

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
April 27, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Bob Goff, Bryan Kirby, Mike Martin, Don Nicholas, Trish Walden and Barbara Whittier.

**Members Absent:** Bob Adolphe, Jeff Ebbers, Wes Borgman, Bob Steenson, Ben Tucker and Mike Williams.

**Staff Present:** Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager  
Bryan Nipe, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

**Guest:** Karen Palus, City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Director

**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 **March minutes**. Tom Boyko made a **motion** to approve the March minutes as presented, Trish Walden seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

**County Commission Summary Report**

- Mr. Boyko informed that there is nothing to report from either of the April meetings.
- Mr. Nipe reported the Fiscal Services moved money to cover expenses for the Winwood Park improvements.

**Guest Presentation**

- Mr. Brandenburg requested Ms. Thompson introduce the guest speaker. Karen Palus was introduced and she gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the non-profit organizations that assist The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation. Much discussion followed.

**Department Briefing/Update/Presentations**

- Mr. Nipe informed that the City of Sanford was the only applicant for the Boater Improvement Funds and a presentation will be made once the State informs the amount of funds available.

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- Mr. Nipe said that C.S. Lee, Cameron Wight and Mullet Lake Parks are 60% designed and nothing has changed from the conceptual design. Winwood Park improvements were completed on April 11<sup>th</sup> and Unity Day was celebrated on April 12<sup>th</sup>. He gave updates on Wilson's Landing Park and the Wilderness Area improvements. Mr. Nipe distributed concepts for the pedestrian bridge at 426 and Black Hammock. The trail tunnel in Lake Mary is scheduled for completion in December 2011.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Brandenburg informed that the Gallagher parcel was reviewed at this morning's meeting and all 10 acres were found to be in a flood plain so the Subcommittee is not recommending that the Committee recommend acquisition. An official recommendation will be made at the May meeting.
  - Mr. Brandenburg said that the Subcommittee has determined that they would like to look at parcels adjacent to existing Wilderness Areas for possible future utilization/acquisition.
  - Mr. Nipe informed that the BCC gave the okay to move forward with negotiations for the purchase of the 10-acre parcel adjacent to Lake Harney Wilderness Area. Discussion followed.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
  - In Mr. Williams' absence Mr. Nipe reminded everyone the Trail Summit will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - At the April meeting they discussed focusing on the larger bodies of water/rivers in the County; the St. Johns, Wekiva and Econlockhatchee Rivers.
  - Mr. Brandenburg brought to the table the subject of the Committee adopting a trail. Discussion followed. Mike Martin made a **motion** for the Committee to submit an application to **adopt-an-area** around Soldiers Creek Park that encompasses a trail, a park and a wilderness area. Barbara Whittier seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.
  - Mr. Goff announced that he has been working on getting paperwork through Tallahassee for a land swap to complete the missing link on the trail. Discussion followed.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff reported that they were checking on the summer program at Milwee Middle School. They are currently having enrollment and people are enrolling. It is moving along.
  - Julia said that the Winter Springs workshop is coming up on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at Winter Springs City Hall. Discussion followed.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
  - Ms. Whittier reported that they have completed the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws need to be reviewed one more time and they are currently working on the concept package. They should have something for the entire Committee at the May meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Spring Hammock Preserve Signage** – Mr. Nipe advised the members that there have been talk of interpretive signage on the boardwalk. He said that is the only portion that Leisure Services managers. Ms. Whittier said they need better signage comparable to the signage at Soldiers Creek Park. Mr. Nipe said that the Spring Hammock Preserve is under contract to be managed by the Seminole County School Board. Discussion followed. Mr. Nipe suggested having Deborah Harris with the Environmental Studies Center attend one of the Natural Lands Subcommittee meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ms. Thompson informed that on April 20, 2022, the BCC approved the new name of the Advisory Committee – Parks & Preservation Advisory Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Homework:**
  - Reports tabled until the next meeting.
- Ms. Walden announced that on May 3, 2011, Leisure Services staff will be meeting with Economic Development Committee at 10:00 a.m. at the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce where EDC information will be imparted. She invited members to attend. Ms. Walden also announced that the Seminole Chamber is having its annual summit on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. at the School Board. Mr. Brandenburg requested she provide Ms. Clifford with the information to distribute to members.

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