

MINUTES

Levy County Planning Commission

September 27, 2000

6:30 p.m.

The Levy County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Susan Haines. Other members present were as follows:

Eugene Pollock
Duncan McCallum
Tommy Thompson

Also present was Krista Kelly County Planning Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Meeting for Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment LSA-00-02
Future Transportation Map Series.

The purpose of this public hearing is to review the comments by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in reference to LSA-00-02 and to prepare a recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners on the adoption of the amendment.

Krista Kelly explained what was in the Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) response from DCA. Essentially what the objection was is that the planning time frame is for 10 years and there was a 5 year time frame on the Levy County Future Transportation Map and the Levy County Hurricane Evacuation Map. What they are asking is that we change the date on the title of both these maps from 2005 to 2010. This has been done.

DCA has also recommended that we provide the Level of Service Map in the adopted portion of the plan as the projected Level of Service Map and also in the back round document, which is an unadopted portion of the plan, as the operating Level of Service. This has been done.

Mrs. Kelly asked whether there were any questions or concerns with the ORC response and stated that it was pretty straight forward. The report had more of an administrative and editorial comment than there being anything major wrong. Mrs. Kelly felt we did very well.

Mr. Pollock asked did we have a back up to the Level of Service Map. Mrs. Kelly responded by saying that the map is taken from the Dept. of Transportation (DOT). The DOT maintains the counter on the major Florida interstate highway system of roads. The County does not have a database of our own at this time like what DOT has with the

exception of what is attached to the report (The County Road Trip Counter). The Levy County Road Dept. has begun a database. They do keep counters but it is not complete because they do not use all roads. We are working with them to establish a database to be utilized in reviews of subdivisions and other areas. Mr. Pollock made a motion to recommend to adopt the Future Transportation Map Series with corrections to typographical wording in the report. Mr. McCallum seconded and the motion carried. The amendment will go before the Board of County Commissioners on October 17, 2000.

There being no further business for the Levy County Planning Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Haines, Chairperson

Levy County Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

September 27, 2000

The Levy County Planning Commission – Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Susan Haines. Other members present were as follows:

Eugene Pollock
Duncan McCallum
Tommy Thompson

Also present was Krista Kelly, County Planning Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant for
Devil's Hammock Phase I Trailhead Improvement

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the proposed Devil's Hammock Trailhead Phase I. Krista Kelly presented a map of the Blue Springs Area, which is in the northern portion of Phase I. She explained the County has an opportunity to apply for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant (FRDAP), which will be consistent with the management plan the County adopted with the Devil's Hammock tract acquisition.

The plan is to have the Blue Springs area function as the access point for Devil's Hammock. There will be a boardwalk that extends on the southern portion of the springs along the Waccasassa River and into the Devil's Hammock tract. The plan that is proposed is for an elevated boardwalk/observation platform and a platform for canoe launching and fishing. The estimate is there will be 500 feet of elevated boardwalk area.

The Planning Commission was appointed as the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board by the Board of County Commissioners for this project in the September 5, 2000 board meeting. Therefore, the grant requires that it reflect in the Advisory Board's minutes that we describe the project. The Grant amount requested is \$50,000, this is a no match grant. The grant will go towards engineering, design, and if possible construction.

Blue Springs is identified as a County Park. However, the title is held by both the Levy County School Board and the Town of Bronson but is leased to the County. There is consideration to having title transferred to the County rather than continue leasing it. Mr. Pollock questioned after project is complete where does the funds come from to maintain area. Mrs. Kelly explained we have a management plan that has to be monitored and reported on and that it is the County's responsibility to staff and maintain the park.

The management plan consists of 3 phases so this is an ongoing project. Phase I is the Blue Springs area with boardwalk and canoe launch. Phase II is on east side of Waccasassa River. Phase III is on the west side of river. The third phase is the section Florida Community Trust is going to deed over to Suwannee River Water Management District. There will be three trailheads located at various points in the hammock.

Mr. Pollock questioned how long it would take to spend grant money. Mrs. Kelly said it would take 6 months to a year. Mr. McCallum asked did we have any bids in for the work. Mrs. Kelly explained the county engineer would be handling this. She also stated that Lannie Cardona, Economic Development Director, would like to include this project in his Eco Tourism concept.

The Planning Commission was concerned with what their role will be as the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and what guidelines they should go by. Mrs. Kelly informed them she is gathering information from other counties and looking at them for example. Mr. McCallum suggested having a workshop once a resolution is done so they can work on the guidelines for their board.

Mrs. Haines advised that we advertise for the advisory committee and show on agenda for regular Planning Commission meetings. Mrs. Kelly said she would give the commission a copy of the management plan so they can become familiar with it. The Planning Department is in the process of completing a database on an inventory of the

parks in Levy County, when finished they will forward to the board. Mrs. Kelly will also have a draft of a resolution for the commission to review by the next meeting. The next meeting will be a workshop on October 17, 2000 at 6:30p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. Kelly informed the commission of a workshop the CUTR group is having October 5, 2000 from 9am to 4pm at the Tommy Usher Center in Chiefland. Susan Haines & Duncan McCallum will attend. The Florida Planning & Zoning Association (FPZA) Conference is October 25-28 in Gainesville. Susan Haines & Duncan McCallum will attend planning workshop on Oct. 25. Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council has a meeting Oct. 11 on the White Water Park. Mrs. Kelly informed the commission the county hired the Municipal Codes Corp. to do our ordinances. When complete we can amend the zoning districts. The Commission discussed the need to have an alternate so quorum is always present. County Commissioners will have to elect person at next commission meeting.

There being no further business for the Levy County Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Haines, Chairperson