

**PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

May 4, 2011 – MINUTES

Wednesday – May 4th, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

**Winter Springs City Hall
1126 East State Road 434
Winter Springs, FL 32708**

ATTENDEES: Thomas Kelly, Tom Boyko, Joe Abel, Mark Brandenburg, Danny Trosset, Cindy Harkins, Eloise Sahlstrom, Mike Barclay, Chris Caldwell, Bob Goff, Steven Richart and Julia Thompson.

Call to Order: Mr. Goff, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Sub-committee for the County called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Joint City/County Workshop with Winter Springs**
 - Ms. Thompson discussed the goals for the joint meeting and the desire to build stronger relationships with the Cities in Seminole from a planning coordination perspective. This effort will hopefully provide a foundation in which to plan for future Parks, Trails and recreational needs for the citizens in Seminole County to ensure that the high quality of life in the County is sustained.
 - Mr. Chris Caldwell, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Winter Springs welcomed everyone and proceeded with introductions and presentation:
 - Mr. Caldwell presented a Power Point overview of the City Parks and Recreation Department starting with the City's core values, the Parks and Recreation Departments' facilities and programs strengths which included Central Winds Park (100

acres on Lake Jesup) and some of their challenges such as the lack of a recreation center for programs.

- Mr. Caldwell discussed Department goals for 2011 which included initiatives such as Customer Service, Fiscal responsibility, safe and clean parks along with hearing more citizen input through their advisory boards.
 - Major projects include Trotwood Park Tennis courts, the new Amphitheater at Magnolia Park, sports field bleachers and shade covers, Torasco Park master plan, a new nature trail that will connect to the Cross Seminole Trail along with the Choices in Learning Charter School which is a joint partnership.
 - Mr. Caldwell discussed some of the areas that he would like to focus on in the future which includes economic impact events such as the Scottish Highland Games and other local and statewide tournaments. Mr. Trosset and Mr. Caldwell both commented on how they can strengthen the relationship with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
 - Mr. Caldwell also identified underserved areas in the City which he would like to be able to improve in the future which includes more opportunities for youth during the summer, programs for people with special needs, the middle school age group along with improved trails for pedestrian and bike users.
 - Conversation ensued regarding trails with both Ms. Sahlstrom and Mr. Richart and the need for improved connectivity. Discussion also included strengthening the relationship with Winter Springs High School to improve accessibility (trail) and to their facilities and amenities (tennis courts if possible). Discussion also centered on the desire to help business within the Towne Center and the opportunities that exist with events and the Cross Seminole Trail.
- Wrap-up/Next Steps:
 - Mr. Trosset and Mr. Caldwell will meet to review events and opportunities with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
 - Ms. Harkins to contact Mr. Caldwell to discuss relationship with Winter Springs High school and if access to the tennis courts might be a possibility.

- Mr. Caldwell to review program and facility inventory provided by the County for updating.
- Ms. Thompson will compile minutes from the meeting and provide to attendees. The next meeting will be held with the City of Oviedo on June 1st.

Meeting was adjourned: 10:45am.