

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 20, 2009

Department: Environmental Resources Management

Advisory Board: Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the following individuals to the Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC) for a term of three (3) years beginning November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2012. Staff received nominations for:


<u>Reappoint</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Seat No</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Steve Bass	Professional Educator	3	Commissioner Abrams Commissioner Koons Commissioner Marcus
<u>Reappoint</u>			
Dennis Eshleman	Parks and Recreation	5	Commissioner Abrams Commissioner Koons Commissioner Marcus Commissioner Vana Commissioner Aaronson
AND EITHER			
<u>Reappoint</u>			
Herbert Zebuth	Citizen	6	Commissioner Koons Commissioner Marcus
OR			
<u>Appoint</u>			
Evelyn Parkes-Brier	Citizen	6	Commissioner Taylor

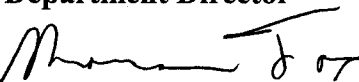
Summary: On February 24, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted Resolution No. 2009-0319 which established NAMAC with seven (7) at-large members. The composition of the Committee shall be as follows: one (1) member with experience in the management of natural areas, one (1) biological scientist, one (1) professional educator with knowledge of South Florida ecosystems, one (1) representative of a local municipal government public recreation program, one (1) member of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department staff, two (2) citizens having an interest in preservation and conservation of natural areas. A memorandum from Environmental Resources Management (ERM) was sent to the BCC on May 29, 2009 requesting nominations for Seats 3, 5 and 6. Seat 6 has two (2) nominations. Countywide (SF)

Background and Justification: The BCC determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Palm Beach County that NAMAC be formed to evaluate and comment on staff-developed management plans with a specific focus on public uses of the site and to make recommendations to staff on possible changes with final approval by the BCC.

Attachments:

1. Memorandum to Board of County Commissioners
2. Nomination forms
3. Current membership list and Attendance records
4. Resolution establishing Committee


Recommended by: Richard E. Wolubny 10/7/09
 Department Director  Date

Legal Sufficiency: Mona J. O'Neil 10/8/09
 Assistant County Attorney  Date

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
Palm Beach County
Environmental Resources Management

DATE: September 1, 2009

TO: Commissioner Jeff Koons, Chairman,
and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Richard E. Walesky, Director 
Environmental Resources Management

SUBJECT: REAPPOINTMENTS TO NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

The terms for three positions on the Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC) will expire, on October 31, 2009. Mr. Steve Bass, Seat 3, currently serves as a public educator, Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Seat 5, currently serves as a representative of the Palm Beach County (PBC) Department of Parks and Recreation, and Mr. Herbert Zebuth, Seat 6, as a citizen. All three have indicated a willingness to serve another term.

ERM has also received a resume from a citizen who has expressed an interest in serving in Seat 6 as a citizen representative on NAMAC: Laura A. Knipp. We request that you nominate only one (1) candidate for Seat 6: Herb Zebuth or Laura Knipp or a candidate of your choice.

Please be advised that the resolution establishing the Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee states: One (1) member with experience in the management of natural areas; One (1) biological scientist; One (1) professional educator with knowledge of South Florida ecosystems; One (1) representative of a local municipal government parks and recreation program; One (1) member of the PBC Parks and Recreation Department staff; and Two (2) citizens having an interest in preservation and conservation of natural areas.

The following items are attached for your information: re-nomination forms for the current members and indications of willingness to continue their service, list of Committee members with attendance records, and a copy of the resolution establishing NAMAC. Staff respectfully requests that nomination forms be returned to David Gillings of our department by September 21, 2006. If you have any questions regarding these re-appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 233-2400 or David Gillings at 233-2477.

REW:DKG:dwo

Attachments (3)

cc: (without attachments)

R. Weisman, County Administrator
Shannon Fox, Esq., Assistant County Attorney
Patty Hindle, Agenda Coordinator

BIO PREPARED BY

Herbert H. Zebuth

**For REAPPOINTMENT to
Palm Beach County's
Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC)**

NAMAC Member: "Citizen with knowledge of natural area ecology, protection and enhancement"
1995 to present

Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Conservation/Agricultural/Greenways Lands Acquisition
Advisory Committees member 1991 to program sunset 2007

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

CURRENTLY: 'Palm Beach Environmental Representative' member of the Loxahatchee River
Management Coordinating Council 2004-present (FDEP representative 1986-2004)

Responsibilities: Assist the SFWMD and FDEP in the development and updating of the "Wild and
Scenic Loxahatchee River Management Plan" and the "Loxahatchee River Restoration Plan"; review
and comment on: land-use activities, restoration projects and activities, water use and
environmental permit applications, and coordinate council member efforts that affect the river

1981-2004 Environmental Specialist, Fla. Dept. of Env. Protection (retired)

Responsibilities: FDEP representative on restoration planning efforts for the Kissimmee River,
Lake Okeechobee, and the Everglades; member of the Restudy Team that developed the
Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, reviewed and commented on ecological impacts and
mitigation for Development of Regional Impact projects; reviewed and commented on ecological
impacts and mitigation for SFWMD and Corps of Engineer FDEP permit applications.

