

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 27, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, Jeff Ebbers, Bill James, Don Nicholas and Barbara Whittier.

Members Absent: Ed Ghiglieri, Mike Martin, John May, Bob Steenson, Greg Teagarden and David Williamson.

Guest: SCSO Deputy Pete Brewer
Art Ackerman, an original member of the Parks & Rec. Advisory Board
Commissioner John Horan

Staff Present: Joseph R. Abel, Leisure Services Director
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

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

TIME: Chairman Don Nicholas called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There is a quorum in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Nicholas asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the June or July minutes. Matt Criswell noted the same flaw in both minutes and made a motion that they both be approved subject to the correction. Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

- Mr. Boyko reported on the recent commission meetings as they pertained to the Leisure Services Parks and Preservation. Much discussion followed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Ms. Whittier reported that there was no meeting in August and the next meeting will be in September. Commissioner Horan asked about utilizing the **Environmental Studies Center**. Discussion followed. Barbara Whittier made a **motion** for staff to look into the possibility of working with the Seminole County Environmental Studies Center in order to orchestrate and implement educational and environmental outreach during the summer for various programs with Natural Lands that would accommodate citizens of the west and central portions of the county. Matt Criswell seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

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Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Deputy Brewer reported that there was no meeting in August and the next meeting will be in September. Deputy Brewer explained the Blueway Trail for Commissioner Horan's benefit. Discussion followed.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Abel announced that the new Parks manager, Robin 'Shorty' Robbins, will start Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. Abel reported that the CAPRA representatives that attended last month's meeting will be recommending that Seminole County is 100% in compliance.
- Commissioner Horan thanked the Committee members for being great citizens and said that they are very important to the community.

There was no other business. Mr. Nicholas adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.