



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(D)1

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 17, 2011

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Ballot Appointment of Member
to the Land Acquisition Selection
Committee

Christopher Agrippa
Transitional Division Chief
Clerk of the Board Division

Please select one (1) nominee from the attached ballot to fill a regular membership vacancy on the Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC), created by the out-of-state relocation of former Committee member Ms. Lynette Cardoch.

Chapter 24-50 of the Code provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint, from a list of candidates as recommended by the County Manager, the members of the LASC. In accordance with the Code, the County Manager has submitted the names of eligible candidates from which a replacement can be selected to fill the vacancy. The nominees are presented as follows:

1. Patricia L. Phares (recommended by Florida Native Plant Society)
2. Gwladys E. Scott (recommended by Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society)

The ballot, from which the vacancy will be filled, County Manager Alina T. Hudak's memorandum dated April 26, 2011, and the resumes and letters of recommendation for all nominees have been attached for your review.

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Attachments

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT
Miami-Dade County, Florida

May 17, 2011

LAND ACQUISITION SELECTION COMMITTEE	
Vote (✓) for One	
Patricia L. Phares	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gwladys E. Scott	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioner _____

(Please sign ballot)

Commission District Number _____

Memorandum



Date: APR 26 2011

To: Honorable Harvey Ruvin
Clerk of the Court

From: Alina T. Hudak 
County Manager

Subject: Land Acquisition Selection Committee Appointments

The Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC) is a county advisory board having seven regular members and one alternate. The LASC advises the Board of County Commissioners on implementing the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program in order to acquire, protect, preserve, restore and enhance the County's environmental lands and the natural resources on those lands for the benefit of this and future generations. A current LASC member has moved out of state, creating a vacancy on the board. As required by Chapter 24-50 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am hereby submitting two nominees per vacancy for appointment by the County Commission.

The nominees for the Regular Member vacancy:

1. Patricia L. Phares, 17615 SW 119 Avenue, Miami
2. Gwladys E. Scott, 17010 SW 77 Avenue, Palmetto Bay

Chapter 24-50.6 also provides that preference be given to candidates who have a record of service in environmental or civic affairs in Miami-Dade County and who have been recommended by one or more bona fide environmental, civic or professional organizations. Ms. Phares is recommended by the Florida Native Plant Society. Ms. Scott is recommended by the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. The Florida Native Plant Society and the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society are affiliated, but separate, organizations with a shared purpose to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

The nominees' resumes and letters of recommendation are attached. Please schedule the appointments for the County Commission agenda as soon as possible.

Patricia L. Phares
17615 SW 119 Ave
Miami FL 33177

Environmental and Civic Involvement

Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

Member, volunteer for most chapter projects and events, regular attendee of monthly meetings and field trips, 1981-present
Newsletter editor, most years 1986-present
Field trip planning committee, 2000-present
Native Plant Day committee, 1991-2008 (annual public educational event)
Everglades National Park Coe Visitors Center Landscaping Project steering committee, 2001-present (ongoing planning of the work to be done and coordinating the bi-monthly workdays)
Chapter president, 1988-1994, Chapter board member, 1985-1988
State FNPS Conference Co-chair, 1990 and 2000
Green Palmetto Award for service from the Florida Native Plant Society, 2000

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Conservation Program volunteer

Rare Plant S.W.A.T. ("So-long, Weeds and Trash") Team - removing invasive exotics from rare fern habitat, 2004-2005.
Occasional outplantings of rare plants, seed collecting, 2002-present.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida

Member, 1986-present
Board member, 2006-present
Annual Everglades Outing (for underserved children) committee and lunch coordinator, 2009-2010

Tropical Audubon Society

Member, 1990-present; volunteer (docent, grounds) 2008-present

Friends of the Gifford Arboretum (University of Miami)

Member 2000-present; volunteer (publicity) 2009-present

Friends of The Institute for Regional Conservation

Member 2004-present; volunteer (conservation workdays, nursery assistant) 2008-2009

Trees for Dade (predecessor of TREEmendous Miami)

Board of Directors, 1991-1999
Cool Communities planting volunteer, 1997-1999

Miami Bridge

Volunteer at youth shelter 1985-1986

Other organizations

North American Butterfly Association, Miami Blue Chapter member, 2004-present;
volunteer

The Nature Conservancy member, 1987-present

Miami-Dade College Community Chorus member, 1985-present

Dade County Native Plant Workshop attendee, 2008-present

Education

Master of Statistics, University of Florida, 1977

MA, Mathematics, University of Florida, 1972

BA, Mathematics, Hanover College (Hanover, Indiana), 1970

Botany courses, Miami Dade College, 1992

Employment

Contractor at NOAA Fisheries, Miami (short-term contracts beginning August 2007)

Volunteer at NOAA Fisheries, Miami, March 2007-August 2007

Statistician, NOAA Fisheries (Galveston, TX, and Miami), 1977-February 2007

Graduate student assistant, Department of Statistics, University of Florida, 1975-1977

Peace Corps Volunteer, Western Samoa (math and social studies teacher, junior high school), 1973-1974

Graduate student assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Florida, 1970-1972

Student assistant, Department of Mathematics, Hanover College, 1976-1970



22 March 2010

Cynthia Guerra, Program Director
Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
Miami-Dade County - DERM
701 N.W. 1 Ct., 6th Floor
Miami, FL 33136

Dear Ms. Guerra,

It has been brought to my attention that once again there are openings for the Miami-Dade County Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC). I can think of no better person to be a part of this committee than Patty Phares.

