

# NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

Thomas Center, Bldg A, Basement/Kitchen  
302 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

April 9, 2015  
Thursday – 6:00PM

## MINUTES

I. Call to Order and roll call.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Amy Carpus (Policy)		Linda Demetropoulos
Grace Crummer		
Kathy Ewel		
Rupa Lloyd, Treasurer		
David Miller, Vice Chair (Policy)		
Charles Pedersen, Chair (Policy)		
Jon Reiskind (PR)		
Taylor Stein (Policy)		
Leslie Straub (PR)		
Penny Weber (PR)		

Grace Crummer was welcomed as a new member!

II. Agenda Approval

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Amy Carpus
Moved To: Approve agenda as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2015

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: David Miller
Moved To: Approve minutes with corrections supplied by Leslie Straub	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

IV. New Business

- a) Kathy Ewel was appointed Secretary of NCC.
- b) Annual work plan prepared: see attached. Related discussions that may generate further action are outlined below:

Items arising during discussion of Workplan:

- Bivens Arm and Cofrin Nature Park management plans have not been written because of other staff obligations.
- The Awards Subcommittee should discuss ways of increasing number and sources of nominations at their next meeting on May 14.
- Need to discuss need for staff at Paynes Prairie sheet flow project.
- Need to discuss ways to deal with inadequate staffing in environmental education and outreach and how to coordinate with Gainesville Arts & Parks Foundation (501(c)(3)).
- The PR Committee should discuss the roles of storyboard displays and use of other media.

- Policies are necessary to govern appropriate use of city parks.

Motion By: Leslie Straub	Seconded By: David Miller
Moved to: Approve 2014/15 Workplan pending revisions at May meeting	Upon Vote: Passed unanimously

V. Chair report. No formal report

VI. Treasurer's Report. Rupa Lloyd reported that there is \$4,744 remaining in the NCC budget: \$3,042 in Materials & Supplies, \$1552 in Printing and Binding, and \$150 in advertising.

VII. Committee Reports

- Policy
- PR & Awards
- Nominations

VIII. Friends of Nature Parks: Penny staffed a booth at Jest Fest! along other FoNP members. The plant sale went well, with a good turnout; sales were better on Friday, perhaps because of competition with Kanapaha on Saturday.

IX. Liaison Reports

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Board (Vacant) – None.
- Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (Taylor Stein) - None
- Recreation, Cultural Affairs, and Public Works subcommittee: Linda Demetropoulos reported that the list of potential land acquisitions approved at the March NCC meeting was approved by RC&PW and will now move on to the City Commission.

X. PRCA staff report was provided by Linda Demetropoulos

- Personnel:
  - Two park rangers will work weekends from May to October at the Paynes Prairie sheet flow park. May 2 is the soft opening day. The 11 final applicants will be interviewed starting next week.
  - Applicants for the Habitat Naturalist position will be invited to interview.
  - The Labor Crew Leader position will be filled. This person will lead an inmate crew, freeing park maintenance workers to do natural resource management work in natural areas.
- Cofrin Park: A contract is about to be signed for shoreline stabilization work. Gladys Cofrin agrees that the house can be torn down. Historic Preservation staff have advised on items to save.

XI. Old Business - None

XII. Board or Citizen Comments – None.

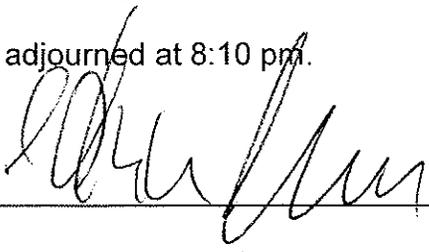
XIII. Next meeting

- PR Committee to meet at 6:00 pm before the regular NCC meeting in May.

b) Next regular NCC meeting: 6:30 on May 14 at 204 Thomas Center A.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

6-25-2015