

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 25, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Robert Bowden, Mark Brandenburg, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, Susie Dolan, Jeff Ebbers, Jennifer Fillmon, Ed Ghiglieri, Jason Sutton and David Williamson.

Members Absent: Fonda Cerenzio, David Moss and Craig Sturla.

Guests: None

Staff Present: Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Jeff Caldwell, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

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

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Criswell introduced the new member, Jason Sutton, who shared his bio.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Criswell asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **December minutes**. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion to accept** the December minutes as presented. Susie Dolan seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

- Mr. Criswell reported on the recent Board of County Commission meetings as they pertained to Leisure Services Parks and Preservation Advisory Committee.
- Staff followed up as necessary.
- Mr. Criswell asked for a volunteer to prepare the County Commission Reports. Susie Dolan volunteered to alternate with Matt Criswell.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Williamson reported that the Committee met at Lake Jesup WA which they toured.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Brandenburg reported the meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

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- Mr. Durr reported that the Cross Seminole Trail missing link in Winter Springs has been narrowed down to the Dunn property as the only hold out.
- The Lake Monroe Loop is moving forward.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Criswell reported they met at Wilson's Landing Park on January 4th. David Williamson gave a great talk about native plants and invasive plants. The meeting was held here to discuss the canoe/kayak rental at Wilson's Landing Park. Park entrance and signage was discussed.
- Mr. Caldwell gave an update on Soldiers Creek Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Criswell requested better **attendance** at the subcommittee meetings. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Criswell requested members bring some ideas for new direction/focus.
- Mr. Criswell asked members to let staff know if they have ideas to add to meeting agendas for discussion.
- Mr. Criswell asked for a volunteer to take over Mike Martin's roll of promoting membership and attendance. Suzie Dolan volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Natural Lands Master Plan** – Mr. Durr reported that Part Two of the Master Plan was presented to the County Manager and she requested the same information for the rest of the parks. He further indicated that he may want to ask for a February meeting to present the information to PPAC before it goes to the BCC. Mr. Criswell made a motion to hold a February meeting. Susie Dolan seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. Mr. Criswell withdrew his motion.
- **Rolling Hills Golf Course** – Mr. Durr advised that he and Joe Abel are going to Tallahassee again and hopefully will have a decision after that.
- **Adopt-A-Park Program** – Mr. Brandenburg promoted the program. The Committee requested staff provide information at the next meeting regarding how many parks have been adopted and by what groups.
- **Jamestown Park** – Mr. Durr reported that the improvements to Jamestown Park are finished and the park has reopened. There will be a ceremony on February 25th to which the members will be invited.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- PARCS 501c3 – Mr. Criswell asked the Committee members to be aware and look for potential donors.

Mr. Criswell adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.