

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE/NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING October 27, 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Mark Brandenburg
Tom Boyko
Trish Walden
Barbara Whittier

Staff:

Jim Duby
Sherry Williams
Bryan Nipe

Guests:

LOCATION:

Softball Complex

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bruce Parcel

The group discussed the Bruce parcel site visit, ranking and criteria and made the following recommendation.

The ±20-acre Bruce property was assessed by the Natural Lands Subcommittee on Wednesday, September 22, 2010. Jim Duby, Sherry Williams, and Bryan Nipe with the Leisure Services Department also attended. The site consists of 3 platted parcels with residential zoning. The site is bordered to the north by Lake Jesup, to the east and west by private residences, and to the south by Black Hammock Rd. The site is approximately 60% upland and 40% forested wetland. The upland portion of the property is currently an active orange grove. The forested wetland community onsite is contiguous with Lake Jesup and consists of bald cypress, sweet gum, pop ash, and other wetland hardwood species. The landowner is currently asking approximately \$800,000 for the 35-acre parcel.

Based on the site review and the Site Evaluation Criteria & Ranking Procedures score, the Natural Lands subcommittee does not recommend the site for purchase at this time. The site is currently zoned A-3. It does not contain rare communities or species. 60% of the property is an active orange grove, which is not undeveloped, desirable land.

Wilderness Area Improvements

Bryan Nipe provided an update on the site enhancement projects stating that staff is still in the process of gathering information. Bryan stated the next step was for him and Joe Abel to discuss this with the County

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Manager prior to talks with the commissioners. This may be presented to the BCC in January.

Bryan also announced that there was discussion regarding a workshop with the LSAC and the BCC and that it would be discussed further at tonight's full LSAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natural Lands Sub-Committee 1-5 Year Goals

Mark Brandenburg initiated the discussion on the group's 1, 3 and 5 year goals. He presented information compiled by staff which included goals from the Department's Business Accountability Plan and other possible suggestions from staff. The group developed the on the following draft goals:

2010-11

- Establish Friends of Seminole County Natural Lands (or focus group if Friends of Seminole County Leisure Services is established)
- Participate in service projects and/or volunteer event within the Department/Division
- Environmental Advocacy – each subcommittee member to promote Leisure Services and Natural Lands with at least 2 groups
- User Survey – develop user survey for natural lands

2011 – 2012

- County-wide analysis of greenway/connectivity for future land acquisition
- Environmental Advocacy – each subcommittee member to organize and help setup natural lands displays (posters, pamphlets, etc.) at libraries, active recreation parks, trail heads, etc.

2013-15

- Implement Citizen Initiated Dedicated Funding Source

Natural Lands Applications

Jim Duby presented information on the most recent Natural Lands application for the Charles Bailes property along the little Econlockhatchee River. The group discussed and agreed to conduct a site visit at their next meeting which was set for Dec. 1, 2010 due to scheduling conflicts.

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 9:30 a.m.