

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 17, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Tom Boyko, Robert Bowden, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, John May, Mike Martin, Don Nicholas, Lee Ricci, Robert Simmons, Barbara Whittier, and David Williamson.

Members Absent: Jeff Ebbers, Ed Ghiglieri, Bill James and Bob Steenson.

Guests: Rory Trumbore and David Moss.

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

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

TIME: Chairman Don Nicholas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There is a quorum in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Mr. Nicholas introduced the new member Robert Simmons and David Moss who will be a new member effective in January. Rory Trumbore is visiting again. Welcome to all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Nicholas asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the October minutes. There was an attendance correction and a spelling of a name correction. Tom Boyko made a motion to accept the **October minutes as corrected**. Matt Criswell seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Mr. Nicholas asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **November minutes**. There were none. Tom Boyko made a motion to accept the November minutes as submitted. Mike Martin seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

- Mr. Boyko reported on the recent Board of County Commission meeting as they pertained to the Leisure Services Parks and Preservation. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Durr and Ms. Robbins gave followup.

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Mr. Nicholas announced that he will not be reappointed to the Committee. Mr. Boyko and Committee member thanked Mr. Nicholas for his service.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Ms. Whittier reported that the Subcommittee met at and toured Black Hammock Wilderness Area this morning.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Deputy Brewer reported that Seminole County Engineer, David Martin, gave a very good report on where the new trails are going. Mr. Martin was asked to look into the possibility of a canoe launch at Gator Dockside.
- Deputy Brewer reported that there was discussion about canoe launches at the wilderness areas as well as increased parking at the Econ Canoe launch. Discussion followed.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Nicholas reported that the Subcommittee did not meet this month and the next meeting will be January 7th at Sylvan Lake Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership Advocacy** – Mr. Nicholas thanked Mr. Martin for calling members to encourage attendance.
- **Website Advocacy** – Mr. May has nothing new. Ms. Williams reported that the County's new website should be up sometime in January. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Membership Responsibility** – Mr. Durr reported that Mr. Abel wants to address this topic next year when the new members will be attending.
- **Lake Jesup Boardwalk Proposed Reconstruction** – Sherry Williams reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation about Spring Hammock Preserve and the need to reconstruct the Lake Jesup Boardwalk. Discussion followed. Ms. Williams said that staff plans to apply for a grant to rebuild the existing boardwalk. More discussion followed. Mr. Durr committed himself to bringing more photos of the existing boardwalk to the next meeting.

There was no other business. Mr. Nicholas adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.