

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 26, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Bob Adolphe, Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Wes Borgman, Mark Brandenburg, Tim Donihi, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Don Nicholas, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

Members Absent: Ben Tucker.

Staff: Joe Abel, Leisure Services Director
Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager
Bryan Nipe, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Dr. Bill Vogel, Seminole County Public Schools Superintendent
Doug Hamilton, Citizen
Gloria Foresta, Citizen, plus two more citizens

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 **April minutes**. Robert Bowden made a **motion** to approve the April minutes as presented, Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

Mr. Goff announced a change in the order of the agenda and introduced **Dr. Vogel, Superintendent of Seminole County Public Schools**, who will talk to the Committee about 1) the changing philosophy of the Seminole County Public Schools and Parks and Recreation and partnership possibilities of the future and 2) the School Board Referendum.

Dr. Vogel informed the Committee that **Seminole County Public Schools** have a great relationship with the City of Altamonte Springs. Idelwilde Elementary and Milwee Middle Schools are interested in developing **relationships** with Seminole County Parks & Recreation. The building use process starts with the principal. Ms. Thompson updated the Committee with the progress with Idelwilde Elementary and Milwee Middle Schools. Discussion followed.

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Dr. Vogel explained about the **School Board budget deficits** and determining how to compensate and when to put something on the ballot. Discussion followed. Dr. Vogel left at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Goff informed that the County Manager has requested Joe Abel address the group. Mr. Abel explained that when the Commissioners found out that the Committee was putting together some conversations with the candidates they had some concerns that the activity is outside the scope of Committee's responsibility and are requesting that the Committee reconsider. Mr. Abel distributed a copy of the Interim County Manager's email and the **Administrative Code** where it addresses the **responsibilities of the Committee**. Mr. Goff informed that he has received three acceptances to come and speak to the Committee. Much discussion followed. Tim Donihi made a motion to move forward with having the candidates come in and speak to the Committee. Mr. Goff requested a second. There was no second. Mr. Goff declared the motion failed. Trish Walden made a **motion to not move forward** with inviting candidates to speak at future Advisory Committee meetings. Robert Bowden seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The vote was 9 in favor of the motion and 4 opposed to the motion. The **motion passed**.

County Commission Summary Report

- Tom Boyko informed that at the May 11th BCC meeting the Commissioners:
 - approved and authorized the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing a Budget Amendment Request through the Natural Lands/Trails Fund in the amount of \$325,000 to provide funding for the design and construction of a trail and sidewalk along the Seminole Wekiva Trail.
 - agreements previously brought before the BCC and now reflecting requested modifications were approved.
 - July will be proclaimed Recreation & Park Month at the June 22nd BCC meeting.

Department Briefing/Update/Presentations

- None.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Brandenburg informed that the Committee has visited all but three of the **Wilderness Areas** and come up with a list prioritizing **improvements** that could be accomplished with the remaining bond funds. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion** to move forward with staff working towards getting BCC approval of an eight mile loop trail throughout Black Bear Wilderness Area, a pavilion for the many activities at Geneva Wilderness Area and a boardwalk, small observation area and fishing pier at Lake Harney Wilderness Area. Tim Donihi seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion **passed** unanimously.

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- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
 - Mike Williams requested Mr. Nipe give the update since he was not able to make the last meeting. Mr. Nipe informed that the meeting was held at the Geneva Heritage Center and that the Geneva Rural Heritage Council is interested in opportunities with Seminole County and Geneva becoming a Trails Gateway Community. Staff will be arranging to meet with Geneva soon.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Goff informed that they received a report on the status of their recommendation of improvements to **Winwood Park**. The monies are in place to make the recommended improvements. And Dr. Vogel has already spoken on the schools working with the County.
- **Chairmen's Subcommittee**
 - No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Nipe explained the methodology that was developed for scoring the **Boater Improvement** applications from the cities of Altamonte Springs, Casselberry and Sanford. He then reviewed how that methodology was applied to each cities' application and the resulting scores. Mr. Nipe advised that as a result the staff recommends that the City of Altamonte Springs receive \$10,000, the City of Casselberry receive \$6,595 and the City of Sanford receive the balance of \$18,405. Discussion followed. Robert Bowden made a **motion** to support the staff's recommendation. Tim Donihi seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- Mr. Goff requested Mr. Abel make his presentation regarding **Jetta Point Park**. Mr. Abel informed that this project been discussed over the last couple years. Three permits have been received from the St. Johns River Water Management District; Bald Eagle, Gopher Tortoise and wetlands. The County is now working with the City of Winter Springs for permits. Staff is working toward breaking ground the first of the year. Funding for development of the park is coming from Tourism Development generated tax. The project still needs to go out to bid. Discussion followed. Gloria Foresta represented the group of four citizens and made comments regarding Jetta Point Park project. There was further discussion by Committee members and staff. There were no other questions.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- There are none.

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Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.