Ms. Phares has been a long time advocate and devotee to conservation in South Florida. Such devotion has been evidenced by her involvement with the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS). Since joining in the 1980's, Ms. Phares has been an active FNPS member & participant aiding FNPS in its mission. Ms. Phares is well suited to the needs of the LASC committee. Ms. Phares has strong community ties and is adeptly familiar with South Florida conservation lands and their rare habitats. She is familiar with South Florida having lived in our fair county for several decades. In addition, you could not find a more knowledgeable person who is capable of using extant resources as well as her in depth knowledge to assist in the analyses determining necessary qualifications for land acquisition. She is also a responsible individual capable of handling several tasks at once while still managing to do a superb job on each one.

I feel strongly that it would be foolish to pass up the opportunity to work with her, and I encourage you to accept her to the LASC committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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GWLADYS E. SCOTT
17010 S.W. 77TH AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33157

EMPLOYMENT

1992 - 1999 INSPECTOR II Miami - Dade County DERM, Miami, Florida (retired 1999)

Solid Waste Section, Waste Regulation Division
Managed inspections, permitting, enforcement and clean ups of all public and private Dade County solid waste disposal and transfer sites. Supervised two Inspectors I. Created maps, worked with State DEP on shared permitted Solid Waste sites.

1988 - 1992 INSPECTOR I Miami - Dade County DERM, Miami, Florida

Hazardous Facilities Section, Enforcement Division
Conducted field inspections of hazardous waste generating facilities for compliance with, or the need of, an IW-5 permit. Identified, sampled and document pollution. Initiated enforcement procedures, site cleanup plans and monitored cleanups.

Biological Resources Section, Water Management Division
Prepared Class IV Freshwater wetland Permits. Conducted field inspections for permit compliance and the identification of violations. Prepared enforcements: Uniform Civil Violations Notices, Notices of Violation and Orders for Corrective Action and cases for civil court.

Compliance Section, Enforcement Division
Conducted field inspections and wrote reports of permitted and unpermitted facilities for the Air and Hazardous Facilities Sections. Responded to citizens' environmental complaints and emergencies. Identified, sampled and documented pollution. Prepared enforcement notices, cleanup directives and monitored cleanups. Performed environmental assessments.

1978 - 1988 SCIENCE TEACHER Junior High School
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN Middle/Junior/Senior
HIGH SCHOOL CHAIRMAN
Atlantis Academy, Miami, Florida

1974 - 1978 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER Cutler Ridge and Palmetto Junior High Schools
REGULAR SUBSTITUTE TEACHER Key Biscayne Environmental Center
Dade County Public Schools, Miami, Florida

EDUCATION

1951 - 1953 Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts
1953 - 1956 University of Miami A.B. Geography major/Geology minor
1966 - 1988 University of Miami, FIU, Miami-Dade Sciences/Education

CERTIFICATIONS

Code Enforcement Inspector Badge #603
Visible Emissions Evaluator Certificate #230268
State of Florida Teacher's Certification #369247-Science
Red Cross Water Safety and Small Craft Instructor

ORGANIZATIONS

Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Greenpeace, Nature Conservancy, Wilderness Society
Dade Chapter Florida Native Plant Society (twice on the Board)
Florida Association of Science Teachers

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Organize and lead field trips, teach classes and lecture about South Florida plants, plant communities and geology. Help plan, restore and maintain native plant areas on public and private properties.



Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

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Cynthia Guerra, Program Director
Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
Miami-Dade County - DERM
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Miami, FL 33136

April 26, 2010

Re: Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC)

Dear Cynthia Guerra,

I wish to recommend that Gwladys E. Scott be nominated to serve on the Land Acquisition Selection Committee. Mrs. Scott has been involved in environmental work and issues, professionally and as a volunteer, since the 1960s. She has a good understanding of south Florida ecosystems, geology and topography and a basic knowledge of native (and exotic pest) plants. She has served twice on the Dade County Florida Native Plant Society Board of Directors and has been involved in all aspects of the Society. She lectures, gives tours, mans booths and proselytizes the uses of native plants for aesthetic and environmental concerns. Mrs. Scott volunteers many hours to natural areas management of public and private lands.

Sincerely,

Amy Leonard

Board member, past President

Dade County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

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