

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 25, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Bob Adolphe, Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Tim Donihi, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Deborah Schaefer, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

**Members Absent:** Mark Brandenburg, Jeff Ebbers and Ben Tucker.

**Guests:** Col. (Ret.) O.L. Ramsey, Purple Heart Trail Project  
Matt Fortini, City of Casselberry  
Luis Cruz, City of Casselberry  
Marc Hultin, City of Sanford

**Staff:** Bryan Nipe, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager  
Joseph R. Abel, CPRP, Leisure Services Director  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

**LOCATION:**

Softball Complex  
264 W. North Street  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**TIME:**

In the absence of Chairman Ben Tucker and Vice Chairman Mike Martin, Tim Donihi called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Election of Officers:** Mr. Donihi announced the nominees for officers: Bob Adolphe for either position, Bob Goff for either position, Mark Brandenburg for Chairman and Mike Martin for Vice Chairman. Mr. Donihi read a bio from Mr. Brandenburg and requested the nominees who were present to introduce themselves and provide some background information. Paper ballots were distributed for members to indicate choice of Chairman with a #1 and Vice Chairman with a #2. Ballots were forwarded to Mr. Abel for processing.

Mr. Donihi asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the **February minutes**. Deborah Schafer made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Parks & Recreation Division**

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- Joe Abel was requested to give an update on **Jetta Point Park**. Discussion followed.

Mike Martin arrived at 6:50 p.m. and Mr. Donihi turned the meeting over to him.

- **Greenways & Natural Lands Division**
  - Mr. Goff requested a status of the **Purple Heart Trail**. Col. Butch Ramsey presented some sign ideas and requested a change of trail to the Cross Seminole Trail which will link up to Orange County's Cady Way Trail. Discussion followed. Deborah Schafer made a **motion** to have Purple Heart Trail signage at the beginning and end of the trailheads on the Cross Seminole Trail. Tim Donihi seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Abel for the results of the ballot count. The results are that Bob Goff is the Chairman and Bob Adolphe is the Vice Chairman. Mr. Martin turned the meeting over to Mr. Goff.

- **Administration**
  - None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Parks & Recreation Division**
  - Julia Thompson's Participation Data Report is postponed until May.
  - Mr. Boyko wanted to know if any of the parks is self sufficient. Mr. Abel advised that none are. Discussion followed.
  - Mr. Williams voiced concern about **lights on at Greenwood Lakes Park** when facility is not being used. Mr. Abel informed that the issue is being addressed and will be checking the timer more frequently and/or turning them off at 9:00 p.m.
  - Mr. Donihi announced that Bike To Work Day is March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Greenways & Natural Lands Division**
  - Mr. Donihi wanted to know why the **trails** cannot be open 24 hours. Mr. Nipe informed that the trails are officially open dawn to dusk and that the lack of lighting is a safety issue.
  - Mr. Nipe introduced City employees applying for the **Boater Improvement grants**: Luis Cruz and Matt Fortini from the City of Casselberry and Marc Hultin from the City of Sanford. The representatives gave their presentations. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Goff passed around pictures of the Casselberry boat ramp that was closed. Discussion followed. Mr. Nipe clarified that there is \$42,500 of grant funds to be distributed this year. Tim Donihi **made a motion** to give the City of Sanford 75% of the grant funds and the City of Casselberry 25% and Casselberry funds are contingent upon not having a chain across the access to the boat ramp. Deborah Schafer said she

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would second the motion if Mr. Donihi agreed to **modify** the motion to Casselberry's funds being contingent upon better access for kayaks. Mr. Donihi **accepted** the modification. Discussion followed. Robert Bowden informed that he is not voting to approve funds for Casselberry if they are not going to install native grass in the project and be more environmentally sensitive. Barbara Whittier proposed an **amendment to the motion** stipulating that funds will be provided to Casselberry if they design a more esthetically environmentally appropriate vegetation using native species, remove the bahia grass, use native grasses. Mr. Bowden seconded Ms. Whittier's amendment to the motion. Bob Adolphe proposed an **amendment to the motion** to modify the grant amounts to provide the City of Sanford \$27,500 and the City of Casselberry \$15,000. Trish Walden seconded Mr. Adolphe's amendment to the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Goff asked for a vote on Mr. Adolphe's amendment to the motion. It passed unanimously. Mr. Goff asked for a vote on Ms. Whittier's amendment to the motion. Mr. Donihi and Ms. Walden voted nay and the remaining members voted aye. Ms. Whittier's amendment passed. Mr. Goff asked for a vote on the motion as amended. The **motion passed** unanimously.

- **Administration**

- Mr. Abel wanted to discuss the Absence Policy and Future Meetings items on the agenda but due to the time Mr. Goff wanted to postpone to the next meeting. Mr. Abel requested they be the first topics for discussion at the next meeting since they have been postponed several times. This was agreed.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

It was determined that the **next meeting** will be at Seminole County Softball Complex on April 22, 2009, 6:30 p.m. Bob Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.