

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 22, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Wes Borgman, Tom Boyko, Chuck Drago, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Bob Steenson and Barbara Whittier.

Members Absent: Bryan Kirby, Don Nicholas, Emilio Perez, Josh Smith, Ben Tucker, Trish Walden and Mike Williams.

Staff Present: Steve Waring, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Mark Brandenburg

LOCATION: Softball Complex
2200 North Street
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

TIME: Chairman Bob Goff called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There **is a quorum** in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies: The Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goff introduced new member Chuck Drago. Introductions were made around the table.

Mr. Goff asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **January minutes**. Tom Boyko made a **motion to approve** the January minutes as submitted, Mike Martin seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

There was no guest speaker for February.

County Commission Summary Report

- Mr. Boyko reported that at the February 14th BCC meeting they approved four (4) **lawn maintenance contracts**. Mr. Boyko requested to know if they are for the Parks. Mr. Waring advised that they were for the Greenways & Natural Lands.
- Mr. Boyko further reported that at the January 14th BCC meeting they approved FDOT to use **Sunland Park** for drainage easement in exchange for \$500,000 contribution for planned improvements to the park.
- Mr. Boyko reported that also on the February 14th BCC Agenda was a Facility Use Agreement for Fantasy Face Painting at the parks. Mr. Waring advised that this item was pulled and not voted on due to concern that it needed to go out for a competitive bid. Discussion followed. Mr. Goff requested that the March

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agenda reflect discussion regarding the **competitive bid criteria/practices**.
More discussion followed.

- Mr. Boyko also wanted to bring attention to an item on the February 28th agenda regarding **Big Tree Park** and a memo Joe Abel sent to the BCC. Discussion followed. The Commission requested to be emailed with a copy of the memo. Mr. Goff requested the staff be prepared in March to give a brief presentation on the process/time line of how items get on the BCC **agenda** and how the PPAC falls into that **process**.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
 - No meeting, no report.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
 - No meeting, no report.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Goff reported that they talked a lot about the philosophy and what type of partnerships are desired with the schools. Discussion followed.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
 - Ms. Whittier gave an overview of the 501c3 Foundation Subcommittee for Mr. Drago's benefit. She further reported that on January 20th she met with Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney, who reviewed the documents and made very valuable recommendations. The subcommittee met January 16th to discuss ideas and they are currently working on a letters of application for Friends and Board. The number of members on the initial Board will be limited to five or six as they will be responsible for the development of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to comply with IRS language. They will move forward with getting applicants best suited for the Friends Board. Barbara Whittier and Bob Steenson will be on the first Board, sending out applications to anybody interested and they will do the interviews. Ms. Whittier and Mr. Steenson want to be part of the first Board to establish consistency with what has been doing done. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Sylvan Lake Park**
 - The County is preparing a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application for Sylvan Lake Park. Steve Waring, Parks and Recreation Manager attended the Parks and Preservation Advisory Board meeting and discussed the renovations, improvements and new facilities planned for Sylvan Lake Park. Discussion followed and the board voted to support this grant.
- **1-Year Goals for 2012**
 - The Committee discussed potential goals for 2012 and the following were addressed for consideration:

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1. Wellness incentives for County employees as well as County residents for getting fit using the County Parks, Trails and Natural Lands.
2. Establish multimedia presentations such as display monitors for three staffed parks to run infomercials about Natural Lands, updates about wellness points
3. Support Seminole County's 100 Year Anniversary Celebration.
4. Revisit FDOT widening SR 46 sufficiently to include trail.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Master Plan Draft Review**
 - Mr. Waring reviewed the draft of the Master Plan and reported that the contractors will be presenting it to the BCC tomorrow morning in the Purchasing building so the BCC can make a final choice.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. Goff pointed out that the **subcommittees** are getting low on membership and suggested the Commission consider possibly combining some of them. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Goff requested Dave Johnston, Property Appraiser, as a guest speaker next month. Mr. Goff asked for other suggestions for **guest speakers**. It was decided to also try to coordinate having Brett Blackadar, Seminole County Engineer, back again in April and the Wellness Coordinator speak in May.

Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.