

CONA asks county commissioners to appoint Sunshine open space citizens advisory committee

In a January 7, 2009 email to county commissioners, CONA President Ann Kaplan requested that the BCC appoint an advisory board representing diverse citizen interests.

"It is very important to the future of our OPEN SPACES/ENVIRONMENT that the recommendations you receive from a citizen committee be from those who do *NOT* have any *financial/business conflicts of interest* and that this advisory board operate under the provisions of the Sunshine Law, as your other advisory boards do.

"Ms. Schiller's and Reynolds' request to change the make up of the previously STAFF APPOINTED "Open Space Working Group" to a BCC APPOINTED advisory board with members that have *no conflicts of interest on this subject* needs to be taken seriously. From what I have read, if these changes are to be made, it would be up to one of the commissioners to bring up for discussion at the January 13th BCC meeting.

"CONA sees no reason why any of you would NOT want to appoint an advisory board to work in the sunshine made up of volunteers that have the BEST INTERESTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT as their top goal. Therefore, we hope to see ALL of you bring up this recommendation for serious discussion on January 13."