

# Florida Communities Trust Parks and Open Space Ranking and Selection Meeting Agenda

**Date:** February 13, 2024

**Time:** Immediately following the Quarterly Meeting

**Location:** Department of Environmental Protection  
Douglas Building, Conference Room Number 137  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399

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**ITEM 1: Opening**

- a. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
- b. Call to Order

**ITEM 2: Meeting Parameters**

**ITEM 3: Application and Evaluation Report Review, Application Scoring Consideration, Ranking and Selection of Projects for Funding, and Contingent Funding**

**ITEM 4: Public Comments**

Adjourn

**ITEM 1: Opening**

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The Chair of the FCT Governing Board will begin the meeting with a Call to Order. Members of the Board will participate in a roll call. FCT Staff and other Division of State Lands personnel will be acknowledged for their presence in attendance and participation in the day's meeting.

FCT Board Members:

Deborah Denys (Former elected official of a county government)

Frank Mingo (Former elected official of a metropolitan municipal government)

Noah Valenstein (Representative of a nonprofit organization)

Mara Gambineri (Chair, FCT Governing Board)

## ITEM 2: Meeting Parameters

### Guiding Principles for The Meeting

**Meeting Parameters** –To ensure that the Ranking and Selection meeting is conducted in a manner that is fair to all applicants, the following parameters have been set for all presentations:

**Review of FF24 Applications** – Applications will be reviewed in project number order for eligible projects, then by withdrawn projects. Review is subject to changes in sequence at the discretion of the Governing Board.

**Trust Staff Presentations** – Staff will introduce the project name, project number and applicant agency. We will present recommended scores for each project application and mention whether or not the applicant submitted objections to the preliminary project score.

**Applicant Objections to Point Score** – Applicants who have raised objections have the option of presenting those objections to the Board at this meeting. Each applicant has up to five (5) minutes to address any unresolved issues or objections to Staff recommended scores. (Trust Staff will notify the presenter and the Chair with time warnings). It is important to note that not all applicants who raised objections intend to present those to the Board. Applicants may disagree with our decision on their objection; however they may elect not pursue Board action.

**Governing Board discussion** – The Board may ask additional questions of applicants and Staff.

**Scoring Consideration** – The Board will vote to either uphold Staff recommendations or to accept applicant objection information for the awarding of additional points.

**Applicant Project Excellence Presentation** – Each applicant is limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to present their project to the Board. (Trust Staff will give presenter and Chair time warnings). Applicant comments should only address requests for the awarding of additional Project Excellence points.

**Governing Board Discussion** – The Board may ask additional questions of applicants and Trust Staff.

**Scoring Consideration** – The Board will make the final applicant score determination, including the awarding of project excellence points, if any. The Board will clearly state the basis for the awarding of project excellence points.

**Calculation of Scores** – Applicant scores will be calculated, and the preliminary ranking will be created in descending point order. In the event of a tie score, Rule 62-

818.008(2)(d) establishes a four-step tie breaking procedure. FCT will apply each of these steps, in order, until the tie is broken.

- Score received in the Community Planning Section.
- Score received in the Outdoor Recreation Section.
- Score received in the General Standards Section.
- The order in which the applications were received.

**Selection for Funding** – The Board will make a preliminary determination of which applications will be funded for the FF24 Grant Cycle.

**Public Comment** – the Board will receive public comment and adjourn as all business has been concluded.

**Post-Meeting Trust Staff Site Visits and Other Investigations** – Following the meeting Trust Staff will conduct site visits or other investigations to verify conditions for each project. Point totals (and the order of the priority list) may be adjusted as a result. Based on the results of the site visits or other investigations, Trust Staff will create a final priority list for Board approval.

**Final Ranking List** – The final ranking list will be approved by the Board at the May 15, 2024, meeting and then published in the Florida Administrative Register.

**ITEM 3: Application and Evaluation Report Review, Application Scoring Consideration, Ranking and Selection of Projects for Funding, and Contingent Funding**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>
23-003-FF24	Shaker Village Community Park and Center	City of Tamarac
23-004-FF24	Ravenswood Park Land Acquisition	City of St. Augustine
23-005-FF24	Lagoon Conservation Property	Town of Ocean Ridge
23-006-FF24	St. Sebastian River Property	Indian River Land Trust, Inc.
23-007-FF24	The Highlands Property	Polk County
23-008-FF24	Athletic Complex Expansion	Village of Palm Springs
23-009-FF24	Town of Cutler Bay-Old Cutler Road Land Acquisition Project	Town of Cutler Bay
23-010-FF24	Crooked River Preserve	Manatee County
23-011-FF24	San Sebastian Boat Ramp & Waterfront Park	St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
23-012-FF24	Fryman Preserve	City of Sebring
23-013-FF24	Nelson's Cove Hydrologic Restoration and Green Space Project	Florida's Nature Coast Conservancy, Inc. and the City of Cedar Key
23-015-FF24	Reddie Point Preserve, Phase II	City of Jacksonville
23-016-FF24	Fort Myers Beach Oceanfront Acquisition Project - Enriching Community Access to Coastal Recreation and Environmental Resources	Town of Fort Myers Beach
23-017-FF24	Surfside Byron Park	Town of Surfside

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve preliminary ranking list.

**FCT Governing Board ACTION: Motion and Vote**

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

- APPROVE**
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**
- DEFER**
- WITHDRAW**
- NOT APPROVE**
- OTHER:**

#### **ITEM 4: Public Comments**

The Governing Board will hear closing comments from the general public.

**Adjourn**