

# City of Gainesville

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Minutes - Final**

**February 11, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

**Virtual**

## **Nature Centers Commission**

*Jonathan Reiskind (Chair)  
Karen Garren (Member)  
Penny Weber (Member)  
Kathryn G. Crummer (Vice-Chair)  
Leslie Straub (Member)  
Jessica W. Wilson (Treasurer)  
Bruce Blackwell (Member)  
Cindy Boulware (Secretary)  
Marylin Prado (Member)  
Michael Hill (Member)  
Matthew Audette (Member)  
Nicole Dodds (Member)  
Hannah Gutner (Student Seat)*

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## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL, 6:35 pm

**Present** 8 - Member Weber, Member Straub, Member Blackwell, Student Seat Gutner, Member Prado, Chair Reiskind, Hill, and Garren  
**Absent** 3 - Member Wilson, Member Boulware, and Vice-Chair Crummer

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Adopt the agenda as submitted.  
Passed 4-0

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**Reports from Treasurer, PRCA, Committee, Liaison and Friends of the Nature Park Reports**

RECOMMENDATION

*The Nature Centers Commission will discuss the reports for the committees and will take the appropriate action*

Approved January regular meeting minutes as submitted.  
Upon Vote: passed 4-0

## CHAIR REPORT

There was not Chair Committee Meeting. Steve Phillips is retiring. There was discussion on moving to in-person meetings.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Linda Reported that there is a budget balance of \$5,573 available. There were no recent expenditures.

## PRCA STAFF REPORT

Farm and staffing updates were reported.  
February 22 is the Hogtown Greenway presentation

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy - no report, no meeting  
b. PR and Awards - no report, no meeting - set next meeting before the March meeting at 6pm

## LIAISON REPORT

a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Board - Jon R - no report  
b. Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board - Cindy B - not present  
c. Wild Spaces Public Places - reports quarterly

## FRIENDS OF NATURE PARKS REPORT

No report since the Board did not meet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

none

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Policies up for 5 year review will be distributed to the board.

Ewen Thomson gave a presentation on the "Benefits of the Infinity Loop Concept to provide public healthy access to parks." this proposal is for a multiple use trail connecting parks and people. Since this looked like it was well into the planning stage but was all new to everyone present, there were many questions and concerns. Discussion included financial concerns, current park restrictions, parking and current intergovernmental agreements.

## **BOARD OR CITIZEN COMMENTS**

McCarty Woods on UF campus is asking for support to protect that area.  
February 20th is a county event at the Lynching Memeorial

**ADJOURNMENT, 8:15pm**