NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

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

May 8, 2014
Thursday – 6:30 PM

Minutes

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
David Miller, Chair	Rupa Lloyd	Linda Demetropoulos
Charles Pedersen, V. Chair	Leslie Straub	Steve Phillips
Amy Carpus	Kate Preston, Sec/Treasurer	
Jon Reiskind	Taylor Stein	
Suzanne Skadowski		
Penny Weber		

I. Call to Order – at 6:00 pm

II. Agenda Approval

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Charles Pedersen
Moved To: Adopt the agenda as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion By: Charles Pedersen	Seconded By: Suzanne Skadowski
Moved To: Adopt the April minutes as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

IV. Approval of Annual Retreat Minutes

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Charles Pedersen
Moved To: Adopt the April Annual Retreat minutes as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

- **Chair Report** – Chair Dave Miller reported that three Board Chairs are meeting regularly with Steve Phillips. Those boards are the NCC, Park and Rec Board, and Cultural Affairs Board. Steve Phillips asked Dave Miller to ask the NCC board if they would approve naming only the active recreation component of Possum Creek Park (not the nature component) in Jack Hughes honor. The question was raised, why Possum Creek Park? Steve Phillips reported that one of the City Commissioners proposed Possum Creek Park due to Jack Hughes' activism in both nature and recreational parks. Steve Phillips stated that a written formal request/proposal has not been received. Steve Phillips stated that the "121 property" will not be developed in the near future due to funding. Steve Phillips and Dave Miller stated that it is important to revise and finalize the park naming policy.
- Jon Reiskind suggested that explanatory plaques be installed describing the person the park is named after.
- Dave Miller asked the board if they read the DRAFT Park Naming Policy. Dave Miller announced that adoption of the Park Naming Policy will occur at the next meeting.
- This month is bike month.

V. Treasurer's Report – Linda reports $7,318 remaining this fiscal year. The board asked that staff provide a list of funding needs.

VI. Committee Reports

- **Policy (Appropriate Use)** – Charlie Pederson reported that this subcommittee is meeting to identify potential appropriate revenue/non-revenue generating recreational activities in nature parks and also to look at how the recreation element is addressed in Management Plans. Charlie reported that we have received the final draft of the Palm Point Recreation Plan and subcommittee will meet in June to determine what direction to go with it in the future. The committee reported that the students did an excellent job on the plan.
- **PR & Awards** –
  - **Storyboard update** – no report
- **Nominations** - No report

VII. PRCA Staff Report – No written staff report. Linda Demetropoulos reported:

- that the Loblolly boardwalk is closed due to needed repairs. We have the budget for the repairs cobbled together from several funding sources. It will be repaired within three to five months.
- Getting revised proposal for Beville Creek shoreline reinforcement
- A contractor is providing a quote for Boulware restoration.
- Legislature did not fund FRDAP large projects. PRCA grant request for Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park development was not funded.
- WSPP funding is available to spend on natural resource management.
- Steve Phillips reported that he is meeting with the three board Chairs on the first Wednesday of each month.

VIII. Friends of Nature Parks Report – Penny Weber asked Steve Phillips about the future of environmental education. Steve Phillips reported bad budget year ahead but things are uncertain. The City is encouraging us to contract work out. Penny stated that there are no staff left to run summer camps.

IX. Liaison Reports

- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Board (Suzanne Skadowski) –** Suzanne reported that the board is asking for funds to purchase two motorized bikes with trailers to do trail clean-up.
- **Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (Taylor Stein)-** No report.
- **Recreation, Cultural Affairs, and Public Works Committee (David Miller)** – There was no meeting.

X. Old Business – Review and approval of revised work plan.

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Amy Carpus
Moved To: Approve the work plan as written	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

XI. New Business- None.

XII. Board or Citizen Comments –

- Charlie Pedersen reports that the Florida Forest Service is going to lease the Dept. of Corrections property and has come up with a vision statement for the property that will be the basis of a Management Plan. The property consists of approx. 1,200 acres.
- Linda Demetropoulos suggested recognizing Pearse Hayes for all of his years of service on the board since he is not on the board any more. STAR Volunteer Award? Pearse was a member since 1999. Plaque (Fracture) in recognition of his many years of exceptional service. Find out how many years Pearse was Chair. Have refreshments (honey roasted peanuts) and present the award. PR and Awards committee to meet and consider the internal recognition. Penny Weber will let Linda know when the PR and Awards Committee wishes to meet.

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Charlie Pedersen
Moved To: Convene PR and Awards committee to consider the recognition of Pearse Hayes.	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

- Amy reports that Alice Rankeillor is willing to lead a tour of the Paynes Prairie Sheetflow project site for the board.

XIII. Next Meeting – July 10, 2014, Thomas Center A, Room 204, 6:30pm

XIV. Adjournment – 7:40 pm

Chair

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