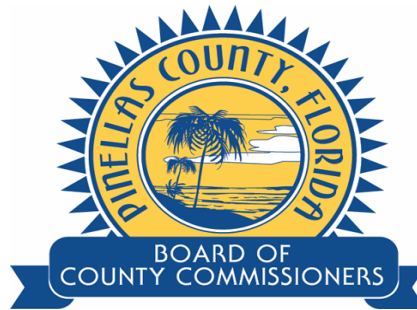


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Minutes - Final

Thursday, February 4, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

*Dave Eggers, Chair
Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel*

ROLL CALL - 9:33 A.M.

Present: Dave Eggers, Chair; Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair; Rene Flowers; Pat Gerard; Janet C. Long; Kathleen Peters; and Karen Williams Seel

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Donald Crowell, Chief Assistant County Attorney; and Teresa Ribble, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Chair Eggers indicated that there is one item on today's agenda for which there will be opportunity for public comment due to previous approval of the project; and that the Board will be determining further direction for the project.

Virtual Participation

Chair Eggers related that Commissioner Seel is recovering from minor surgery and would like to participate remotely; whereupon, Attorney Crowell indicated that public comment should be allowed since a vote will be taken. Upon call for public comment, Kathleen (last name and city not provided) appeared via the Zoom application and stated that she had no objection to Commissioner Seel attending virtually.

Upon the Chair's call for the vote, Commissioner Long moved, seconded by Commissioner Flowers and carried unanimously, that Commissioner Seel be allowed to appear virtually.

COVID-19 Update

At the request of Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton and Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe provided an update regarding COVID-19 vaccines, including vaccines administered to date, supply, distribution, access, and communication efforts.

1. North Trail Loop

Report and discussion regarding options for the completion of the north portion of the Pinellas Trail, including staff recommendations and community feedback.

Staff presenter: Ken Jacobs, Transportation Division Director
Document displayed: *Pinellas Trail North Gap: Countryside Alignment*

Upon call for public comment, the following individuals stated their concerns:

Laurie Jones, Clearwater
Scott Bressler, Clearwater
Bruce Rumble, Velventos Homeowners Association
Anthony Kvedar, Chateaux Wood Condo Association
Kathleen Agnew, Clearwater

Recessed at 11:31 A.M.

Reconvened at 11:38 A.M.

Following additional discussion and agreement by a majority of the Commissioners, Chair Eggers indicated that Alignment A, identified in the *Pinellas Trail North Gap: Countryside Alignment* presentation, is the recommendation for the project; that Mr. Burton provide this direction to staff. He noted that neighbors along the route are to be worked with closely; and that efforts should be made to work with the City of Clearwater regarding Meadow Wood Drive.

Recessed at 11:47 A.M.

Reconvened at 12:15 P.M.

2. Environmental Lands Acquisition

Report and discussion regarding the process of land acquisition, including evaluation criteria, challenges, and Penny for Pinellas funding.

Staff presenters: Paul Cozzie, Parks and Conversation Resources Director and Bill Berger, Office of Management and Budget Director
Document displayed: *Environmental and Recreation Land Acquisition Process*

3. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the proposed agenda of the February 9 BCC Meeting, Mr. Burton and his staff, along with Attorney Crowell, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

Chair Eggers noted that he is appointing Commissioner Justice to serve as his alternate for the March Municipal Elections.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:21 P.M.