

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
February 23, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Bob Adolphe, Wes Borgman, Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Bryan Kirby, Mike Martin, Don Nicholas, Bob Steenson, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

**Members Absent:** Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff and Ben Tucker.

**Guests:** Valerie Seidel and Chris Debidisco with Balmoral Group

**Staff:** Joe Abel, 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 Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There **is a quorum** in attendance.

**Opening Ceremonies:** The Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Guest Presentation**

- Valerie Siedel gave a presentation about the Economic Value of Parks and Open Spaces. Discussion followed.

**County Commission Summary Report**

- Mr. Boyko informed that:
  - There was an approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture/Consumer Services Division/Division of Forestry.
- Mr. Abel informed that:
  - A budget work session was held Tuesday afternoon. Discussion followed.

**Department Briefing/Update/Presentations**

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- Mr. Abel had no additional information.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Brandenburg advised that the Committee met this morning. They evaluated the Villeneuve parcel. Trish Walden made a motion that the Committee to recommend that staff approach the BCC about purchasing the Villeneuve parcel next to the Lake Harney Wilderness Area. Mike Williams seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.
  - The Subcommittee also further reviewed their goals.
  - Another parcel will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Williams reported that they met with Public Works. Public Works staff proposal for the third generation sales tax has \$10 million budgeted for improvements to the trails that are not yet BCC approved.
  - It was suggested that rather than the Subcommittee take on adopting a trail perhaps the entire Committee could adopt a trail. The question was asked, "What does it mean to adopt a trail?" The Subcommittee will investigate further and report back.
  - Mr. Williams informed the Committee that the Trails Subcommittee is changing their meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be 8:00 a.m. on March 9<sup>th</sup>, at the City of Casselberry's Secret Lake Park and they will be touring Lake Triplet. All are welcome.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Boyko reported that there will be a partnership with Milwee Middle School this summer. It is a pilot program. They are still pursuing a partnership with Idlewild Elementary.
  - The improvements to Winwood Park are 75% complete and 100% completion is expected by the end of March.
  - Goals were further reviewed.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
  - Ms. Whittier reported that they had requested Mr. Abel provide examples of other 501c3 foundations. He has provided information regarding about eight other foundations in Florida and throughout the country for them to review. They will be meeting every two weeks in the beginning.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Committee Name Change**
  - Mr. Brandenburg requested the members consider a change of the Committee name to more accurately reflect what the Committee represents. The name 'Parks and Preservation Advisory Committee' was suggested. Other possible names were requested. Discussion followed. Mr. Martin made a **motion** to have staff recommend to the BCC to

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change the name of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee to the Parks and Preservation Advisory Committee. Ms. Walden seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion **passed** unanimously.

- Homework Assignments
  - Mr. Brandenburg requested each member make monthly visits to a park, trail or wilderness area and bring comments back to the meetings.
- Ms. Thompson, as Vice President for Advocacy for Florida Recreation and Parks Association, distributed a handout, '2011 Legislation Priorities' for members to review. Discussion followed.
- Ms. Walden informed **Leisure Services** will make a **presentation** at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Economic Development 10:00 a.m. meeting in the Heathrow Chamber Offices second floor room.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Meeting with Commissioners to Review LSAC Goals
  - Nothing further at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- None.

Mr. Brandenburg adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.