

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Tom Boyko, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Bryan Kirby, Mike Martin, Don Nicholas, Bob Steenson, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

Members Absent: Bob Adolphe, Mark Brandenburg, Wes Borgman and Ben Tucker.

Staff Present: Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

LOCATION: Softball Complex
264 W. North Street
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

TIME: In the absence of Chairman Mark Brandenburg, Vice Chairman Mike Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There **is a quorum** in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies: The Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Williams noted corrections in the Trails Subcommittee report on the February minutes and asked if there are any other corrections, additions or deletions to the **February minutes**. Tom Boyko made a **motion** to approve the February minutes as corrected, Bob Steenson seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

County Commission Summary Report

- Mr. Boyko informed that:
 - There is nothing to report from the March 8th meeting.
 - At the March 22nd meeting the Board approved a landscaping contract renewal.
 - Also at the March 22, 2011 BCC meeting the Board approved the Fiscal Services request to submit an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting a \$200,000 grant through their Recreation Trails Program and authorized the Acting County Manager to execute other documents as required.
 - Ms. Whittier requested staff provide plans for the pedestrian bridge to be constructed over Red Bug Lake Road. Discussion followed.

Department Briefing/Update/Presentations

- Mr. Abel was not present and staff had no additional information.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**

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- There was no March meeting to report on.
- A request was made to visit the observation tower on Lake Jesup.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Williams reported that they had a great outing on March 9th at the City of Casselberry's Secret Lake Park touring Lake Triplet. The Subcommittee desires to bring the blueways to the same status as the trails. Discussion followed.
 - The next meeting will be April 13th at the Softball Complex and May's meeting will be the semi-annual Trail Summit on May 11th.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Goff reported that there will be five weeks of sports camp this summer as a result of the partnership with Milwee Middle School.
 - The Subcommittee is continuing discussions to determine agendas for proposed meetings with the Cities' Parks and Recreation departments. Discussion followed.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
 - Ms. Whittier reported that they have completed the Articles of Incorporation, the first draft of the By-Laws and will be looking at a concept package at the next meeting. They expect to make a presentation to the entire Committee at the April meeting. Discussion followed.
 - Mr. Goff mentioned the need to start planning a fund raising event and set up an advertising campaign.

NEW BUSINESS:

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Committee Name Change – nothing new to report
- Committee 1-Year Goals were reviewed. Much discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Ms. Thompson announced that Winwood Park will be having a reopening dedication by the Boys and Girls Club on April 16th.
- **Homework:**
 - Ms. Walden biked the Cross Seminole Trail. It was clean and the users were courteous.
 - Mr. Steenson also visited the Cross Seminole Trail. He commended the Winter Springs police for patrolling the Black Hammock Trailhead in their four-wheelers. He also visited Soldiers Creek Park which is much improved since he was there last. Spring Hammock Preserve signage was discussed.
 - Mr. Kirby visited Spring Hammock Preserve, Lake Jesup and Lake Harney Wilderness Areas. He found loose boards on the boardwalk at Lake Jesup W.A.

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- Ms. Whittier visited Lake Proctor Wilderness Area.
- Mr. Williams uses the Cross Seminole Trail daily.
- Mr. Nicholas follows the trails and they are all well used all week long.
- Mr. Boyko visited Red Bug Lake Park and gave a detailed report.
- Mr. Ebbers rode a couple trails and found them to be in good shape and the users are friendly.
- Mr. Martin visited Big Tree Park. The trail there is in good condition.
- Mr. Goff used the greenways and explored Lake Jesup W.A.

Mr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.