

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Members Absent:** Wes Borgman, Emilio Perez, Ben Tucker and Mike Williams.

**Staff Present:** Joe Abel, Leisure Services Director  
Steve Waring, Parks & Recreation Manager  
Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant  
Greg Kirby, Leisure Services Special Projects Program Manager

**Guests:** Mark Brandenburg, SJRWMD

**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 asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **July minutes**. Tom Boyko made a **motion to approve** the July minutes as submitted, Jeff Ebbers seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Goff introduced Greg Kirby who gave a **demonstration** on the use of a **defibrillator**.

Mr. Goff asked Joe Abel to give his PowerPoint presentation regarding a proposed **sports complex**. Discussion followed.

**County Commission Summary Report**

- Mr. Boyko reported there was nothing related to Parks & Preservation at the August 14, 2012 meeting.
- Mr. Boyko reported that at yesterday's budget meeting:
  - Mr. Abel stated that the previous master plan had been staff driven and the next **master plan** will be community driven. Discussion followed.
  - The BCC announced the need for another six million dollars in **budget cuts** and wanted to know if that will affect Leisure Services. Mr. Abel confirmed that it will. Discussion followed.

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- The BCC requested a list of excess **County owned properties** so they can sell them. The BCC was advised it might be best to wait to sell until have determined whether or not they can be connected to other property of interest to acquire. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Boyko brought up concerns about the **cooperation between the School Board and the County**. Mr. Abel confirmed Walt Griffin is supportive of schools making their amenities available. Discussion followed.
- The BCC seemed concerned about the Leisure Services Department's **travel per diem**. Mr. Waring clarified the Parks & Recreation travel budget is \$400 and Mr. Durr confirmed the same in the Greenways & Natural Lands budget. Mr. Waring further clarified that most of that is for Tourism Development.
- Mr. Boyko reported that nothing was established regarding the **playground issue**. Discussion followed.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- **SJRWMD Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Brandenburg reported that the St. Johns River Water Management District is conducting a **surplus land** assessment. Any land determined not to meet their needs will first be offered to other State entities. Discussion followed.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff reported they are accelerating the process to get completed by December. They still need to meet with the City of Oviedo regarding connection opportunities.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff reported on a discussion regarding trails to schools and getting five foot sidewalks to the schools.
  - Mr. Goff also reported Cindy Harkins' idea of destination playgrounds; one between Sanlando Park and the Softball Complex, another at Red Bug Lake Park and yet another at Black Bear Wilderness Area. Discussion followed.
  - Mr. Waring reported that he has not heard back from the School Board Executive Directors to set up a meeting. Discussion followed.
- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
  - Mrs. Whittier reported they had two recommendations to review. She reviewed the Bell and Partin properties. Discussion followed. Mr. Goff turned the meeting over to Don Nicholas. Mr. Goff made a motion to recommend to the BCC to explore the possibility of acquiring both properties for addition to the Natural Lands. Bryan Kirby seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes with the exception of Trish Walden who abstained.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**

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- Mrs. Whittier reported they are moving forward. Ms. Walden informed that she had hoped to bring a potential Foundation candidate to tonight's meeting but the candidate had a conflict.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Durr reported that staff will be meeting with the St. Johns River Water Management staff on September 4, 2012.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- None.

Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.