

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TRAILS, BLUEWAYS AND BIKE PATHS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING May 14, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Tom Boyko, Barbara Whittier, Pete Brewer, Mike Martin, John May

**Guests:** Tim Baylie, Volusia Cty. Parks & Rec. Director  
Bruce Piatek, Volusia Cty. Trails Planner  
Chris Smith, City of Sanford Planner  
Marc Hultin, City of Sanford Parks Director  
Andrea Connover, Coordinator St. Johns River Alliance  
Mark Middlebrook, Executive Director St. Johns River Alliance

**Staff Present:** Rick Durr, Greenways and Natural Lands Division Manager  
Grant Wenrick, Trails and Parks Coordinator  
Sherry Williams, Park Ranger

**LOCATION:** Softball Complex  
2200 North Street  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**TIME:** 7:30 a.m.

**Previous Minutes** – Tom Boyko made a motion to approve the April 2014 minutes. Barbara Whittier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Moved to next meeting** – To allow full Blueways discussion with guests.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Blueways - Preliminary discussions regarding the St. Johns River** – Brief Seminole County synopsis was given by Trails & Parks Coordinator Grant Wenrick. The primary goal was to glean preliminary input for Blueways along the St. Johns River. This plan will be developed over the next 1 to 2 years and evolve thereafter.
  - **St. Johns Recreational Boating Map / Aerial** – 30"x42" aerials were put up that depicted the entire Seminole County and adjacent Volusia County. The maps depicted all or most known dedicated recreational facilities along both sides of the river. The map also depicted all the built and planned trails as a reference.
  - **11"x17" Maps** – Were also handed out at the meeting.
- **Volusia County Input** – By Tim Baylie and Bruce Piatek.
  - **Work together** – Provide collaboration where appropriate for blueway routes & recreation opportunities.
  - **Trails** – Working to connect Spring to Spring Trail to Sunrail. Current trail gaps being filled in by I-4.

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- **Current Blueways & Planning Efforts** – Hontoon Island, Hickory Bluff but with limited access, Deep Creek with substantial hike – on hold until trail can be developed, Mariner's Cove has new launch, Ed Stone Park – Deland area, Gemini Springs getting dedicated launch ramp and part time rental, looking at improvements at Beck Ranch and long range connection to Silver Glen Springs near the Ocala National Forest.
- **Funding** – Utilizing Boater Improvement Funds and Grants where possible.
- **City of Sanford Input** – By Chris Smith and Marc Holtin
  - **Good Location** – Biggest City along the St. John within Seminole. 5 miles of shoreline. Lake generally 6-7 feet deep. Wants to capitalize on waterfront. Zoo working to make entrance more prominent and safe connection across 17-92 for future trail. Jacksonville Zoo has mooring places for boaters and personal watercraft.
  - **Trails & Recreation Connections** - Phase 2 of Riverwalk under construction to hospital. Looking to expand Canoe & Kayak launch opportunity at NE side of Marina peninsula. Working to get sailboat regatta back. Potential larger boat mooring pier to east of marina. Seminole designing Riverwalk / Mellonville / Celery to SR 415 trail now. Wants to connect trail to west over 17-92 to Volusia's Trails.
  - **Funding** – Have worked with MPO for grants in past.
- **St. Johns River Alliance** – By Andrea Conover and Mark Middlebrook
  - **Non-Profit Advocacy Group** – Mainly dedicated to providing river information along the entire length. Broke river down into 23 segments with vital stopping points, parks, marinas, points of interest etc. Segment list up and running but not the maps. Working to get better GIS maps on their website. OGT – Office of Greenways & Trails advised to try to pattern after the Applachicola River. OGT may help with maps.
  - **Other Maps Recommended** – Kingfisher SJR. National Geographic for the Suwanee River Blueway.
  - **Funding** – SJRA License Plate, donations, working to produce a book for pay navigational aid.
  - **Other** – Seminole's Black Bear has 1 primitive campsite and a canoe/kayak dock.
  - **Working together** – As stated by Seminole and Volusia County there is a common desire to not duplicate any mapping efforts.

Mr. Brewer adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.