NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

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

July 10, 2014
Thursday – 6:30PM

Minutes

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Leslie Straub	Charles Pedersen	Steve Phillips
Taylor Stein	Jon Reiskind	Michelle Park
Rupa Lloyd	Amy Carpus	
David Miller, Chair	Penny Weber	

I. Call to Order and roll call. Called to order at 6:35 pm.
II. Agenda Approval

Motion By: Leslie Straub	Seconded By: ?
Moved To: Amend agenda to remove storyboard update, remove Suzanne Skadowski from BPed Board, add old business (plan for Pearse Hayes award), add new business discuss expenditures	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

III. Approval of June Minutes

Motion By: Taylor Stein	Seconded By: Leslie Straub
Moved To: Approve the minutes as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

IV. Chair Report: Chair reported that he would like to invite staff to award event for Pearse Hayes.

V. Treasurer's Report: Steve Phillips reported that there is currently $7,142 remaining in the budget. Leslie Straub asked for staff to see if taxidermy that was ordered last year was paid for. The board asked if staff could provide copies of receipts for items that have been purchased.

VI. Committee Reports
   a. Policy: Taylor Stein reported that he presented the Recreation Plan model based upon the plan created for Palm Point. This can be expanded to other parks. Dr. Stein stated that the NCC can play a big role in creating a recreation plan for other parks and determining appropriate uses, working together with staff. Steve Phillips said he will pass the document to staff for review and comment.
   b. PR & Awards

Motion By: Leslie Straub	Seconded By: Taylor Stein
Moved To: Authorize up to $4,000 to advertise nature events ~~and STAR awards~~ on the radio WUFT	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

c. Nominations: None

VII. PRCA Staff Report: Steve Phillips handed out Nature Operations Division monthly report. Steve Phillips presented City budget update. Michelle Park reported on the progress of prioritizing Master Plan recommendations. Steve/Michelle participated in City strategic planning process and PRCA Master Plan is still listed as a high city priority. Michelle Park responded to questions regarding the establishment of a PRCA 501 c3.

VIII. Friends of Nature Parks Report : Penny Weber absent but Michelle Park reported that FONP are funding a part-time Morningside Nature Center Volunteer Coordinator. This position will also update volunteer training manuals.

IX. Liaison Reports

a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Board (Vacant) None.
b. Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (Taylor Stein) None.
c. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (David Miller) None.

X. Old Business

a. Special recognition for Pearse Hayes: Leslie Straub and David Miller reported that a John Moran framed print has been selected. Cost will be $295.00 inclusive of brass plate. The location for the event will be "The Lodge". Room rental will cost $150. Meal served will be Mexican food. All board members were in favor.

XI. New Business

a. Advertise the STAR awards on August 1st: See above item PR and Awards subcommittee.
b. Expenditure of remaining funds.

Motion By: Leslie Straub	Seconded By: ?
Moved To: Remaining funds after taxidermy, radio PSA's, and Hayes recognition event should go to NRM prescribed fire printing needs and/or Morningside Nature Center interpretive display improvements.	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

XII. Board or Citizen Comments: None

XIII. Next Meeting

a. August 14, 2014 - Form nomination committee (three people)
b. Meet at "The Lodge"
   - Pearse Hayes recognition event begins at 5:30 pm for dinner
   - Ceremony at 6 pm
   - Regular NCC meeting will begin at 6:30 pm
   - Staff will update public notice

XIV. Adjournment

Chair signature

8/14/14
Date