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**Eagle Sanctuary Steering Committee
June 1, 2009, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
City of Pembroke Pines City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room
10100 Pines Boulevard
Pembroke Pines, FL 33026**

Welcome by Doug Young, Chair, Eagle Sanctuary Steering Committee

Attendees: Mayor Frank Ortis, Doug Young, Dean Piper (PP Planning & Zoning, for Sharon Williams), Beverly Gallagher (School Board Member, Dist. 2), Victor Suarez, Brian Mealey, Kelly Smith, Barry Heimlich, Ken Schneider, Al Griffin (new member).

Business Issues

Doug Young discussed the **Mission and Objectives / Goal(s) of Steering Committee**, which have not been formalized. Protection of the eagles and education are primary goals.

Ken Schneider discussed DRAFTS he prepared – **Designation of Eagle Sanctuary** may be accomplished by proclamation, resolution or Ordinance; Model **Pembroke Pines Bald Eagle Habitat Protection Ordinance** proposes to utilize the planning and zoning application process to minimize disturbances near this or any other eagle nest, assuring compliance with State FWC Guidelines. Documents provided to City staff for their consideration.

Doug and members discussed a possible **Grant Proposal**, under the Community Foundation of Broward Environmental and Education category. A non-profit 501(c) organization would be the lead applicant, in partnership with other organizations, including those represented on the Steering Committee. All agreed that much more information would be needed before coming up with a specific proposal. We must identify and prioritize needs, among which are a permanent security fence, adequate and safe visitor parking, a semi-permanent observation area, an information kiosk and/or shelter, the need to preserve roosting trees, for raptor deterrents on the power poles, source of volunteer interpreters and placement of an “eagle cam.” Since the City controls only the land inside the fence line, the observation area would need to be placed on State DOT property. Approval for an eagle cam could take up to a year. Any structure may raise zoning as well as liability issues.

ACTION: Doug will speak to Carol Morris of SFWMD about possible support.

ACTION: Doug will place the issue of raptor deterrents and directional pruning rather than removal of roost trees in the FPL easement on the agenda of a future meeting, to include an FPL representative.

ACTION: Barry will contact an FPL representative who is on the Audubon of Florida Board, and Beverly will be able to assist in communications if necessary through School Board contacts with FPL.

ACTION: Beverly will contact FDOT officials concerning placement of observation area.

ACTION: Beverly will explore the possibility of tapping School Board security camera bandwidth for eagle cam.

ACTION: Dean will obtain a detailed map of the property and associated easements.

ACTION: Beverly will explore the use of high school students as community service volunteers.

Next Scheduled Eagle Sanctuary Committee Meeting:

Date and Time: Monday, July 20 at 4:00 PM

Location: City of Pembroke Pines City Hall, Meeting Room - *TBD*

Submitted by Ken Schneider