

Minutes

Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 17, 2008 – 9:00 A.M
Charlotte County Administrative Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Room #207B
Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Jones
William Federer
Chris Hencher
Dan Ryals
Andy Dodd
Matthew Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT

Inga Williams, Planner III
Commissioner Dick Loftus
Ralph Mitchell, Ext. Services
Derek Rooney, Assistant County Attorney

GUESTS

Ron Hamel, Gulf Citrus Growers Assn.

Members Excused

Alton Cheatham
Arnie Sarlo
Orrin Webb

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The **January 17, 2008**, meeting of the **Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee** was called to order at 9:02am by **Acting Chair Mike Jones** noting a quorum was present.

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Acting Chair Jones advised there will be one administrative item added to New Business.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was presented by **Andy Dodd** to approve the **October 25, 2007** minutes of the **Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee** as written, and seconded by **Chris Hencher**. The vote was unanimous in approval.

IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Loftus wished everyone a Happy New Year and his best wishes for the coming year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Member List Review

Acting Chair Jones reviewed the Member List and noted four terms will be expiring this year and Staff representation will remain the same. Members were instructed to contact the Recording Secretary with information updates.

Excavation and Zoning Ordinances

Barbara Jeffries stated a modification to agricultural zoning was passed by the Board in December and would allow mining only if a rezoning was done prior to the excavation process. Copies of the new law were provided and restrictions with respect to development standards were discussed. She stated the fee schedule is uncertain at this time, but potentially impacted property owners will have an opportunity to address their concerns prior to rezoning approval. A discussion ensued. Addressing the EIS issue, **Ms. Jeffries** made known that the Land Development Section, in concert with Environmental Staff, is creating an outline of issues to be addressed in an excavation application and that will be available to the public as soon as the draft is complete. **Andy Dodd** made the point that this has already been approved without input from ANRAC. Discussion continued regarding language in the Ordinance and the definition and criteria of negative impact.

ACTION: Andy Dodd made a motion that a recommendation be made to the Board of County Commissioners to ensure that all the interested parties are included in the development of the criteria by county staff. This was seconded by Bill Federer and the vote showed unanimous.

FLUM Excavation Designation

Inga Williams stated she was tasked with writing a new Future Land Use Map designation and provided an overview of her progress to date. She added all of the amendments will be large scale and will be transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs in April following Board approval. Questions were answered regarding language and she invited members to offer their suggestions. **Andy Dodd** inquired about the purpose for a new Future Land Use Map Designation and commented on the lengthy process that will follow. **Ms. Williams** and **Attorney Rooney** responded to his concerns, and **Attorney Rooney** commented on other counties with similar policies and stated that by adopting a Future Land Use of Excavation, the county has made a decision that this is the appropriate location and this in turn, makes the remaining process easier.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Land Development Regulations (LDR) Status

Inga Williams provided an update on the internal process and confirmed a discussion with the consultant has been scheduled. At this time, she is unsure when the reports will be available for public review. **Andy Dodd** distributed Summary Tables and noted that several zoning categories are being condensed. A discussion followed. **Acting Chair Jones** agreed with Mr. Dodd's comments and said he felt progress is being made.

TDU Ordinance Revision Update

Inga Williams advised this is complete and should be removed from the Agenda until later in the year. She added the new applications are done and have been uploaded to the internet.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Acting Chair Jones called attention to the email concerning the excavation ordinance revision and also the guidelines regarding the new digital recording equipment.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

X. STAFF COMMENTS

Ralph Mitchell provided information on upcoming events and confirmed to **Acting Chair Jones** that the Irrigation Ordinance deals strictly with residential landscape.

Inga Williams made known the request for Letters of Interest for the East County Plan closed yesterday and she anticipates receiving them for review soon. **Andy Dodd** suggested the Comprehensive Plan and the East County Plan be topics of New Business at a future meetings.

XI. **MEMBER COMMENTS** - *NONE*

XII. **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS** – *NONE*

- **Comprehensive Plan Update**

XIII. **NEXT MEETING**

February 21, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in Room #207B

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Starr

Jane Starr
Recording Secretary