

AGENDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND
JANUARY 22, 2014

Attachments to the items below can be viewed at the following link:
http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/cab/public_notices.htm

Item 1 Minutes

Submittal of the Board of Trustees' Minutes from the November 19, 2013 and December 10, 2013 Cabinet Meetings.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Two members, one of whom is the Governor, when four members are voting; or any two members, when three members are voting.

(See Attachment 1 at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/cab/public_notices.htm)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Item 2 BOT/Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida Transfer/All Children's Hospital, Inc.

REQUEST: Consideration of a transfer of three parcels totaling 2.02 acres, more or less, of state-owned, non-conservation lands to the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida in accordance with Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Three affirmative votes

COUNTY: Pinellas

APPLICANT: Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida (USF)/All Children's Hospital, Inc. (Hospital)

LOCATION: Section 19, Township 31 South, Range 17 East

STAFF REMARKS:

Background

In 1998, the City of St. Petersburg donated the three parcels (subject parcels), totaling 2.02 acres, to the Board of Trustees for educational purposes, subject to an educational purposes reverter clause. The subject parcels are currently leased (Lease No. 2735) to USF and are located on USF's St. Petersburg Campus. One parcel (0.62 acre) is improved with a building that houses the Children's Research Institute. The remaining two parcels (1.40 acres) are paved and currently used for parking.

In 1973, the Hospital teamed up with USF's College of Medicine to create a pediatric physician training program and establish research labs in pediatric endocrinology. In 2000, the Children's Research Institute opened, uniting the Hospital and USF's College of Medicine in renewed efforts to understand, treat, and ultimately prevent many childhood diseases.

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Current Request

Pursuant to Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is proposing to quitclaim the subject parcels to USF. USF plans to: (1) retain the improved parcel and continue to operate the existing Children’s Research Institute; and (2) donate the remaining two parcels, currently used for parking, to the Hospital for the development of a state-of-the-art educational research facility. This will allow USF and the Hospital to further their existing partnership and space sharing relationship.

The Board of Trustees’ quitclaim deed to USF will include two rights of reentry in favor of the Board of Trustees. The first will allow the Board of Trustees to reenter and retake possession of all three parcels in the event USF does not transfer the two parcels to the Hospital by June 30, 2014. The second will allow the Board of Trustees to reenter and retake possession of the two parcels in the event construction of a medical education and research center associated with USF and the Hospital has not commenced within ten years of the date of the deed from USF to the Hospital.

According to the Hospital, it plans to construct an approximately 300,000-square-foot facility on the two parcels currently used for parking. The new facility will house research, train pediatricians, and offer educational opportunities. In addition, the current public-private collaboration between USF and the Hospital will be expanded to include joint research which will combat childhood diseases and develop specific treatments that can be jointly commercialized and widely distributed. This research will include a specific focus on pediatric brain health, neuroscience, early brain development, memory and behavioral health.

The Hospital states construction of the new facility will provide an economic boost to the local economy given that the cost of construction will be between \$65 - \$85 million and generate approximately 400 design and construction jobs. The Hospital also plans to hire approximately 15 new research staff and 6 faculty positions with an average annual salary ranging between \$90 - \$150 thousand. Once completed, the facility will house 40 research professionals including doctorate and post doctorate positions.

Laws of Florida

Proviso in Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, allows the Board of Trustees to transfer the subject parcels to USF for the purpose of USF entering into a partnership agreement with the Hospital. Further, the proviso authorizes USF to transfer two parcels, currently used for parking, to the Hospital. Upon demonstrated transfer of the two parcels to the Hospital, by June 30, 2014, USF will receive a one-time sum of \$2.5 million from the General Revenue Fund.

All Children’s Hospital

The Hospital operates a 259-bed facility that provides expert pediatric care for children and families from all across the state of Florida, all 50 states, and 36 foreign countries. The Hospital is part of the billion-dollar All Children’s Health System with more than 2,800 employees on its main campus and ten outreach centers located throughout west central Florida.

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In March 2011, the Hospital became the first fully integrated member of Johns Hopkins Medicine outside the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., region. The commitment and goal of both the Hospital and Johns Hopkins Medicine is to become a national leader in clinical care, teaching and research to benefit future generations of children.

Comprehensive Plan

A consideration of the status of the local government comprehensive plan was not made for this item. DEP has determined that the proposed action is not subject to the local government planning process.

(See Attachment 2, Pages 1-5)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Item 3 Rural & Family Lands Protection Program Prioritized Acquisition List

REQUEST: Consideration of the recommended 2014 Rural & Family Lands Protection Program Prioritized Acquisition List.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Two members, one of whom is the Governor, when four members are voting; or any two members, when three members are voting.

STAFF REMARKS: The purpose of the program is to protect Florida's working agricultural lands threatened by fragmentation or conversion to non-agricultural land uses through acquisition of perpetual land conservation easements that ensure the land will be preserved perpetually for agricultural uses while protecting important natural resources and functioning ecosystems.

The initial acquisition list for the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program (RFLPP) was approved by the Board of Trustees April 28, 2009. The list consisted of 35 projects.

The 2014 RFLPP Prioritized Acquisition List was developed pursuant to sections 259.105(3)(i) and 570.71(10), F.S., and rule 5I-7, F.A.C.

The application cycle for the program was open from July 15th through August 28, 2013. During this time, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (the Department) received 50 eligible project applications. As set forth in rule 5I-7, F.A.C., the Department formed technical review teams that evaluated each project application. The teams were composed of staff from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Economic Opportunity, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the geographically applicable water management district, as well as staff from several divisions

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within the Department, including: the Division of Animal Industry, Florida Forest Service and the Office of Agricultural Water Policy. The technical review teams visited each application site to assess the project's merits and its contributions to the goals and objectives of the program. Department staff utilized reports from the technical review team members to compile Project Evaluation Reports for each project, which were submitted to a Selection Committee established pursuant to rule.

On November 15, 2013, the Selection Committee held a public hearing to review the project evaluation reports and receive public testimony about the projects. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Selection Committee voted to approve a project priority list ranked into three tiers, with those projects in Tier 1 being designated as the highest acquisition priority.

On December 13, 2013, the Department presented the recommended project list to the Acquisition & Restoration Council (ARC) for its review pursuant to section 259.105(3)(i)1., F.S. The Department is now submitting the recommended project list to the Board of Trustees for its consideration. Pursuant to section 259.04, F.S., the Board of Trustees "shall approve, in whole or in part, the list of projects in the order of priority in which such projects are presented."

(See Attachment 3, Pages 1-33)

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