

# SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Eugene Gregory Memorial Park Land Acquisition

**DEPARTMENT:** Library & Leisure Services **DIVISION:** Parks & Recreation

**AUTHORIZED BY:** [Signature] **CONTACT:** J. Suzy Goldman **EXT.** 1605

<b>Agenda Date</b> <u>7/26/05</u> <b>Regular</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Session</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Briefing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 1:30</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 7:00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is requesting Board direction.

**BACKGROUND:**

On February 8, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners was presented with an offer of property for the Eugene Gregory Memorial Park. The offer included a property donation of approximately twenty (20) acres, contingent upon the purchase of an adjacent forty-four (44) acre parcel from the same owners. The adjacent parcel was offered to the County as a Natural Lands purchase at the 2003 tax assessed value of \$187,608. Therefore, sixty-four (64) acres would have been acquired for a total of \$187,608 or \$2,931 per acre.

At the meeting, the Board directed staff to pursue the purchase of only the 20 acres site that was originally designated to be donated. After numerous months of working with the property owners and an attorney, it was conveyed that the property owners are amenable to selling the original 20 acres beginning negotiations using the appraised property value as a starting point with the County funding the cost of the appraisal. Therefore, based on the information provided by the County Attorney's Office, a preliminary value for the 20 acre site is estimated at approximately \$359,000 or \$17,944 per acre.

As the purchase price will be significantly higher than previously presented BCC direction is requested.

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