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### Minutes November 6, 2006

Present: Larry, Lisa, Gordy, Al, Dave, Fred, Chuck, Paul, Aubrey, Dick.  
Absent: Ken and Tim  
Guest: Dennis Creel from Hampton

- I. Approved both September and October minutes.
- II. Reviewed the agenda and moved to extend the meeting to 9:30.  
Approved unanimous.
- III. Discussion on work with PDS (Planning) to re-evaluate the proposed map changes to the Comprehensive Plan. The subcommittee looked at both county-wide proposals and individual proposals.
  - a. COUNTY-WIDE: After some background from Ken as to how designations were made in 1997 it became clearer as to the need for a county-wide evaluation and possible changes on a more wholesale venue. It was felt that if the County Commissioners really wanted to have the FAB take that close of a look then they would need to direct the FAB to do so and that type of effort would take more time to do correctly. The discussion continued as to whether or not the FAB should then make any recommendations on the county-wide proposals. The FAB agreed unanimously to drop any county-wide recommendations at this time.
  - b. INDIVIDUAL: Guy and Dave explained that the individual requests were put into 3 piles...1 didn't meet criteria; 2 did meet criteria and 3 needed some extra review. If the FAB agreed with this approach the package (the 3 piles agreed upon by the FAB and the PDS) would go to the Planning Commission. Fred questioned the process and what was really being asked of the FAB. Both Gordy and Fred said this was putting the FAB in the middle of the politics and that the FAB should not make comments on individual proposals but rather on the criteria established that would be used to determine

how parcels should be designated. Dave commented that the BoCC and PDS had wanted the FAB's help. Guy said he wanted to tell the PC that the FAB agreed with their recommendations. He said that PDS can't change their position, but wanted to have the FAB agree with them to show added support to both approved and denied proposals. Dick stated that the FAB is a voluntary board and should not fight PDS political battles. Paul said that unless the FAB votes in favor to send the subcommittee's recommendations forward to the PC then it goes no where. Fred said that he does not want his name on this and others agreed. The FAB then looked over what the subcommittee did. The discussion then went back to the FAB's role. By setting criteria, the FAB did give direction...it is up to PDS to determine how it should be applied. Dave commented that at times the FAB should be called upon to look at logical boundaries, but also acknowledges that the group doesn't agree with making actual individual map determinations.

- c. Fred moved to incorporate the language in RECOMMENDATION #1 written in a memo to the FAB by Guy McNally to the FAB dated Nov. 6, 2006. Motion died for lack of a second.
  - d. Paul moved to withdrawal the first sentence of Recommendation #1; Fred seconded. Unanimous.
  - e. Fred made the following motion: "The FAB has in the past and still does affirm the designation criteria as adopted and chooses not to change it at this time. They also support the PDS and PC in applying those criteria to the map requests. Policy (which is set by the BOCC) is a broad-based approach and should be applied that way and therefore the FAB should not be involved in individual requests. The role of the FAB is to involve itself on an advisory level in making county-wide policies. Gordy seconded. Unanimous.
- IV. Nominations for officers. Paul moved and Fred seconded to keep Dave and Larry in as Chair and Vice-chair. Unanimous.
  - V. Al presented Forest Stewardship plan revised guidelines. Shared that there was a broad range of representation when putting together the resource protection part. Discussion on the difference between stewardship plan and management plan...tax laws.
  - VI. Forest Practice Board (FPB) PIP-
  - VII. Dave said he felt industry got slammed hard. No silver lining...Discussion continued. FAB questioned what to do next. Kendra gave her 2 cents.. Dennis shared the statistics he used showing jobs in this region and how this affects the economics. Gordy suggested a letter to the FPB...disincentives for tree farming.
  - VIII. Adjourned 9:30.