



Planning & Construction Committee

Minutes for May 2, 2007 Meeting

Attendees:

Chair: Patrick Range, Trustee, Committee Chair

Gene Tinnie, Board Chair

Guy Forchion, VKBPT Staff

Mark Walters, Trustee

Miguel Germain, Trustee

Erica McKinney, Esq., Trustee

David Shorter, Executive Director

The Planning and Construction Committee and Nature & Environment Committee convened May 2, 2007 – 6:10pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were deferred.

The committee discussed the exotic removal proposals that were received by the Trust in response to the Trust's RFP #29-01-07-01, Land Clearing and Selective Exotic Vegetation Removal Services. Four qualified proposers entered bids for the project – Stiles Landscape Company, everglades environmental Care, Inc., SFM Services, Inc. and Native technologies, Inc. The committee was to review the proposals, evaluate and score the proposals and make a recommendation to the Executive Director. Following energetic discussion the committee concluded that they would need to speak to each of the proposers individually to make a better and more informed decision.

Staff was instructed to arrange individual question and answer sessions with each proposer. Limited discussion on high level budget issues concerning park operations followed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. **The next Planning and Construction Committee Meeting was to be announced following the scheduling of the individual meetings with each contractor.**