

NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

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

March 12, 2020
6:30 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order and roll call.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Grace Crummer, Chair	Matthew Audette, Treasurer	Geoff Parks
Amy Carpus	Bruce Blackwell	
Penny Weber	Jessica Wilson	
Jon Reiskind, Vice-Chair		
Shaun Jensen, Secretary		
Cindy Boulware		
Hannah Gutner, Student Seat		
Marilyn Prado		
Nicole Dodds		
Leslie Straub		

II. Agenda Approval

<u>Motion by:</u> CJ Boulware	<u>Seconded by:</u> Marilyn Prado
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve agenda	<u>Upon vote:</u> Unanimous

III. Approval of Minutes a. February 13, 2020

<u>Motion by:</u> CJ Boulware	<u>Seconded by:</u> Marilyn Prado
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve agenda	<u>Upon vote:</u> Unanimous

IV. Chair Report

Chair Grace Crummer reported that she updated Steve Phillips on NCC's signage recommendations. Also reported Steve Phillips went to Camp McConnell Charette

V. Treasurer's Report Reported approximately \$4,800

VI. PRCA Staff Report

Staff reported on proposed FY 21 budget increment requests for additional staffing, overtime budget, and fencing and boardwalks. MNC is continuing to have staff and budget issues. Continuing to see high attendance at Sweetwater and are looking into an App-based entry payment option. There is a newly renovated pavilion roof at the Boulware trailhead. April 24-27 City/County/and IFAS are encouraging participation in the "City Nature Challenge" using the iNaturalist app to document diversity in our parks.

- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Policy – no report
 - b. PR & Awards – no report

- VIII. Liaison Reports
 - a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Board – no report
 - b. Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board – last meeting was almost exclusively about Camp McConnell
 - c. WSPP Oversight Committee and PRCA WSPP working group –brief update on Boulware picnic structure, tennis courts and other upgrades at the Senior Rec Center, the Nature Center at Hogtown Creek Headwaters was discussed during the General Policy Committee meeting that day, may need to rethink the towers at SWP due to cost of steel and supply chain issues

IX. Friends of Nature Parks Report (Penny Weber)

Edit the monthly report to reflect that Wiles Elementary (not Foster) participated in Poetry in the Parks, Native Plant Sale at MNC scheduled on 4/17-18. There were 89 submissions to Poetry in the Parks from Alachua Elementary earlier, and 126 submissions from Wiles Elementary 4th graders. Wiles went to Morningside 2/27 and 2/28. FONP paid for the bus so there were no student fees for the field trip. Judging next Wednesday, 6-9pm at Thomas Center B. FONP scheduled a member appreciation event 2/29, Mary Parkinson to be recognized.

X. Old Business

- a. Sign comments update

Penny reported that she went back to the CM's office and left the proposed trail signage document with his executive assistant. She did not meet with Mr. Feldman. She got an email acknowledging that the binder was received. Grace reported that she also sent an e-copy to the City Commission.

- b. Expenditures/"wish list" items

Staff should provide budgetary wish list items ASAP

- c. Advertising Star Awards and nature parks PSA's

No update on PSA's as board member Matt is absent at this meeting. Staff should follow up with M. Audette on status of contact with WUFT and finding source of nature sounds.

XI. New Business

- a. Plan Annual Retreat

Consensus was to have a potluck in TCB 201 on 4/9. Members will bring food and their own dishes but backup dishes should be provided for those who forget.

Staff should send a google doc for food signup for retreat.

Staff should send out last year's work plan a week prior to retreat.

XII. Board or Citizen Comments

Leslie reported that she attended a charrette about Camp McConnell. Florida Wildlife Care is requesting acreage on the property. County Commission is scheduled to discuss it in April.

Board discussed a site visit for April or May, and decided to attend the Native Plant Sale and go on one of the walks provided.

Amy brought up the City Nature Challenge from April 24-27 – will be done through the iNaturalist app.

XIII. Adjournment

Chair

Date