

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 26, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Tom Boyko, Chuck Drago, Jeff Ebbers, Ed Ghiglieri, Bob Goff, Bryan Kirby, John May, Don Nicholas, Bob Steenson and Barbara Whittier.

Members Absent: Bill James, Mike Martin, Charly Sloan, and Mike Williams.

Staff Present: Steve Waring, Parks & Recreation Manager
Rick Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Jim Schmid, US Forest Service
Janet Walsh, Florida Trail Assoc., Central Florida Chapter
Doug Kucklick, Florida Trail Assoc., Central Florida Chapter

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.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kirby introduced the guest speaker, Jim Schmid, and Mr. Goff introduced the guests from the Central Florida Chapter of the Florida Trail Assoc.

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jim Schmid reviewed a PowerPoint presentation about the missing links on the Florida National Scenic Trail in Seminole County and plans to complete those missing links. The national, state and local governments are working together to close the gaps. The Florida National Scenic Trail is a non-motorized extended recreational trail. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Goff asked the members of the FTA to say a few words about their organization. Ms. Walsh reported that their mission is to maintain the trails and introduce the public to the trails.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- Mr. Boyko reported that at the June 11, 2013 Commission meeting:
 - The Board approved and authorized the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing a Budget Amendment Request through the General Fund and Tourist Development Funds to provide \$7,400,000 for land acquisition and an additional \$1,400,000 for the future acquisition of the adjacent property and expenses related to the design build process and other studies for the Sports Complex project, \$100,000 for the Soldiers Creek Renovation project and to establish the new Park Development family of projects. Funding for these projects is being provided by the Land Acquisition project and Tourist Development Fund reserves.
 - The Board approved a \$28 million bond issuance to fund the Sports Complex and Soldiers Creek Park. Staff will bring back additional information regarding the Design Build.
- Mr. Boyko reported that at the June 25, 2013 Commission meeting:
 - The Wekiva Island Special Event Permit was approved.
- Mr. Waring clarified the above items.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report

- Ms. Whittier reported that they met this morning at Geneva Wilderness Area.
- The Little Econ Wilderness Area should have additional signage in the next couple weeks.
- More library kiosks will be added in August or September.
- Programs for the Boar's Nest are being discussed.
- Black Bear, Geneva and Lake Harney Wilderness Areas projects are going out to bid next month.
- Four UCF interns marked three quarters of the trails at Proctor Wilderness Area.

Parks & Recreation Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Goff reported that the Parks Subcommittee did not meet this month.

Membership & Growth Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Goff reported that the subcommittee is looking at what needs to be done to get active members. Currently one vacancy and two terms to expire at the end of the year.

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Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Kirby reported that the Bike Summit went well. The shop owners mentioned a lack of signage and maps. They also suggested a Bike Fair. Much discussion followed regarding activities and potential fundraising opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Goff requested David Johnson as a speaker in the next couple of months.
- Mr. Goff reported that the commissioners are talking more about maintaining the existing parks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Master Plan Status** – Mr. Waring reported that the Master Plan is 95% complete but the consultant cannot get the map correct and final payment is being held until it is satisfactory.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Foundation Update** – Mr. Steenson reviewed the letters that the Foundation sent out and reported that they are holding weekly work sessions.

There was no other business. Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.