



Minutes

Eagle Sanctuary Steering Committee

October 22, 2009, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

City of Pembroke Pines City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room
10100 Pines Boulevard
Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

- I. Welcome and Call to Order at 4:00 PM - *Doug Young, Chair, Eagle Sanctuary Steering Committee*
- II. Attendees: Doug Young, Chair, Diane Guidry, Victor Suarez, Kelly Smith, Ken Schneider, Brian Mealey, Barry Heimlich, Al Griffin. City of Pembroke Pines Representatives: Sharon Williams, Elaine Kugelman, Joe McLaughlin. Absent: Grant Campbell, Trisha Norton.
- III. Minutes of August 31, 2009 meeting were **APPROVED**
- IV. Presentations – NO Presentations
- V. Business Issues
 1. Formal Designation of Eagle Sanctuary – Ken was concerned about the timing of any formal dedication of the sanctuary, as a public proclamation may be expected to increase the number of observers at the nest site. Sharon pointed out that an amended Comprehensive Plan will provide the platform for establishing the sanctuary; the draft document is on track for January, 2010, but the final Plan will not be cleared and approved until around November, 2010. Therefore, designation is not imminent, and the **Committee believes that no action is necessary.**
 2. Eagle Nest Cam - The Committee agreed on the importance of setting a course that will result in achieving an operational nest camera by October 1, 2010, before commencement of the nesting season. An action plan, with specific tasks timed to meet this deadline will be developed by Doug Young, to include consultation with experts, estimates of initial and ongoing costs, and contacts with possible sponsors. **Doug will provide the Committee with a progress report by November 17, 2009.**
 3. Parking Issue – City of Pembroke Pines – Ken asked whether parking restrictions might be relaxed on 209th Avenue on non-school days. Joe pointed out that the City of Pembroke Pines prohibits street parking at all locations, so the issue is moot. Committee members are concerned that enforcement of no-parking signs will be an ongoing problem for the police force. The Committee agreed that **a Police Department representative should be invited to attend a meeting to discuss traffic enforcement issues.**
 4. Re-establish liaison with Broward School Board – Doug reported that the Governor has not yet named an interim replacement for Bev Gallagher. The Board should be briefed on the educational aspects of the Eagle Sanctuary and eagle Web camera. Help with parking is unlikely, as the owner of the parcel south of West Broward High School is aware of no expression of interest, and intends to develop the land commercially per its revised plan, recently approved by the City. **Doug will follow up directly with a contact within the School District.**
 5. Follow up - Use of High School students as community service volunteers – **Tabled, in view of lack of parking and observation space.**



6. Follow up – SFWMD – Contact Carole Morris – Barry pointed out that the SFWMD has provisions under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) to provide recreational facilities on its land. While parking on the WMD land to the west of the eagle nest appears to be out of the question in view of wetlands restrictions. **Doug will obtain information about CERP projects from the US Army Corps of Engineers.**

7. Discussion of Signage and Grant opportunities – The group discussed when to proceed, and possible funding partners. Diane and Victor had two FWC signs that may be useful. **Sharon will provide the signs to Elaine, and ask her to follow up with the appropriate City agency/contractor. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.**

8. Action Items for next meeting **(In bold type above)**

VI. Other Business- Brian made a very good point, that while the Committee may view some of the delays as “failures,” they mostly have resulted in less disturbance of the nest area, and for that reason have been “successes” for the eagles.

VII. Next Scheduled Eagle Sanctuary Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2009

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: City of Pembroke Pines City Hall, Meeting

Room: Third Floor Conference Room

VIII. Adjournment: 5:30 PM