

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
April 23, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members:

Tom Boyko	Michelle Thatcher
Lisa Giltner	Paula Davoli
Deborah Schafer	Ben Tucker
Tim Donihi	Judy Putz
Michael Martin	Mike Williams

Staff:

Bryan Nipe, Streetscapes & Trails Manager  
Jim DUBY, Natural Lands Manager  
Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager  
Amy Raub, Natural Lands Volunteer Coordinator  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Chris Stapleton  
Susan Tucker  
Robert King  
Joanne Logue

**LOCATION:**

Ed Yarborough Nature Center  
Geneva Wilderness Area  
3501 County Road 426  
Geneva, FL 32732

**TIME:**

Ben Tucker, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There is a quorum in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes to the March meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Parks & Recreation Division**
  - None

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- **Natural Lands Division**
  - Amy Raub presented the **three conceptual developmental designs** for the **Lake Harney/Crocket Property**. Discussion followed. Michelle Thatcher made a motion to recommend Concept C without using current Natural Lands bond funds but to phase in using other funds as they become available. Judy Putz seconded the motion. There were eight ayes and two nays, the **motion passed**.
  - Jim Duby informed that the St. Johns River Water Management District has expressed an interest in a possible partnership concerning the **Logue property**. Mr. Duby further informed that Joe Abel wants to know if this committee wants to make a recommendation or visit the site. Paula Davoli made a motion for Joe Abel to bring more information to the committee. Mike Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Duby requested to know what information is wanted by the committee. Much discussion followed. Ms. Davoli withdrew her motion. Mr. Williams withdrew his second of the motion. Lisa Giltner made a motion for Joe Abel to bring further information regarding St. Johns River Water Management District participation. Tim Donihi seconded the motion. There was more discussion. The vote on the motion produced four ayes and six nays. The motion failed. Deborah Schafer made a motion to move forward to the Board of County Commissioners to look at partnerships with the St. Johns River Water Management District and others for possible acquisition. Michelle Thatcher seconded the motion. There was further discussion. A vote on the motion produced six ayes and four nays. **The motion passed.**

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There was a break from 8:15 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

- **Streetscapes & Trails Division**
  - Bryan gave a very brief overview of the division.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Parks & Recreation**
  - Julia Thompson gave a Powerpoint presentation of the Parks & Recreation Division. Discussion followed that included sponsorship opportunities.
- **Natural Lands**
  - None
- **Streetscapes & Trails**
  - Bryan Nipe advised that improvements are being made countywide. He will also be making a presentation to the committee at the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Mr. Tucker informed that the Natural Lands Division made a presentation to the BCC for a summer camp program. Mr. Tucker asked Mr. Nipe if the Leisure Services Department could create a structure to enable the committee to sponsor and raise funds to support the Natural Lands summer camp programs. Mr. Nipe

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advised that the department is currently working on a program. Ms. Giltner informed that the Animal Services Division has a program in place that might be referred to in development of the Leisure Services program. Paula Davoli made a motion to proceed with structuring a **sponsorship program** to present to the committee. Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

- Mr. Tucker informed that he had received a call regarding **Heath Springs** but did not receive the requested additional information. Ms. Schafer was able to provide additional information. Discussion followed.
- Several committee members expressed a need for clarification of the advisory committee members job. Paula Davoli made a motion for Joe Abel to prepare a **mission statement for the Leisure Services Advisory Committee**. The motion was seconded by Tim Donihi. Discussion followed. The **motion passed** unanimously.
- Mike Williams made a motion to hold the committee meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Discussion followed. Mike Martin suggested amending the motion to allow to make a motion to extend a meeting if it is felt it is necessary. Discussion followed. Mike Williams withdrew his motion. Paula Davoli withdrew her second of the motion. Mike Williams made a motion to **hold the meetings to two hours**. Paula Davoli seconded the motion. Mr. Tucker clarified that the two hours would include public input at three minutes per person, ten minutes per issue, a maximum of thirty minutes from the public at the start of the meetings and that the meetings could be extended with a majority vote. The **motion passed** unanimously.
- **Robert King** addressed the committee. He is a member of the Friends of Lake Jesup. The Friends of Lake Jesup have worked with the St. Johns River Water Management District to identify land to purchase and that the Logue property is on that list. Mr. King further informed that the St. Johns River Water Management District is interested in partnering in land acquisitions but that they want the County to present their interest in doing so. Mr. King offered to bring a representative from the St. Johns River Water Management District to a meeting whenever the committee would like.
- **Chris Stapleton** addressed the committee. He recommended that when the Lake Harney property is presented to the BCC that the historical significance also be presented.

Mr. Tucker adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.