

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 26, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Wes Borgman, Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Emilio Perez, Bob Steenson, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

Members Absent: Bob Adolphe, Bryan Kirby and Don Nicholas.

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

Guests: Bill Richards with Paddle Florida
Annie Hernandez with Seminole County Employee Academy
Sarai & Jorge Lugo with Oh My Dog!

LOCATION: Softball Complex
2200 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 requested **introductions** of the guests. Mr. Perez introduced Sarai and Jorge Lugo who explained their business and their desire to partner with Seminole County on events promoting dogs. Mr. Brandenburg introduced Annie Hernandez.

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

Mr. Nipe introduced **Bill Richards from Paddle Florida**. Mr. Richards spoke about the paddle opportunities around Florida. He further reported that his business is a 501c3 that promotes water conservation, wildlife preservation, springs restoration and waterway protection and that they are interested in partnership opportunities with Seminole County. Discussion followed.

County Commission Summary Report

- Mr. Boyko reported that the October 11th and 25th agendas had nothing regarding Parks, Greenways and Natural Lands.

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- Mr. Abel had nothing to add.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Brandenburg reported that the Subcommittee reviewed three potential properties at this morning's meeting. All three are located near Mullet Lake Park. No recommendations are being made at this time. The Subcommittee is gathering information only.
 - Mr. Brandenburg reported that the Subcommittee recommends revising the site ranking criteria with minor modifications. They will bring their recommendations to the Committee in a month or two for consideration.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Williams reported that the Summit at the City of Casselberry went well. There was good turn out and follow up discussion. There is interest in participation in the Master Plan.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Waring reviewed the meeting with the City of Longwood. He also reported that the November meeting will be with the City of Sanford and the December meeting will be with the City of Casselberry.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
 - Ms. Whittier reviewed changes made since the last Foundation presentation. She explained that the plan is to start with 5 directors. She reviewed qualifications and requirements for Foundation directors. The Leisure Services Director will always be a non-voting member of the Foundation. Ms. Whittier requested Committee members bring recommendations for directors to the next meeting. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Increasing Exposure of Parks & Recreation and Greenways & Natural Lands in other County location**
 - Tabled to November.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Joint Meeting w/County Commissioners**
 - Mr. Abel informed that the meeting has been scheduled for November 8th and requested as many Committee members as possible be in attendance. Discussion will be goals and the master plan.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Homework**
 - Tabled to November.
- **November and December Meetings**
 - Mr. Brandenburg suggested that since the November and December meetings are so close to the holidays the dates should be changed and

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requested other options. The Committee agreed to move the meetings to November 16th and December 14th.

- **Re-election to the Committee**
 - Mr. Brandenburg informed that he will not be re-elected to the Committee due to a conflict of interest since his employer is seeking approval to do projects for Seminole County.

Mr. Brandenburg adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.