1977-1981 Environmental Specialist, Fla. Dept. of Transportation

Responsibilities: Developed Environmental Impact Statements and other environmental impact
reviews for federal and state transportation projects; developed and supervised a water quality
laboratory and monitoring program.

1974-1977 Staff Research Assistant, University of Central Florida

Responsibilities: Investigated impacts of recreational activities on shallow Central Florida lakes,
and the nature and extent of stormwater pollution

ACADEMIC: BS in Biology (Freshwater Ecology) University of Central Florida 1974, Graduate work
in Biology, lake ecology and stormwater impacts

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I appreciate the opportunity I have had to participate in Palm Beach County's land acquisition
programs. This experience has made me familiar with these lands' ecological sensitivity and
restoration needs, as well as the varied purposes ranging from preservation to greenways and
water resources, for which they were purchased. As a member of NAMAC, I have been able to use
this knowledge in the review of management plans and restoration efforts. In addition to my
professional experience, this familiarity with these lands has also helps me to balance public use
with the protections provided by the PBC Natural Areas Ordinance and the lands original intended
use. As a resident of Palm Beach County for almost 29 year, I consider its land acquisition program
an accomplishment for which the Commission and county residents can be very proud. I would be
honored to continue to serve on NAMAC and work to ensure that our grandchildren will be as
proud of these lands as we are now.

EVELYN F. PARKES-BRIER, C.P.A.
Biography

Sole owner of Evelyn F. Parkes, CPA, P.A., a full service accounting firm providing bookkeeping, tax, and auditing services to over 300 clients.

Evelyn is a native Hispanic Floridian. She was born in Miami, but raised in Pennsylvania and graduated from high school in North Philadelphia. Evelyn returned to Miami where she attended Florida International University while working in various areas of bookkeeping, predominately on a full-time basis. She graduated in December, 1982. Evelyn sat for the CPA exam in 1983, and passed the two and one-half day exam on her first attempt.

Evelyn started her accounting career in 1983 as a staff accountant at the international accounting firm of Deloitte and worked there until 1989. During the five-plus years she was at Deloitte, she was promoted from staff accountant to senior accountant to tax manager. Evelyn moved to Palm Beach County in 1990 and worked for Mercurio & Associates PA, a full-service public accounting firm, where she was in charge of all aspects of the tax department. In 1995 she purchased the accounting firm of Mercurio & Associates PA and has operated the business successfully, as Evelyn F Parkes CPA PA, for over 14 years. Her clients range from individuals to small and medium sized companies, providing bookkeeping and tax services, estate and financial-planning services, and review and audit services.

Evelyn's civic and volunteer services include:

Graduate of Leadership Palm Beach County, Class of 2009
Chair of Palm Beach County Small Business Advisory Committee (8 years on committee)
Board member of the United Way of Palm Beach County (3 years), Chair of the audit Committee and member of the Impact Committee
President of Community Connection (a non-profit organization that works with Palm Beach County, and its land managers to secure/protect/preserve trails) (2 years)
Member of Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, prior board member (6 year years)
Member of West Palm Beach & Northern Palm Beach Chambers of Commerce
Member of The Forum Club & Economic Forum of Palm Beach County
Member of BizPac and board member of HISPAC
Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Evelyn is married with three children: 2 daughters, ages 19 and 17, and a son, 15 years old.

NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DESIGNATION	NAME OF MEMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS	HOME ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS	RE-APPT DATE
Professional Educator Seat 3	Steve Bass stephenbass@earthlink.net	Cell: 561-613-1621 Retired	4696 Meadowgreen Trail Lake Worth, FL 33463 968-4017 Fax: Same	31-Oct-09
Manager of Natural Areas Seat 1	Fred Davis fdavis6539@msn.com	Retired	6539 High Ridge Road Lantana, FL 33462 585-6386	31-Oct-11
PBC Parks & Recreation Seat 5	Dennis Eshleman deshlema@co.palm-beach.fl.us	PBC Parks and Recreation Director 2700 Sixth Avenue South Lake Worth, FL 33461 Cell: 561-308-4080	13 Baytree Circle Boynton Beach, FL 33462	31-Oct-09
Citizen Seat 7	Allen Trefry envirolive@yahoo.com	Retired 625-6610	14939 Palmwood Road Palm Bch Gardens, FL 33410	31-Oct-10
Biological Scientist Seat 2	Richard Moyroud moyroud@prodigy.net	All calls to the listed number are forwarded to his cell.	7667 Park Lane Road Lake Worth, FL 33467 967-2630	31-Oct-11
Municipal Parks Department Seat 4	Russ Ruskay russr@jupiter.fl.us	Town of Jupiter 210 North Military Trail Jupiter, FL 33458 746-5134 Cell: 308-1068	6000 Our Robbies Road Jupiter, FL 33458	31-Oct-10
Citizen Seat 6	Herbert Zebuth herb_zebuth@msn.com	No Cell Retired	12029 58th Street North Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411 798-4906	31-Oct-09

NAMAC ATTENDANCE 2009

NAME	REPRESENTING	16-Jan	20-Feb	20-Mar	17-Apr	15-May	19-Jun	17-Jul	21-Aug	18-Sep	16-Oct	20-Nov	18-Dec
STEPHEN BASS	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR/Seat 3	Site Visit	X	X	X	Site Visit	Meeting	X	No	A			
FRED DAVIS	MGR OF NATURAL AREA/Seat 1					to Pond	canceled	A	Meeting	X			
DENNIS ESHLEMAN	PBC PARKS & REC DEPT/Seat 5		X	X	X	Cypress		X		X			
RICHARD MOYROUD	BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIST/Seat 2		X	X	X	Natural Area		X		X			
RUSS RUSKAY	MUNI GOVT PUBLIC REC PROG/Seat 4		X	X	X			X		A			
ALLEN TREFRY	CITIZEN/Seat 7									A			
New appointment as of August 18, 2009													
HERBERT ZEBUTH	CITIZEN/Seat 6		X	X	X			X		X			
NAME	REPRESENTING	16-Jan	20-Feb	20-Mar	17-Apr								
ANDRE CADOGAN	CITIZEN/Seat 7		X	X	A								
Resigned as of May 1, 2009													
X = PRESENT													
A = ABSENT													

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2009- 0319

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR TERM AND REMOVAL; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS; PROVIDING THAT COMMITTEE ACTION IS ADVISORY ONLY; PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS 94-1051, 95-1455, 99-1188, AND 2003-0713.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County (the "Board") created the Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee by adoption of Resolution 94-1051, on August 16, 1994, to review and comment on management plans developed by staff for environmentally sensitive lands purchased or leased by the County and to hold public hearings on these plans prior to final adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 94-1051 was amended by Resolutions 95-1455, 99-1188 and 2003-0713, and over the course of time certain portions of the Resolution and amendments have become obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to repeal the existing Resolutions pertaining to the Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee in order to remove obsolete provisions and to consolidate all necessary provisions into one Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Creation. Upon adoption of this Resolution by the Board, there is created and established a committee to be known as the Palm Beach County Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee").

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to review and comment on management plans developed by staff for natural areas and conservation lands managed by the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management ("ERM"), with a specific focus on proposed public uses of these sites, and to make recommendations to staff on possible changes to each plan prior to making a recommendation to the Board on approval of the plan.

Section 3. Membership.

A. The Advisory Committee shall have seven (7) members who shall be appointed at large by the Board according to the provisions set forth herein. The composition of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. One (1) member with experience in the management of natural areas.
2. One (1) biological scientist.
3. One (1) professional educator with knowledge of South Florida ecosystems.
4. One (1) representative of a local municipal government parks and recreation program.
5. One (1) member of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department staff.
6. Two (2) citizens having an interest in preservation and conservation of natural areas.

B. Appointment of individuals to the Advisory Committee.

1. The Board, acting as a whole, shall appoint seven (7) individuals to fulfill the requirements of subparagraphs A.1-6 of this section.
2. The Board shall make its appointments from a list of nominees submitted by Board members or by ERM, which shall solicit nominees in order to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph A.1-6 of this section.
3. All members of the Advisory Committee except the citizen representatives shall have expertise in biology/ecology, conservation of natural resources, environmental education, environmental land management, or public recreation. Each nominee, except nominees for a citizen advisory position, shall submit to ERM written evidence of his or her expertise in any of the above.

