

**Seminole County
Parks & Preservation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023**

Members Present:

Isaac Abdelmessih, Pasha Baker, Mark Brandenburg, Nancy Dunn, Angela Fleming, Davion Hampton, J. Reid Hillard, Joshua Memminger, Kayla Mitchell, Harrel Morgan, Chris Stevens

Members Absent:

Tom Boyko, Doug Crenshaw, William Wills, Ashlee Woodard

Guests:

Wade Walker (Kittleson), Kristin Caborn (GAI Consultants), Sean Maher (RRC Consultant)

Staff Present:

Richard Durr, Leisure Services Director
William Pandos, Greenways and Natural Lands Division Manager
Michael Wirsing, Leisure Services Deputy Director

Location:

Boombah Soldiers Creek
2400 State Road 419
Longwood, FL 32750

On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Chairman Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. There was a quorum in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions

Mark Brandenburg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New member Kayla Mitchell was introduced. Kayla is new to Seminole County. Kayla works with Bike/Walk Central Florida and is an active park user with her family.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to accept Minutes for March and May 2023 was made by Harrel Morgan and seconded by Pasha Baker. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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New Business:

1. Presentation on Trail Safety Study

The presentation was given by Wade Walker from Kittleson Associates. Mr. Walker provided a presentation on a study that was conducted to evaluate the current level of safety for the County trail system. Mr. Walker described that the proposed implementation plan consists of two tiers. The first tier is considered less expensive and more easily implemented strategies such as green-colored thermal paint crosswalks, transition strips located on trails, and modifications or additional grab bars for cyclists. Tier Two is more extensive and complicated changes such as lane changes and larger dividers between roadways and trails.

After Mr. Walker's presentation, Rick Durr shared with the committee that after some discussion with the County Manager's Office, Tier I improvements will be implemented as soon as appropriate plans can be mobilized and put in place by the department. Leisure Services will be aggressively implementing the plan and will bring back updates at future committee meetings.

The committee suggested looking at some options to educate riders to improve safety and speeds on the trails to ensure all trail users are accommodated.

2. Master Plan Update

Kristin Caborn from GAI Consultants provided the current status of the Park and Recreation Master Plan. Ms. Caborn shared an overview of the process and introduced Sean Maher from RRC who gave a presentation to the committee showing the results of the survey that was sent out to residents via direct mail as well as the results of the online survey. The survey included over 2,000 responses. Survey questions included the perception of the quality of programs and services, customer feedback on future needs, and desires for future programming and facilities. At the completion of the presentation, a few comments were made about possible future projects like an indoor complex, aquatic facility, and future park projects. Additionally, it was conveyed to the committee that the response was very strong from residents. It was also noted

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that respondents believe that there is room to improve communication about programs, facilities and services.

After questions, Rick Durr provided further updates to the group about the next steps in the process which include a staff work session to work on future initiatives and areas of focus along with identifying possible avenues and solutions towards meeting these goals. Mr. Durr also stated that this master plan will set the groundwork for the County's work plans and help guide the County for the next decade. It was also stated that there will be future updates to the PPAC committee before it ultimately goes to the BCC in November for acceptance.

Leisure Services Update

1. Greenways and Natural Lands

Bill Pandos provided an update on the trail tunnel projects at SR 434/SR 436. Mr. Pandos shared that he had just met with consultants on the project and that the project is moving along but will most likely be about an 18-month process for completion of design.

2. Parks and Recreation

Michael Wirsing provided details about July is Parks Month activities. Mr. Wirsing described a few of the events and provided copies of the three posters (Black Bear, Softball Complex, Markham Trailhead) that were featured this year as part of the celebration of Parks Month to each committee member present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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