Wetlands Advisory Task Force

MINUTES  FEBRUARY 23, 2012  
701 NW 1 COURT  
2ND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

By Chair at 1:15pm

MEMBER ATTENDEES

Present: Patricia Baloyra  
Manuel Echezarreta  
Jose K Fuentes  
James F. Murley  
Alice Pena  
Stephen A Sauls  

Absent: Jose M. Gonzalez  
Ray Scott, FDAC – Office of Agricultural Water Policy

Present Non Voting:

Ron Peekstok, SFWMD  
Jennifer Smith, FDEP SE District

Agenda topics

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  LEE HEFTY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PERA

DISCUSSION

The Chair recognized Mr. Lee Hefty for updates.

Mr. Hefty advised members that staff received information that Mr. Jose Gonzalez and Mr. Ray Scott would not be in attendance at today’s meeting.

Mr. Hefty also advised the members that the minutes from the February 14, 2012 meeting have been posted to the website with delay due to the updating of the overall County website.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Manuel Echezarreta to approve the agenda; seconded by Patricia Baylora. Motion passed with no objections.

DISCUSSION OF REVISED SCOPE OF TERM

Mr. Hefty advised members that the Board of County Commission on February 21, 2012, revised the scope of work to include review of Chapter 33B which a copy was provided to them in the beginning and can be found in their books. He further stated that clarification for extension of time for a year minus a day is pending. Mr. Hefty further advised that with the revised scope of work that staff had invited Ms. Grisel Rodriguez from Zoning of SPEE.

Ms. Alice Pena advised the members that she went before the Board to address the matter of Chapter 33B not being part of the scope of work assigned to the Task Force.

The chair acknowledged Ms. Pena’s exercised right as a personal opinion to go before the Board with regard to Chapter 33B and stated that the records should show that it was as such and not representative of the Task Force opinion.

Discussion with members

Grisel Rodriguez – Zoning – Permitting, Environment and Regulatory Affairs gave a brief summary of Chapter 33B. Ms. Rodriguez advised the members that Chapter 33B was created in 1981-82 resulting from studies and policy direction from the Board that there be some regulations to deal with environmentally sensitive areas, especially in the East Everglades area, which led to the creation of an overlay district. This district is codified within 33B, and identifies management areas where the uses and the development densities are set. Recently, the allowable uses within the overlay area were broadened through amendment to the CDMP and the zoning code to allow for more diverse agricultural uses in the area.

Discussion with members

CONCLUSION

The chair advised task force members that the meeting will progress forward as originally tasked by the Resolution and after clarification make the necessary adjustments at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM

• Chair charged staff with getting clarification of the extension of the task force and directive
## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2012 MEETING

**Discussion**

Motion was made by Stephen Sauls to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2012 meeting. Motion was seconded by Manuel Echezarreta. Motion passed with no objections.

## REVIEW OF WATF DRAFT MEMO/REPORT

**Discussion**

The Chair walked through the prepared document with changes as directed by the members from the last meeting.

- Member discussion for amendments to recommendations
- The chair recognized members of the public who submitted items for consideration by the task force members.
- Member discussion

**Action Item**

- Revised draft as per the task force’s recommendations/edits for March 14, 2012 meeting

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Discussion**

There were no public comments received.

**Meeting Adjourned**

4:56 pm