

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 29, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Members Absent: Bob Adolphe, Wes Borgman and Mike Williams.

Staff Present: Joseph R. Abel, Leisure Services Director
Bryan Nipe, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Steve Waring, Interim Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Gayle Ricci, Seminole County Employee Academy
Julia Thompson, former Parks & Recreation Manager
Mike Jones, citizen

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 thanked Julia Thompson for all she has done for Parks & Recreation during her tenure and told her she will be missed. Everyone wished her the best of luck in her new venture.

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

New member Emilio Perez was introduced after which he gave a brief bio of himself.

County Commission Summary Report

- Mr. Boyko said there was nothing to report.
- Mr. Abel reported that the BCC awarded the Seminole County School Board \$120,000 for funding of the Student Museum and the Environmental Studies Center. Staff is currently working with the County Attorney's Office for joint use of the Environmental Studies Center for programming. Discussion followed.

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Department Briefing/Update/Presentations

- There was no report.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Brandenburg reported that members met this morning and reviewed other properties for potential acquisition if they become available in the future. Members also reviewed their goals. Discussion followed.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
 - In the absence of Mr. Williams Bryan Nipe reported that they discussed Spring Hammock Preserve for the Committee Adopt A Park/Trail. Improvements were suggested. Discussion followed.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
 - Ms. Thompson reported that they had their Joint City/County workshop with the City of Oviedo. Mr. Boyko reported that both Winter Springs and Oviedo are very active. Steve Waring reported that inventory and the USTA initiative were discussed. The meeting next month will be with the City of Altamonte Springs.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
 - Ms. Whittier gave the report regarding the information that had been provided to all Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FWA Florida Youth Conservation** – Mr. Nipe reported that Seminole County applied for a FWC grant and FWC agreed to develop Geneva Wilderness Area and possibly Boar's Nest property as a partnership. Staff will be taking this to the BCC for discussion. Discussion followed.
- **Trail Cleanup on June 25th** – Mr. Nipe said he just received the information today and can present more information later.
- **PPAC Adopt-A-Trail** – Barbara Whittier made a **motion to move forward with an application for the Committee to adopt Spring Hammock Preserve.** Trish Walden seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SCPS Environmental Studies Center** – Mr. Brandenburg requested Mr. Abel report on the \$120,000 the BCC approved from the general fund to assist the Student Museum and the Environmental Studies Center. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Homework**
 - Mr. Nicholas reported on his visit to the C.S. Lee Park. It was very nice, very well kept. The dumpster was full.
 - Mr. Boyko reported on his April visit to Sylvan Lake Park with its active and passive areas. It is very heavily used.

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- Mr. Brandenburg said other Committee members will give their reports next month.
- Mr. Brandenburg asked Committee members not currently on a Subcommittee who are interested on being on a Subcommittee to let Kathi Clifford know.
- Mr. Abel introduced Steve Waring who will be the Interim Parks & Recreation Manager until a permanent manager is found.

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