

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 28, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Tom Boyko, Chuck Drago, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Bryan Kirby, Mike Martin, Emilio Perez, Bob Steenson, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

**Members Absent:** Wes Borgman, Don Nicholas, Josh Smith and Ben Tucker.

**Staff Present:** Joseph R. Abel, Leisure Services Director  
Steve Waring, Parks & Recreation Manager  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

**Guests:** David Johnson, Seminole County Property Appraiser  
Alice Weinberg, Seminole County Property Appraiser's Office  
Dylan Larson & John Tessier with Miller Legg

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

**TIME:** Chairman Bob Goff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There **is a quorum** in attendance.

**Opening Ceremonies:** The Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goff welcomed the guests from Miller Legg and asked them to introduce themselves.

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

Mr. Goff introduced Mr. Johnson and Ms. Weinberg then asked Mr. Johnson to give an update on property taxes and property values. Mr. Johnson said he is going to give the same PowerPoint presentation he recently gave to the Board of County Commissioners. Discussion followed. Mr. Johnson confirmed that parks, recreation and trails positively affect the quality of life and desirability of property with accessibility to those amenities. They add value but a specific amount cannot be ascertained. There was further discussion.

**County Commission Summary Report**

- Mr. Boyko reported that the meetings only had an agenda item for Tourism

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- Mr. Abel reported that there was a work session with the BCC in March. There was discussion regarding a master plan and the process of a master plan, joint school use opportunities were identified and Leisure Services is going to explore those opportunities, the Jetta Point Park land is to be sold and staff members are looking at Yankee Lake and 120 acres in Lake Mary at I-4 regarding conceptual ideas, economic impact and challenges. Discussion followed.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
  - Ms. Whittier reported on the enhancement projects for Black Bear, Geneva and Lake Harney Wilderness Areas. Miller Legg has been awarded a contract for construction design and permitting to make the approved improvements.
  - Ms. Whittier also reported that future items that they are going to try to address over the next several months are: how to market Natural Lands and review Natural Lands in regard to public accessibility and educational opportunities. Requested additional members to bring new ideas.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff reported that Trails will be meeting at the Softball Complex from now on. Over the next 12 – 18 months they will be reviewing every city's trail program very comprehensively and figure out where the connections are to the Seminole County trail system. They plan to start with three of the cities and discuss options with Engineering then will proceed to the other four cities and how to incorporate the city's support for the connections. The goal is to move through finding the connections.
  - Mr. Abel reviewed a \$200,000 **grant** for the Seminole Wekiva Trail with matching funds from the County. Mr. Goff reported that the Trails Subcommittee has reviewed this grant and recommended that it be brought before this Committee. Ms. Walden made a **motion** for staff to move forward with the application for the grant. Mr. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff reported that Milwee Middle School had a new administrator and they are no longer interested in participating with Parks for programming. Mr. Waring explained that they want fees and even with that the school is not interested in a partnership. Discussion followed.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Steenson reported that they have developed two forms to find candidates for the Board of Directors for the 501c3; an application and a nomination submission form. He reviewed the interview process. Ms. Whittier, Mr. Kirby and he will interview the candidates. Discussion followed. Changes were suggested and will be executed. Ms. Whittier will send the corrections to the Administration Office to be distributed to Committee members.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Discuss Bid Process – Joe Abel**
  - Mr. Goff tabled this discussion until the April meeting.
- **Brief Discussion on the Process & Timeline For BCC Agendas**
  - Mr. Goff tabled this discussion until the April meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Williams requested another date be set to work at the park they adopted. Mr. Abel informed that Keep Seminole Beautiful is having a County-wide clean up day on April 14<sup>th</sup> in memory of Mike Bar so that might be a good day for participation.

Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.