

RESOLUTION R-2010-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE URBAN FARMING INITIATIVE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION FARMING COOPERATIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie has indicated its desire to develop an urban farming initiative; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this initiative will be to develop a comprehensive community action farming cooperative plan for the Town and its facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Davie to establish a task force that will develop the urban farming initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received proposals for Batten's Farm for an operational agricultural entity; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie relies upon the advisory capabilities of its Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Agricultural Advisory Board, and Green Energy and Environmental Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie has an established relationship with the Friends of the Farm Park and the Broward County Farm Bureau, organizations that have an interest in the urban farming initiative; and

WHEREAS, the members of the special task force will be comprised of members or representatives of the aforementioned advisory boards or committees and organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby creates the Urban Farming Initiative task force comprised of 10 voting members (2 members from each of the aforementioned advisory boards or committees selected amongst themselves and 1 member each from the Friends of the Farm Park and Broward County Farm Bureau). Each group can appoint 1 alternate to the task force that will represent their group if their appointed voting member(s) is unable to attend a meeting.

SECTION 2. The chair and vice chair of the task force shall be selected among the membership of the task force.

SECTION 3. The results of the task force shall be formulated into a recommendation to the Town Council and public hearings will be held by the task force to discuss the plan which will prioritize the Batten's property.

SECTION 4. The aforementioned task force shall automatically sunset upon adoption by the Town Council of the comprehensive community action farming cooperative plan established by the task force.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2010.


MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2010.

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM/PHONE: Phillip R. Holste, Program Manager, 954-797-1041
PREPARED BY: Phillip R. Holste, Program Manager
SUBJECT: Resolution
AFFECTED DISTRICT: Townwide

ITEM REQUEST: Schedule for Council Meeting

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: TASK FORCE - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE URBAN FARMING INITIATIVE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION FARMING COOPERATIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: On February 22, 2010, the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) held a meeting to discuss a proposal for a Town-wide Urban Farming Initiative at Batten's Farm, Governor Leroy Collins Park and other Town facilities. Members of the Parks and Recreation and Agricultural Advisory boards were invited to attend this meeting and provide feedback on the Urban Farming Initiative.

Conceptually, the project consists of developing a comprehensive community action farming cooperative. Using a variety of resources and funding sources, residents would receive property, grants, training and assistance to establish gardens throughout the Town to raise the crops of their choosing. These crops could then be either consumed by the residents that raised them, distributed to local neighbors, donated to local food banks or taken to a local distribution hub for sale to the public.

Staff recommends the formulation of a 10 member task force to oversee the creation of the Town's Urban Farming Initiative. This task force would be responsible for creating a comprehensive plan for sustainable community farming at Town properties.

The Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments will serve as the support staff for this task force.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: At its March 3, 2010 meeting, the Town Council directed staff to move forward with the Urban Farming Initiative.

CONCURRENCES: At its February 22, 2010 meeting, OSAC recommended unanimously to form an ad committee to oversee the beginning of the Batten's Farm Urban Farming Initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT: No

Has request been budgeted? No

If no, amount needed:

What account name and number will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution
