



# Islamorada, Village of Islands

## LAND ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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November 12, 2024 - 11:00 AM  
Administrative Center and Public Safety Headquarters  
86800 Overseas Highway  
Islamorada, FL 33036

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Dully at 11:02 AM. Present were: Carolyn Ambler, Kelly Cox, Greg Dully, and Tammie Gurgiolo. Staff members present were Staff Liaison Peter Frezza, Village Consultant Rebecca Jettton (via Zoom), and Recording Secretary, Kim Harrington. Absent/Excused were: Kevin Bates and Frank Derfler.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The committee participated in the pledge of allegiance.

#### III. ADDITIONS AND / OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/26/23

Carolyn Ambler motioned to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2023, regular meeting. Tammie Gurgiolo seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

#### VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### A. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Carolyn Ambler motioned to nominate Greg Dully as Chair. Tammie Gurgiolo seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed. Kelly Cox motioned to nominate Carolyn Ambler as Vice Chair. Greg Dully seconded the motion and the motion passed unopposed.

##### B. Action Plan Review and Discussion

Carolyn Ambler motioned to Approve the Action Plan Dated 11/12/24 with changes as listed below. Kelly Cox seconded the motion and the motion passed unopposed. Peter Frezza, Village Liaison, will make the required changes to the Action Plan. Rebecca Jettton, Village Consultant, talked about the Action Plan and explained that we should follow the Florida Forever rules and asked if anyone had

questions. Carolyn Ambler, Vice Chair, asked about page 13 of the Action Plan (Annual Action List for Land Acquisition by Quarter) if the LAAC needs to complete those three items for 4th Quarter 2024 or if those are for 4th Quarter 2025. Peter told Carolyn that the Action Plan is a template for going forward at this point. Carolyn asked if Peter could move the Annual Action List item for January to March, entitled "Remove developed properties" to 4th Quarter of 2024, since we are moving the Open House to 1st Quarter 2025. Other action plan change directives were given to Peter and the Action Plan was dated 11/12/24. Rebecca Jetton also said that since we have just acquired the Glynn Property, a great bird rookery, and since we are in the 4th Quarter of 2024 now, maybe we can make people aware that we've acquired the property and have an Open House as per page 13 at the Glynn Property. Other committee members chimed in saying a Ribbon Cutting would be good, too, but all agreed on how busy December is, and of course no open house can be planned without Village Council approval, so it would have to be after Council Approval, so after the December 10 Village Council Meeting would be the only time it could be done. It was agreed that an Open House would be best delayed until the new year, but that the Committee would like to have a naming of the property in December to fulfill at least one Action Plan Item for 4th Quarter 2024. Peter put the Glynn Property on the big screen for those who weren't familiar. It is located just north of Venetian Shores in a platted area called Sunset Park, but is mostly mangrove wetlands. Parcel i.d. is 00091980-000000 Alt Key 1106062. Village Liaison, Peter Frezza, told the committee that this is now by far the largest swath of land owned by the Village of Islamorada. Peter also told the Committee about a recent land donation that the Village received. It was under the Tassell Trust, and was a strip of land off the shoulder of US1. Rebecca Jetton also went over the county's "Less Than Fee" program and discussion ensued regarding how it works. Rebecca said the Village budgeted one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for potentially purchasing these types of properties, which the Less Than Fee Program offers about seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) per property. The LAAC would like to start a program modeled after Monroe County's Less Than Fee Program, utilizing the Monroe County Land Authority. Discussion ensued as to the fate of the \$1,000,000.00 allocation for Land Acquisition if not used. Rebecca said the LAAC should attempt to spend the money so that we can get more funds for Land Acquisition.

**C. Report to Village Council Recommendations**

A list of possible names for the Glynn Property was compiled by Committee members in attendance. The names agreed upon are: Cotton Key Preserve, Sunset Park Preserve, Glynn Family Wildlife Preserve and Glynn Preserve. Peter asked Greg Dully and Carolyn Ambler if one or both of them could attend the December 10 Regular Village Council Meeting and present the Committee Report. Kelly Cox volunteered to compose the first draft of the Committee Report. The Committee Report will ask the Village to adopt the Action Plan as well as to select a name for the Glynn Property and approve an Open House for the Glynn Property for first quarter 2025.. Kelly Cox will complete the draft and send to Peter for changes. Peter will need to make the changes and get it approved for the Agenda two weeks ahead of the Village Council Meeting. Once final, Peter will send final draft to Carolyn Ambler and Greg Dully for the Committee Update at the Regular Village Council Meeting on December 10, 2024.

**D. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:30 am

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair, Greg Dully, motioned to adjourn at 12:10 pm. Tammie seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.