C. All appointments except for a vacancy shall be for a term of three (3) years. A member appointed to fill the remaining term of a vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the unfulfilled term. No member shall be reappointed without approval by the Board at one of its regular meetings.

Section 4. Conditions of Appointment.

A. There shall be no limit on the number of terms that an individual may serve.

B. County employees shall not be appointed to the Advisory Committee, except that an employee of the School District of Palm Beach County may be appointed as a representative of the education community, as specified in subparagraph A.3. of Section 3 of this Resolution, and that an employee of the Palm Beach County Department of Parks and Recreation shall serve on the Advisory Committee, as specified in subparagraph A.5 of Section 3 of this Resolution.

C. An Advisory Committee member who is an employee of a local government shall not represent specific interests of the local government on Advisory Committee issues.

Section 5. Meetings and Organization.

A. The Advisory Committee shall establish a regular time and place to hold business meetings. Reasonable public notice of all Advisory Committee business meetings, field trips and public hearings shall be provided, and all such business meetings, field trips and public hearings shall be open to the public at all times and shall allow public comment.

B. A quorum must be present for the conduct of Advisory Committee business meetings. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum. All business meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

C. The Advisory Committee shall adopt any rules of organization and procedures that may be required. The Advisory Committee may elect a chairperson and vice chairperson, may establish subcommittees for specific subjects or tasks, and may invite participation in a subcommittee by nonmembers in order to obtain input from other sectors of the public interested in the management of natural areas and the duties of the Advisory Committee.

Section 6. Duties and Functions. The Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and functions:

A. To review and comment on initial and revised management plans developed by staff for natural areas and conservation lands managed by ERM, in accordance with the requirements of the Palm Beach County Natural Areas Ordinance (No. 94-13), as may be amended from time to time.

B. To hold a public hearing on each management plan, as required, to solicit input from the public.

C. To consider oral and written public comments at hearings and at Advisory Committee business meetings.

D. To make a recommendation to the Board regarding the approval of each management plan reviewed by the Advisory Committee.

E. To review and comment on conceptual site plans prepared by staff as part of grant applications for funding for acquisition and/or management of natural areas.

F. To review and comment on staff-proposed interim changes to management plans.

G. To review the results of ongoing monitoring of natural areas to determine whether management goals are being met.

H. To make recommendations to staff regarding policies related to the management of the natural areas.

I. To periodically review management plans for possible modification.

Section 7. Assistance to the Committee. The Advisory Committee may call upon any department or other agency of the County, regional, state, federal or local governments for information or advice in the performance of its work. Staff from ERM shall provide administrative support to the Advisory Committee. The County Attorney's Office shall act as legal counsel to the Advisory Committee at all its meetings and shall provide such legal advice and assistance as may be requested by the Advisory Committee.

Section 8. Committee Action Advisory Only. The actions, decisions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee are advisory only and shall not be binding on the Board or County staff.

Section 9. Ratification. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this Resolution also hereby acknowledges, ratifies, and confirms all actions of the Advisory Committee known as the Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee as was previously approved and organized by the Board of County Commissioners prior to the formal adoption of this Resolution. This Resolution hereby acknowledges, ratifies, and confirms the appointment of each currently-serving member of the Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to Resolution 94-1051, as

amended, and each such member shall continue to serve on the Advisory Committee until such member's three (3)-year term under the previously existing Resolution 94-1051, as amended, expires.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holdings shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Resolution.

Section 11. Repeal of Resolutions 94-1051, 95-1455, 99-1188 and 2003-0713.

This Resolution expressly repeals and supersedes Palm Beach County Resolutions 94-1051, 95-1455, 99-1188 and 2003-0713, except to the extent that certain actions taken thereunder are ratified as provided herein.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Marcus, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:


District 1:	Karen T. Marcus	Aye
District 2:	John F. Koons	Aye
District 3:	Shelley Vana	Aye
District 4:		
District 5:	Burt Aaronson	Aye
District 6:	Jess R. Santamaria	Aye
District 7:	Addie L. Greene	Absent

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of February, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: [Signature]
County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK
By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk


STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

I, SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk & Comptroller, certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original filed in my office on FEB 24 2009

dated at West Palm Beach, FL on 2/24/09

By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk
