NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

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

September 11, 2014
Thursday – 6:30PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and roll call at 6:30 pm. Recognize new members and/or guests

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

Also present, Danny Lyons from Canopy Climbers.

II. Agenda Approval

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Rupa Lloyd
Moved To: Approve the agenda as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

III. Approval of August 14, 2014 Minutes

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Leslie Straub
Moved To: Approve the August 14, 2014 Minutes as submitted.	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

IV. Chair Report - None.

Motion By: Amy Carpus	Seconded By: Jon Reiskind
Moved To: Hear Canopy Climbers proposal before Committee Reports	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

The NCC heard Danny Lyons' from Canopy Climbers proposal for FY15 to add Roper Park as a climbing destination. Danny Lyons updated the board on the past year's activities.

Motion By: Leslie Straub	Seconded By: Jon Reiskind
Moved To: Support extension of current contract and support negotiations of a new contract request.	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

Motion By: Amy Carpus	Seconded By: Charlie Pedersen
Moved To: NCC write letter to PRPB in support of Canopy Climbers proposal to add Roper Park.	
Amended: Jon amended to allow NCC Chair to attend PRPB meeting	Seconded By: Charlie Pedersen
	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

The board requested future updates on the Canopy Climbers agreement to be on future agendas. The board also pointed out that this topic could be heard under the appropriate use committee.

V. Treasurers report: Leslie Straub reports that there is $4,958 remaining in the budget according to the Expense Budget report. Linda D reported that the prescribed fire mailing in the amount of $401.15 was not reflected in the Expense Budget report but will be, and half of the taxidermy ($1,687.50) was not reflected in the Expense Budget report but also will be. Therefore an additional $2,088.65 would be taken out of the remaining balance. The total remaining balance for FY14 is anticipated to be $2,869.35.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Policy - None
b. PR & Awards – Storyboard Update – The committee met on 9/11/14 to review photos. The committee determined photo needs. Leslie said the committee will make a small mock-up of the storyboard for the board to review. The committee is looking for photos of people in the parks. Jon requested that Leslie send out the subheadings for the storyboard so that he could be aware of the topics when he is out with his camera.

c. Nominations – The slate selected by the nominations committee was as follows: Chair, Charlie Pedersen, Vice Chair, Dave Miller, Secretary/Treasurer, Rupa Lloyd. No other nominations were taken from the board. Dave Miller agreed to transcribe the minutes.

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By: Amy Carpus
Moved To: Close nominations as they stand	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

Motion By: Leslie Straub	Seconded By: Jon Reiskind
Moved To: Accept the slate of officers	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

VII. PRCA Staff Report
Linda D. provided the written staff report and responded to questions from the board.

VIII. Friends of Nature Parks Report -Penny W. mentioned the upcoming plant sale, wildflower walks, and environmental education programs. Living History days were dwindling so FONP paid to have a volunteer coordinator recruit volunteers for Living History days. This position will continue into December. Linda D. reported that Morningside roofs will be repaired and Environmental Education (Recreation) positions will be advertised soon.

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) No report.

X. Old Business - None

XI. New Business
   a. Elect 14/15 Officers
   b. Review PRCA policies – Linda D. reported that with Accreditation the board needs to review relevant policies annually. They have the ability to recommend changes as they see fit. Ten policies were distributed to board members and they will be reviewed at the November meeting. Members will be reminded to review in October.
   c. Canopy Climbers proposal (heard prior to committees)

XII. Board or Citizen Comments - Amy reports the demolition for Butler Plaza is underway.

XIII. Next Meeting
   a. October 9, 2014
   b. Term renewals due:
      i. Carpus, Amy 11/1/2014
      ii. Lloyd, Rupa 11/1/2014
      iii. Reiskind, Jon 11/1/2014
      iv. Straub, Leslie E 11/1/2014

XIV. Adjournment

Chair Signature_____ Date 11-13-2014