NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

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

January 9, 2014
Thursday – 6:30PM

Minutes

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

I. Call to Order – at 6:30pm

II. Agenda Approval

Motion By: Charles Pederson	Seconded By: Leslie Straub
Moved To: Adopt the agenda as submitted	Upon Vote: passed 8-0

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion By: Taylor Stein	Seconded By: Jon Reiskind
Moved To: Adopt the October minutes as submitted	Upon Vote: passed 8-0

IV. Chair Report – No report

Treasurer's Report – Kate Preston presented the Treasurer's Report stating expenditures of $225.00 and there is $7,324 available.

V. Committee Reports

- **Policy** – No report
- **PR & Awards**
  - Storyboard update – Leslie Straub showed the Board a 1st draft of the story board. She will be meeting with Julie, the graphic designer, every two weeks and Linda Demetropoulos will possibly attend those meetings as well.
  - Leslie took a straw poll on several questions she had on the story board.
    1. What was the best logo to use on the end pieces of the story board? "It Starts in Parks" was voted as most appealing.
    2. Should we have a logo at the top of the board or leave it blank? The board voted that yes, there should be a top logo.
    3. What four parks should be on the " Discover" side of the story board? The Board voted that Morningside, Cofrin, Ring, and San Felasco should be featured.
- **Nominations** - No report

VI. PRCA Staff Report –

- Linda Demetropoulos reported that the Air Potato Roundup is scheduled for January 25th, 2014.
- Amy Carpus inquired as to how the Big Bellies trash compactors were performing. Linda D. stated that everyone was happy with them and they have reduced frequency of trash pick-up to the areas where they are located by about 75%.
- Linda D. reported that the Smoky Bear design meeting went well and that the architect should have something for us at the end of January.
- Steve Phillips reported that Gary Paul will be retiring and invited all to attend the Open House on Jan. 28th
- There will be a visioning session at the Bolton Center for the "Empowerment Center"
- Interviews have started for a Partnership and Development Program Coordinator
- The City of Gainesville budget will be coming out next month

VII. Friends of Nature Parks Report – Penny Weber reported that their annual meeting would be on February 15, 2014 at Morningside and all NCC Board members are invited to attend.

VIII. Liaison Reports

- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Board (Suzanne Sadowski) -** Jon Reiskind asked to transfer this responsibility to Suzanne Sadowski as she is a current Bicycle & Pedestrian Board member. Suzanne S. accepted this request. Suzanne reports that most of the discussion at the meeting was about the 8th Avenue reconstruction. Linda D reported on the CDC Meeting on Greenbelt study for City Perimeter - having a loop trail or series of loop trails for bicycling.
- **Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (Taylor Stein)-** No report
- **Recreation, Cultural Affairs, and Public Works Committee (David Miller)** – No report

IX. Old Business –

- **Annual Work Plan**
  - An Appropriate Use Ad Hoc committee was appointed of the following Board members: David Miller, Amy Carpus, Charlie Pederson, and Taylor Stein. Their first meeting will b on February 13th @ 6pm at the Thomas Center, room 204.
- **Star Awards**
  - The Board discussed wording changes to the Green Business category of the Star Awards to include language that would incorporate businesses that are making environmentally friendly and sustainable changes to their workplace. This broadens the scope of the category. Linda Demetropolous will make the suggested changes and bring it back to the Board at the next meeting.

X. New Business-

- **Draft of Boulware Springs Nature Park Sandhill Restoration Project**
  - Linda Demetropolous gave the Board copies of this draft and is asking for comments/suggestions within the next 2 weeks. Linda D. will also send an electronic copy to the Board.

XI. Board or Citizen Comments – No comments

XII. Next Meeting – February 13, 2014, Thomas Center A, Room 204, 6:30pm

XIII. Adjournment – 7:53pm

David Miller
Chair

2/13/14
Date