NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

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

June 12, 2014
Thursday – 6:33PM

Minutes

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

I. Call to Order and roll call. Recognize new members and/or guests

II. Agenda Approval

Motion By: Amy Carpus	Seconded By: Taylor Stein
Moved To: Adopt the agenda as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

III. Approval of May Minutes

Motion By: Charles Pedersen	Seconded By: Amy Carpus
Moved To: Approve the minutes as submitted	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

IV. Chair Report – Chair Dave Miller encourages the board to approve the Park Naming Policy.

V. Treasurer's Report - Linda reports $7,142 remaining this fiscal year. Linda reports that FY 15/16 City Commission budget allocation is proposed to be $350 instead of the usual allocation of $2,000. The board discussed having the Chair present/PowerPoint at the July 15 City Commission budget meeting. Leslie Straub said she would assemble a presentation.

Leslie Straub suggested work/expenditures prior to end of Fiscal Year:

- Make sure every park has a kiosk
- Re-do kiosk at Morningside
- Refurbish entry display at Morningside
- Preservation of historic documents from Nature Operations

VI. Committee Reports

a. Policy – none. Schedule a meeting for July 10 at 6 pm.
b. PR & Awards – Storyboard Update

Leslie reported that the PR & Awards Committee convened to consider recognition of Pearse Hayes service on the Nature Centers Commission. The committee recommended the following to NCC:

- Special Achievement Award
- Purchase a John Moran photograph of the gopher tortoise looking up through the burrow.
- Have it nicely framed and matted.

- Place an inscribed brass plate within the matting.
- Leslie will check on the prices at Harold's.
- Poem to be included will be by Roosevelt:
    - "While my interest in natural history has added very little to my sum of achievement, it has added immeasurably to my sum of enjoyment of life."

Suggestions of where to hold a celebration included the Freedom Center at Kanapaha Memorial Park and Barnie's Coffee shop on 75th Street and Archer.

We will consider holding the August meeting at the selected location. Leslie will follow-up to see how this would work with Pearse's schedule.

The group discussed that they would like to have Steve Phillips present the award. The group would like to have honey roasted peanuts for Pearse.

Motion By: Leslie Straub	Seconded By: Charlie Pedersen
Moved To: Adopt the recommendation of the PR & Awards Subcommittee	Upon Vote: passed unanimously

c. Nominations - None

VII. PRCA Staff Report – Linda D distributed the PRCA Staff Report. Also reported on the pending donation of 4.2 acres of land adjacent to Forest Park.

VIII. Friends of Nature Parks Report – FONP is assisting the Environmental Education Section compile and produce a training manual for volunteers (and others) regarding the functioning of environmental programming such as biscuits, blacksmith, Timucuan interpretation. Amy Carpus said she has a 20 year old such manual.

IX. Liaison Reports
a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Board (Suzanne Skadowski) - None
b. Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (Taylor Stein) - None
c. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (David Miller) Discussed new Committee appointments. Linda D will provide the updated list of Committee appointments.

X. Old Business
a. Review/approval of Park Naming Policy

Motion By: Taylor Stein	Seconded By: Jon Reiskind
Moved To: Approve Park Naming Policy as submitted	Upon Vote: Failed unanimously

Motion By: Jon Reiskind	Seconded By:
Moved To: Adopt NCC recommended changes: 1) 50 signatures for neighborhood or smaller park, 2) 500 signatures for community or regional park, 3) 1,000 signatures for existing park, area, facility or center, 4) Consistent language in I, J, K, 5) Reinstate L, 6) Add language to L for living individuals and refer to Memorial Policy for deceased individuals, 7) Keep note regarding 1 year waiting period on page 6, 8) Add Bivens Arm, Boulware Springs, and Palm Point Nature Parks to list of "No Name Change" parks.	Upon Vote: Passed unanimously

XI. New Business

a. Staff presentation of formation of PRCA 501c3 PRCA Foundation. Alicia Antone presented a DRAFT document outlining the proposal of a PRCA non-profit organization that supports City of Gainesville PRCA. Alicia discussed the need and purpose of the organization. There were questions raised about appropriate type of 501 c.

XII. Board or Citizen Comments - None

XIII. Next Meeting

a. July 10, 2014

b. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Month proclamation at City Commission July 17th

c. City Budget Meeting July 15 at 9 am.

XIV. Adjournment at 8:00 pm

Chair

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Date