

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 29, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Mark Brandenburg, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, Susie Dolan, Nancy Dunn, Jeff Ebbers, Jennifer Fillmon, Ed Ghiglieri, Bryce Gibson, Craig Sturla, Jason Sutton and David Williamson.

Members Absent: Robert Bowden, David Moss and Kimberlee Riley.

Staff Present: Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

LOCATION: Soldiers Creek Park
2400 State Road 419, Longwood, FL 32750

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Criswell asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **September minutes**. Craig Sturla made a **motion to accept** the minutes as presented. Jeff Ebbers seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

Mr. Criswell stated that he looked at the BCC agendas for the month and saw nothing pertaining to Leisure Services asking Mr. Durr to confirm which he did.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Williamson reported that the last meeting had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Irma.
- Mr. Williamson stated that National Public Lands Day was Sept. 30th and Seminole County had only one event which he attended. He hopes there will be more events in 2018.
- Mr. Williamson reported on the status of the wilderness areas since Hurricane Irma.
- Mr. Williamson advised that the subcommittee will be doing a site visit January 12th at the Black Bear Wilderness Area starting at 8:00 a.m. and he invited all PPAC members.
- Mr. Durr gave an update on the status of the wilderness areas, boat ramps and passive parks since Hurricane Irma.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Since Mr. Criswell was not able to make the last meeting he asked Ms. Fillmon to report. She reported that they met at Sylvan Lake Park and Mr. Caldwell gave a tour of the park.

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- Mr. Durr reported that the Wilson's Landing Park's proposed sidewalks must be ADA accessible.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Brandenburg has not yet arrived so Mr. Durr gave a report on the prioritization of projects by Public Works Engineering. Much discussion followed.
- Mr. Criswell requested an update on the blueways. Sgt. Brewer had been working with GIS but not lately.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Durr reported on the Adopt-A-Park program and will send a spreadsheet via email tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers:
 - Mr. Criswell opened the floor to nominations for Chairman. He advised that he has agreed to continue but wants others to be considered. Susie Dolan **nominated Matt Criswell for next year's Chairman**. Mr. Criswell asked if there are other nominations. There were no additional nominations. Mr. Criswell accepted. Ms. Dolan commented that a vote is not necessary if there are no other nominations.
 - Mr. Criswell opened the floor to **nominations for Vice Chair** stating that **Mark Brandenburg** has agreed if no one else is interested. There were no other nominations. Mr. Brandenburg accepted the nomination.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. Criswell advised that Ethics on Sunshine will be held December 5, 2017, at the BCC Chambers from 8 – 11:00 am and recommended everyone attend that has not recently.
- The members agreed to meet at Solders Creek Park for the January meeting.
- Mr. Durr reported that the new software is going live January 2, 2018, and the parks will be able to take credit cards as well as citizens can make reservations online.
- Mr. Durr also reviewed upcoming events and projects.
- An update on Rolling Hills was given.
- Mr. Williamson requested speakers at the meetings. A couple of suggestions were made.
- Mr. Criswell announced that he was nominated by the Orlando Sentinel as one of the 40 over 40.
- Mr. Durr reported on the Seminole Wekiva Trail damage by Hurricane Irma behind the Softball Complex and the anticipated reopening of that section by the end of the week.

Mr. Criswell adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.