

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 24, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Wes Borgman, Mark Brandenburg, Tim Donihi, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Earl McMullen, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

Members Absent: Bob Adolphe, Jeff Ebbers, Don Nicholas and Ben Tucker.

Staff: Joseph R. Abel, CPRP, Leisure Services Director
Bryan Nipe, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager
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 last month's **minutes**. Trish Walden made a **motion** to approve the **January** minutes as presented, Tim Donihi seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

County Commission Summary Report

- Tom Boyko informed that there was nothing on the February 9th agenda. There was one item on the February 23rd agenda, a consent item, for the Red Bug Bridge Enhancement. The BCC is looking for \$5 million stimulus money and will know by August how much funding will be received from FDOT. Discussion regarding funding followed. Mr. Goff asked Mr. Abel to make sure funding sources for the trails is very clear.

Department Briefing/Update/Presentations

- Mr. Goff asked Mr. Abel to give the status of bringing in the three new divisions. Mr. Abel informed that the new divisions already have established advisory committees. Mr. Abel's recommendation is leave them separate for now. Discussion followed.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
 - Mark Brandenburg reported that the subcommittee met this morning with Kimberly Wright from the St. Johns River Water Management at their

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Lake Jesup Conservation Area. Mr. Brandenburg informed what Ms. Wright informed them on how SJRWMD maintains their lands.

- Mr. Brandenburg informed that a potential **land swap** had come to them this week. He presented the proposed swap of 18 acres of Chuluota Wilderness Area for 18 acres of **Tulp family property**. Discussion followed. As Chairman of the Natural Lands Subcommittee Mark Brandenburg made a **motion** that the Leisure Services Advisory Committee recommend to the BCC that the gracious request by the Tulp family be denied. Trish Walden seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The **motion passed** unanimously.

- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**

- Mike Williams informed that the next meeting will be with the City of Longwood and that will be the last of the meetings with the cities. Mr. Williams then turned to Mr. Nipe to provide the update on the meeting with the City of Lake Mary. Mr. Nipe reported that the **City of Lake Mary** is focused on their downtown. Lake Mary staff said they would look at some of the things brought up during the meeting. Discussion followed.

- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**

Mr. Goff requested Ms. Thompson give the report for the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee.

- Ms. Thompson informed that they are continuing to build relationships with the **Seminole County schools**.
- Mr. Nipe advised that he is meeting with Community Services tomorrow about applying next month for a grant for the **Winwood Park project**. If approved it would not fund until October.
- Mr. Goff spoke about the possibility of a referendum. The Parks Subcommittee is having discussions about what a referendum would entail. The discussions are at the very basic beginning groundwork level in preparation for a better time down the road. They are putting a **master plan** together **identifying the community needs** to maintain the quality of life, what want to accomplish and potential funding sources and amounts. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tim Donihi informed that the chairman of the **local legislative delegation** is Chris Dorworth. He would be the person to meet with first when the time comes for legislative help.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Goff expressed his wish to bring people who are running for election or reelection to talk to the group. He asked if anyone opposes this. There was no opposition. Mr. Goff requested the three subcommittee chairmen get together to work on who, when, how long, etc. Discussion followed. There was a consensus to allow the three subcommittee chairmen to meet and **develop a program** that they will have for the Committee at the March 24, 2010 meeting.

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OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Dr. Borgman asked about the Markham Woods Paulucci property. Mr. Brandenburg informed that will be on the agenda for the next Natural Lands Subcommittee meeting.
- Mr. Martin asked if the Committee will be advised about proposed trails going to different Sunrail stations. Mr. Nipe said the Sunrail website was down when he tried to get on it the other day but they have a very good website at Sunrail.com that has a .pdf of each rail station.
- Mr. Goff asked if there are any other topics. There are none.

Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.