

NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

Thomas Center, Bldg A, Room 204
302 NE 6th Ave

February 12, 2015
Thursday – 6:30PM

MINUTES (Approved with edits, March 12, 2015)

- I. Call to Order at 6:30 pm and roll call. Welcomed new board member and recognized guests

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

Citizens present: Michael Bainum, has applied to become a member. Recent UF graduate, civically minded, trained in wildlife ecology and conservation.
Donald Shepard was present at beginning of meeting.

- II. Agenda Approval

<u>Motion By:</u> Dave Miller	<u>Seconded By:</u> Amy Carpus
<u>Moved To:</u> Approve the agenda with removal of 501 C3 update by Michelle Park	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

- III. Approval of Minutes
a. January 8, 2015

<u>Motion By:</u> Jon Reiskind	<u>Seconded By:</u> Penny Weber
<u>Moved To:</u> Approve minutes as submitted	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

- IV. PRCA Staff Report

Linda D. provided staff report.

a. ~~Michelle Park to provide update on PRCA Master Plan and 501C3~~

- V. Chair Report: PRCA 501 C3 update, Penny Weber would like to see more environmental education grants applied for within the department. Charlie P. reported on park naming policy progress, reviewed the history of updating the park naming policy and Rec. board desire to name a park after Jack Hughes. Representatives wanting to name a park after Hughes may present at a future NCC meeting. Geoff Parks became Natural Resource Management Program Coordinator.

- VI. Treasurer's Report: Linda D. reported that the board still has \$5,573 remaining. There were no expenses since January meeting.

- VII. Committee Reports

a. Policy: Charlie P. reported on this committee, Taylor Stein presented the recreation template,

- b. PR & Awards – Storyboard Update – Jon R. and Leslie S. are reviewing work plan and budget for the plan.
- c. Nominations – none.

VIII. Friends of Nature Parks Report

IX. Liaison Reports

- a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Board (Vacant) No report.
- b. Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (Taylor Stein) No report.
- c. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (David Miller)
Linda D. provided a brief update. Michelle Park has been moving forward with recommendations for funding Master Plan improvements, and priority list. Linda D. reported that NRM is working on an updated land acquisition list to present at a future meeting.

X. Old Business – Linda D. provided a brief update on Canopy Climbers additional climbing location at Northeast Park.

XI. New Business – The board discussed the Annual Retreat to be held in April.

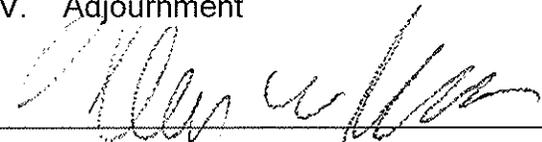
XII. Board or Citizen Comments: The board would like Tijuana Flats for their April Annual Retreat meal. The board would like to hold the retreat at Loblolly Environmental Center.

XIII. Next Meeting

- a. March 12, 2015
(Award proclamation and event at Thomas Center March 5, 2015)

XIV. Adjournment

Chair



Date

4-4-15