viewpoint is heard.