

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 24, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Robert Bowden, Mark Brandenburg, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, Jennifer Fillmon, Bryce Gibson, Kimberlee Riley, Craig Sturla, Jason Sutton and David Williamson.

Members Absent: Dudley Bates, Susie Dolan, Jeff Ebbers, Ed Ghiglieri and David Moss.

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

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Criswell introduced the new member, Kimberlee Riley, who shared her background.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

Mr. Criswell said he didn't see anything on the BCC agenda that pertained to the Committee and asked staff if he missed anything. Mr. Durr reported that there were two things pertaining to Leisure Services but they appeared under Purchasing:

1. Black Bear Wilderness Area Trails rescue solutions design budget was approved.
2. New scheduling software for all park's activities and to enable the use of credit and debit cards was approved. Discussion followed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Williamson reported that they met at the Geneva Wilderness Area last Friday and also visited the Black Hammock WA.
- There was discussion about **Gopher Tortoise habitat restoration** at Lake Proctor WA.

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- The **fires** at Black Hammock WA as well as Chuluota WA were discussed as well as the benefits of fire. Discussion followed.
- **Health and safety** precautions for staff out in the woods was discussed.
- Next meeting will be at the Geneva Wilderness area.
- There was discussion about **bears**.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Brandenburg reported that they met May 17th. He gave an update on the **CST missing link**.
- A **bridge or tunnel on the Seminole Wekiva Trail at State Road 436** was discussed.
- The DEP property next to the Markham Trailhead was reviewed for a **potential mountain bike skills trail**.
- Leisure Services is going to meet with members of SORBA in June at the **Upsala property** regarding another potential mountain bike trail.
- The subcommittee will be reviewing the master plan to **establish the top priorities** and ask the PPAC to approve moving them forward. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion** for the PPAC members to recommend the Trails Subcommittee to move forward prioritizing items from the trails master plan and bring their recommendations back to the PPAC at the next meeting for review. Robert Bowden seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- Mr. Bowden wanted it known that he is shocked, dismayed and disappointed that Leisure Services is not invited to the table regarding transportation issues which include trails projects that will eventually be turned over to their department.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Criswell reported that they met this morning. **Wilson's Landing Park** was discussed. **Soldiers Creek Park** is now open.
- Mr. Criswell announced the installation of a **Historic Winwood historical marker** on June 2nd at 3:30 p.m. and that all are invited to attend. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Seminole County **Wall of Fame** project was tabled until the next meeting.
- Mr. Durr showed and reviewed a map of the **Upsala property**. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Durr gave a recap of the **Soldiers Creek Park** Reopening. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Durr gave an update on the **Rolling Hills** project.
- Mr. Durr gave an update on the **Parks & Natural Lands Master Plan**.
- Construction of the **Spring Hammock boardwalk** is currently in the proposed budget for FY 17-18. Discussion followed.
- The **fire at Black Hammock WA** was discussed further and there was a review of future maintenance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- No other business was brought to the table.

Mr. Criswell adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.