

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING December 5, 2012**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Tom Boyko, Barbara Whittier

Staff:

Jim Duby, Sherry Williams, Lori Hartsock

LOCATION:

Geneva Wilderness Area

TIME:

8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. and the minutes for the October 24, 2012 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Boyko inquired about the status of the Bell and Partin parcel applications. Jim Duby stated that it was decided to wait for the results of the County-wide Master Plan to ensure that we only purchase what is actually needed to meet the needs identified through this effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2011 Natural Lands Subcommittee Goals were reviewed, discussed with notes added below. Amended 2013 Goals follow.

1-Year Goals

- Initiate support for the establishment of a 501-c3 that will be inclusive of all aspects of Parks, Trails and Natural Lands. (Done) Discussion regarding how this will be set up and will donors be able to specify what area their donations go to i.e. Natural Lands, Trails or Parks. Barbara verified this is how she understands it will work.
- Sub-committee to participate in one to two service oriented projects and events within the Department/Division such as invasive plant removal, restoration, wildlife inventory etc...One event held at Soldiers Creek Park, some participation in Air Potato Raid. Additional support in this area is desired.
- Develop a marketing and advocacy plan that elevates the awareness and educates the community regarding the Natural Lands programs, facilities, events and services. Marketing efforts in multiple areas have resulted in increased attendance numbers this year. Goal should read "assist with" since it is not the committee developing the plan.
- Initiate process to complete inventory and analysis of Natural Lands needs inclusive of land acquisition, restoration, amenity improvements etc... This was done through site visits to many NL properties and the development of the NL Enhancement Projects. Further review of sites and programs is desired and clarified in 2013 goals.

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3 -Year Goals

- Complete County-wide analysis of greenway/connectivity for future environmental land acquisition. This was accomplished through several meetings and the development of a list of potential properties. This should be revisited after the completion of the Countywide Master Plan.
- Execute Natural Lands/Environmental marketing and advocacy plan through subcommittee (set up natural lands displays, posters, pamphlets etc...) at libraries, active parks, trail heads etc... This is very similar to the third 1-year goal. Lori Hartsock will be working with committee members to initiate efforts for displays in libraries, active parks and the CSB Customer Resource Center. They will also investigate the possibility of a photo exhibit of Natural Lands in the hallways of the County Services Building

5 – Year Goal

- Implement Natural Lands Master Plan through “Citizen Initiated Dedicated Funding Source”. The committee won’t really initiate a master plan but assist with it through their efforts to establish and administer the funding source.

See 2013 Goals below.

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**Seminole County
Natural Lands Sub-Committee Goals
2013**

1-Year Goals

Support the establishment of a 501c3 that includes all aspects of Parks, Recreation, Trails and Natural Lands.

Members of the subcommittee to become familiar with Natural Land properties and environmental education through attending 3 site visits, 3 programs and 1 job shadow to provide recommendations of needs and maintenance improvements for public safety and accessibility.

Program: Jan. 19, 2013, Air Potato Raid

Sites: San Sebastian Trail Head and Lake Mills, Chuluota

Assist with the implementation of marketing and advocacy of Natural Lands through displays in active parks, community events (EarthDay, Native Plant Awareness, Seminole Centennial Celebration), libraries and County Service Building.

Review status and development of the current improvements to Lake Harney, Black Bear Wilderness and Geneva Wilderness Natural Lands.

3-Year Goals

Continued participation in the County-wide analysis of greenway/connectivity through the Master Planning process for future advisory board on environmental land acquisition.

Work with Natural Lands Staff in the continued implementation and maintenance of displays, dioramas, photo exhibits and banners in active parks, libraries and County Service Building.

Review needed improvements for each of the major Natural Lands Wilderness Areas and improvement for public accessibility and safety.

5-Year Goals

Implement the Master Plan as related to Natural Lands and future improvements. Continued subcommittee support through involvement in programs and Natural Lands sites.

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- Next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Agenda to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.