

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 22, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Bob Adolphe, Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Earl McMullen, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

Members Absent: Tim Donihi, Mike Martin, Deborah Schaefer and Ben Tucker.

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:

Chairman Bob Goff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goff asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **March minutes**. Trish Walden made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS Brought Forward From Previous Meeting:

- **Administration**
 - Joe Abel informed that a discussion regarding the **purpose of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee** had been requested by Deborah Schafer. Bob Goff asked the members if they had read the resolution creating the Committee and he reviewed some of the resolution. Mr. Goff determined that Ms. Schafer could bring it up again if she felt is necessary.
 - Mr. Abel addressed the difficulty of getting a quorum together last Fall and asked if the Committee wanted an **attendance policy** dictating a policy if there are absences. Discussion followed. Robert Bowden made a **motion** to recommend the Administrative Code be changed to reflect that after three (3) unexcused absences (excused absences are due to work obligations or illness) between January and December the member will automatically be removed from the Committee. Tom Boyko seconded

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the motion. Trish Walden and Bob Goff voted nay and the rest voted aye. The **motion passed**.

- The Commission members agreed to meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month to be held at the Softball Complex starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Joe Abel asked if the Committee members would prefer **electronic meeting notices**, minutes, etc. Discussion followed. The committee agreed to have agenda items submitted to the Leisure Services office not later than close of business on the third Wednesday each month. The meeting notices with the agenda and minutes to the previous meeting will be distributed electronically on the third Thursday each month with the meetings being held on the fourth Wednesday each month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Parks & Recreation Division**
 - At Mr. Boyko's request Mr. Abel gave an update on the Scholarship program. Discussion followed.
- **Greenways & Natural Lands Division**
 - None.
- **Administration**
 - None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parks & Recreation Division**
 - Mr. Boyko asked Mr. Abel how the proceeds from revenue brought in by the fitness and the performing arts programs at Sylvan Lake Park are distributed. Mr. Abel explained it is split 80/20 and the County's 20% goes into the general fund.
 - Mr. Boyko wanted to know how the vote went regarding the house at Wilson's Landing Park. Mr. Abel informed the vote was four to one to remove the house and replace it with a pavilion.
- **Greenways & Natural Lands Division**
 - Bob Goff gave an overview of the **Natural Lands Subcommittee** meetings. He requested Mr. Brandenburg give his presentation of the properties under review. Mr. Brandenburg used an overhead projector to show a map of the County identifying properties of interest within the County. Discussion followed. Mr. Goff clarified that the subcommittee has come to an agreement on a rating system for determining eligibility of properties. He also informed that the subcommittee discussed the next step would be to ask the BCC to send letters to the owners of properties that might be of interest as natural lands to see if the owners might have any interest in selling/donating property. The letter would need the Committee approval, is currently a work in progress, would be very diplomatic and not invasive. It would have the intent of narrowing the list down. Joe Abel clarified that we need to reach out to the property owners and let them know that their property is a property of interest but we don't know how much interest until we can do a review and we need

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permission to look at that. Mr. Goff requested that by the next subcommittee meeting the eight year old rankings will disappear. New rankings need to be created to present to the BCC with their recommendations.

- **Administration**
 - None.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Mr. Goff handed out signup sheets for members to select from four **subcommittees** he would like to develop: 1) Natural Lands; 2) Trails, Blueways & Bike Paths; 3) Parks & Recreation; and 4) Administration. He further clarified these are just suggestions. Members can sign up to be on one or more subcommittees. Bryan Nipe requested the inclusion of Roadway Median Landscape in the Trails, Blueways & Bike Paths group. Mr. Goff requested members give the signup sheets to Kathi Clifford prior to the next meeting.

Bob Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.