

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 24, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Tom Boyko, Bob Goff, Bryan Kirby, Mike Martin, Don Nicholas, Ben Tucker, Trish Walden and Barbara Whittier.

Members Absent: Wes Borgman, Chuck Drago, Jeff Ebbers, Emilio Perez, Bob Steenson and Mike Williams.

Staff Present: Joseph R. Abel, Leisure Services Director
Steve Waring, Parks & Recreation Manager
Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant
David Martin,

Guests: Commissioner Bob Dallari
Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Elizabeth Gaussart, Employee Academy
Jeff Hopper, Employee Academy
Vicky Hopper

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.

Opening Ceremonies: The Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goff 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.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Goff introduced Mighk Wilson, Smart Growth Planner from MetroPlan Orlando who gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Close The Gaps" along the local trail system and distributed the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Prioritized Project List. Discussion followed. Mr. Wilson reviewed the steps to get from the Advisory Committee to the Priority List at Commissioner Dallari's request. Qualifying criteria for MetroPlan Orlando funding was also reviewed. Discussion followed.

County Commission Summary Report

- Mr. Boyko reported that at the October 9, 2012 meeting:
 - The BCC approved Tourism Development funds for the zoo.

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- The BCC approved distribution of the remains of the Senator and asked Mr. Durr to explain what that means. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Boyko reported that at the October 23, 2012 meeting:
 - The BCC approved \$2,000 funding for the Freedom Sports World Tournament. Discussion followed.
 - The BCC approved \$6,791 funding for the International FastPitch Softball Tournament. Discussion followed.
 - The BCC approved \$437,000 to fund the Rinehart Road Trail and Sidewalk fill in the gap projects.
 - The BCC approved \$233,000 to fund the Eastbrook Elementary Safe Route Sidewalks project. Discussion followed
- Mr. Abel. Reported that a contract for Zumba was approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
 - Mrs. Whittier reported on the action plan for the Youth Conservation area and that next year is the planning stage.
 - Mrs. Whittier said they reviewed the Natural Lands budget and they do a lot with very little.
 - The Lake Harney, Black Bear and Geneva Wilderness Area's projects are on track.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Goff distributed a trails priority list provided by David Martin for review. Discussion followed. Trish Walden made a **motion** to approve the list of trail priorities. Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Goff reported that Mr. Durr attended and discussed maintenance of passive parks. Mr. Boyko is developing a philosophy statement regarding the importance of providing maintenance funds and this statement will be brought before the PPAC to approve as a recommendation to the BCC.
 - Mr. Goff reported that they are discussing ways to connect schools to trails to parks. Discussion followed.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
 - Mrs. Whittier reported that they did not meet this month and will not be meeting again until January.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Waring and Mr. Durr gave an update on the status of the **master plan**. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Abel reported on the **Sports Complex work session** with the BCC. He reviewed the five (5) locations that were presented to the BCC and that the Safari property was selected for staff to put together paperwork to purchase the

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property. A conceptual plan for improvements to the property was reviewed. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None

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