

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 12, 2022

6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Nature Centers Commission

Jonathan Reiskind (Chair)
Karen Garren (Member)
Penny Weber (Member)
Jessica W. Wilson (Treasurer)
Bruce Blackwell (Member)
Cindy Boulware (Secretary)
Marylin Prado (Member)
Michael Hill (Member)
Leanne Sheffer (Member)
Madilena Campbell (Member)
Richard Bennett (Member)
Susan Jacobson (Member)
Jonathan Stephens (Student Seat)

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Call to Order and Roll Call, 6:30pm

Agenda Approval

No changes to the agenda

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RECOMMENDATION

The Nature Centers Commission will discuss the May 12, 2022 agenda and will take the appropriate actions.

Approval of Minutes

Will approve the April minutes at the next regular meeting.

Chair Report

No report. there has not been a Chair's meeting this month.

Treasurer's Report

Reported that there was a about \$215 spent on the annual retreat. there is currently more that \$5,200 left of the original \$5,573 budget.

PRCA Staff Report

Reported on the Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Center ribbon cutting scheduled for May 27. Nature Operations needs to hire two Grounds and Events Workers. The Nature Centers exhibits are scheduled to be installed June 23. PRCA Director Gonzalez was tasked with drafting information for the proposed Sports Complex at 8th and Waldo. Will email the monthly report to board members.

Committee Reports

- a. Policy - none
- b. PR & Awards - none

Liaison Report

- a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Board - no report
 - b. Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board - no report
 - c. PRCA WSPP Working Group - no report
- Linda mentioned that another Wild Spaces and Public Places Surtax Meeting

has been scheduled. She will send details to the board members. The board asked Linda to provide them with the current list of Wild Spaces & Public Places project priorities.

Friends of Nature Parks Report

Reported events of the very busy month: Tour of Morningside's Living History Farm for the annual members meeting. Tour of the Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Center, Staffed a FoNP display at the Santa Fe Teaching Zoo, discussed potential funding from Audubon, asked for a Poetry in the Parks intern.

Old Business

- a. Review/approve Work Plan - Members approved the work plan.
- b. Select park site for June NCC park site visit - Tour Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park at 6pm on June 9, followed by the meeting at 6:30 pm in the Headwaters Nature Center.

New Visit

- a. Nominations for Treasurer: There was discussion regarding the Treasurer's responsibilities. Linda said that she will coordinate with the Treasurer on expenditures and provide the information. The Treasurer is typically the person who prods the board to spend their budget allocation. The board asked Linda to confer with staff and bring back a desired list of materials and supplies for Nature Operations at the next meeting. Jon Reiskind nominated Susan Jacobson for Treasurer. Vote at the next meeting.
- b. Committee appointments: Policy: Jonathan, Maddie and Leanne. PR & Awards: Cindy and Susan

Board or Citizen Comments

Jon Reiskind mentioned an event at the Cotton Club on May 20 for Florida Emancipation Day.
Maddie said she has an internship at the Florida Produce Association in Washington DC
The next meeting on June 9 is Bruce Blackwell's birthday.

Adjournment, 7:27 pm

Headwaters Nature Center Ribbon Cutting, May 27, at 10am

Next meeting, June 9, 2022