

NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

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

November 13, 2014
Thursday – 6:30PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and roll call at 6:30 pm.

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

II. Agenda Approval

<u>Motion By:</u> Amy Carpus	<u>Seconded By:</u> Leslie Straub
<u>Moved To:</u> Approve the agenda as submitted	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes

<u>Motion By:</u> Amy Carpus	<u>Seconded By:</u> Jon Reiskind
<u>Moved To:</u> Approve the September 11, 2014 Minutes as submitted.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

- IV. Chair Report: The Chair is starting to attend the Department Director's monthly Board Chairs' meeting. The Park Naming Policy changes have been submitted to the board chairs and they will meet to review the policy and changes.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Linda Demetropoulos reported that the NCC finished the last fiscal year with an unspent balance of \$3,552. The board spent \$3,996 during the fiscal year. There is a new balance of \$5,573 for the start of the new fiscal year.
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. Policy: The Policy committee met at 6 pm today. The committee met to conduct the annual review of policies. Policies reviewed were:
 1. Natural Resource and Environmental Stewardship
 2. Acquisition of Conservation Lands
 3. Development of Areas and Facilities
 4. Defense Against Encroachment
 5. Disposition of Conservation Lands Policy
 6. Recycling Policy
 7. Nuisance Wildlife Policy
 8. Sign Policy for Gainesville Parks
 9. Memorials for Public Places and Parks Policy
 10. Geocaching and Letterboxing Policy and Guidelines

Staff recommended revisions to only the first policy, Natural Resource and Environmental Stewardship. Leslie Straub requested to review the Nuisance Wildlife Policy. The Chair reported that the Policy committee discussed conservation land acquisition and the associated policy. Staff reported on the

- b. PR & Awards – Storyboard Update- Leslie Straub updated the NCC on progress. Leslie provided the NCC with a “mock up” of what she anticipates the storyboard will look like. Leslie said she is still looking for photos and is working with Laura Rauson on approval of layout and logos.
- c. Nominations: None.

VII. PRCA Staff Report: Linda D. handed out staff report for September and October and responded to questions.

VIII. Friends of Nature Parks Report – None.

IX. Liaison Reports

a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Board (Vacant)

<u>Motion By:</u> Jon Reiskind	<u>Seconded By:</u> Leslie Straub
<u>Moved To:</u> Have the NCC board submit a letter to the City Commission advocating for a median on 8 th Avenue from 31 st to 23rd Street for the safety of park patrons crossing the street and for consistency with the park continuing the green space that surrounds both sides of 8 th Avenue.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

- b. Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (Taylor Stein) None.
- c. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (David Miller)
RCAPW met on 11/13/14 - Linda D. reported that LED lighting downtown was discussed, and the old Armory property surrounding the building is proposed to become a park.

X. Old Business

- a. Update on Canopy Climbers contract: Linda D provided a current status report.
- b. Review Annual Work Plan Progress: Jon Reiskind was appointed to the PR and Awards subcommittee. The board decided to have a PR and Awards subcommittee meeting in January at 6 pm prior to the regular NCC meeting. This is to come up with a strategic plan for PR.
- c. Star Awards –

<u>Motion By:</u> Leslie Straub	<u>Seconded By:</u> Jon Reiskind
<u>Moved To:</u> Approve the nominations of Doug Hornbeck for Star Good Neighbor, Jack Putz for Star Volunteer, and Danny Lyons/Canopy Climbers for Star Green Business.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

Jon Reiskind agreed to write up Canopy Climbers/Danny Lyons for Star Green Business.

- d. Star Awards – The board selected an Ipomoea photo for the Star Awards.
- e. PRCA Policies – Recommend/approve revisions

<u>Motion By:</u> Jon Reiskind	<u>Seconded By:</u> Rupa Lloyd
<u>Moved To:</u> Approve the policies with recommended technical changes pending review of the board chair, except for the Nuisance Wildlife policy which will be reviewed at a later date.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

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XI. New Business

- a. Recruit new board members: The board decided we need a promotional recruitment flyer. Jon Reiskind agreed to draft a flyer based upon duties listed in the board by-laws to submit to staff.

Added b. Consider December meeting

<u>Motion By:</u> Leslie Straub	<u>Seconded By:</u> Jon Reiskind
<u>Moved To:</u> Cancel the December meeting	<u>Upon Vote:</u> passed unanimously

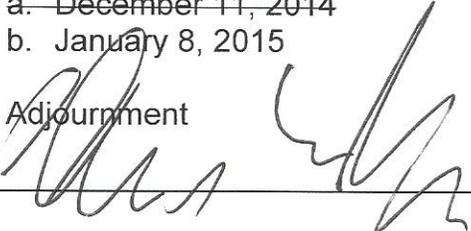
XII. Board or Citizen Comments

XIII. Next Meeting

- a. ~~December 11, 2014~~
- b. January 8, 2015

XIV. Adjournment

Chair: _____



Date: _____

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