

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 27, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Tom Boyko, Jeff Ebberts, Ed Ghiglieri, Bob Goff, Bill James, Mike Martin, John May, Bryan Kirby, Charly Sloan, Bob Steenson and Barbara Whittier.

Members Absent: Chuck Drago, Frank Nelson, Don Nicholas and Mike Williams.

Staff Present: Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Steve Waring, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant
Sherry Williams, Biologist

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.

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

County Commission Summary Report

- Mr. Boyko reported that at the March 26, 2013 meeting:
 - The BCC approved and authorized the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Florida High School Athletic Association in the amount of \$5,316 for the 2013 Florida High School Athletic Association Tennis Championships to be held in April.

Mr. Boyko reported that the Master Plan was not well received by the Commissioners. Mr. Waring clarified that the consultant did a poor job of presenting the information as requested by staff and staff have sent it back to the consultant to redo. Much discussion followed. Mr. Goff requested all PPAC members speak with their Commissioners and let them know that staff will provide all the information they need to support the goals of the Master Plan.

Mr. Waring reported that the Commissioners authorized staff to move forward with negotiations to acquire the Kirchhoff property. Discussion followed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report

- Ms. Whittier reported that this morning's meeting was a field trip to the Econ River Wilderness Area.

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- Ms. Whittier reported that Yarborough Nature Cent received a grant for a diorama tank display.
- Mr. Ghiglieri reported that the Subcommittee will be adding more trail markers in the Econ River W.A. on May 5, 2013, and asked for volunteers to assist.
- Ms. Whittier reported that she will be installing displays at libraries tomorrow.

Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Kirby reported on bike routes.
- Mr. Goff requested Brett Blackadar be invited to the next PPAC meeting to speak about bike paths along the highways.
- Mr. Goff reported that Mr. Durr distributed links to plans that other public entities in Florida have toward blueways for everyone's review.

Parks & Recreation Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Goff reported that the Subcommittee will become a more vocal advocacy group for getting the existing parks up to date on maintenance issues.
- Mr. Goff reported that the subcommittee will not be pursuing any long term programming partnerships at this time.
- Mr. Goff reported that the letters of recommendation were mailed last Thursday.

501c3 Foundation Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Steenson reported that the 501c3 Articles have been sent to the State and there should be results in two to three weeks. After that they will proceed with incorporation.
- Mr. Goff challenged everyone to come up with some ideas for fund raisers. Mr. Durr suggested moving the Department's Memorial Tree/Bench Program to the Foundation as a means for raising funds. Mr. Goff requested additional ideas.

Membership & Growth Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Martin reported that they are still studying the orientation packet and will have more to report next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Spring Hammock Preserve Management Plan** – Sherry Williams gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Spring Hammock Preserve, discussed the relationship between the County and the State at the Preserve, its value as an urban interface and the County operated recreation opportunities. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

2013 Goals:

- Mr. Goff reported that the subcommittees have made their goals and they will all be provided at the April meeting for review and discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. Waring invited everyone to the April 20th Centennial Celebration. Discussion followed.

There was no other business. Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.