
**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Board discussion and direction concerning establishing a fifteen (15) member Leisure Services Advisory Committee that would replace the existing Natural Lands, Trails and Greenways, and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committees.

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

DIVISION: Parks and Recreation

AUTHORIZED BY: Joe Abel

CONTACT: Joe Abel

EXT: 2001

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

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County-wide

Joe Abel

BACKGROUND:

During the recent November 13, 2007 Board of County Commissioners meeting, staff was requested to explore the possibility of merging the Trails and Greenways, and Natural Lands Advisory Committees. It was further discussed to also consider merging the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with the others as well.

The following are the findings upon considering a consolidation of the Committees:

The Greenways and Trails Advisory Committee's original focus has been to provide direction and consensus for trail development and development advice to the Board of County Commissioners. As the funding has all been associated to specific projects and are currently under construction, the Committee has had less focus. Meetings have been moved to quarterly meeting, two of which have been identified as field trips. At their recent meeting in November, there was discussion as to the Committee's continued necessity, focus and direction based on the conclusion of existing projects and plans.

The Natural Lands Advisory Committee's focus has been the identification, qualification and recommendation of potential natural lands property procurement through the Natural Lands referendums and available grant funding. As this funding has neared its end, this Committee has only met when potential properties have presented themselves. This Committee, while just meeting on December 3rd, has not met since February of 2006 because of the lack of identified properties for procurement and the depletion of funding for future purchases.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss existing and future parks and recreation division matters. This group also has had discussion as to clear direction and focus as to maximize their commitment and efforts.

The total number of appointments to the three Advisory Committees is forty (40). All three Advisory Committees have had a range of attendance commitment ranging from active participation with few or no absences to marginal attendance and participation.

Therefore the following recommendation is being offered by staff for discussion purposes and direction by the Board of County Commissioners.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

In keeping consistent with the re-structuring and re-alignment of the County's three divisions of the Leisure Services Department (Parks & Recreation, Natural Lands, and Streetscapes and Trails); to bring a more cohesive alignment and to create a more consistent focus, mission, and direction for the three existing Committees; and to bring together a manageable number of actively committed and dedicated citizens for a common cause, staff recommends for consideration and discussion, the adoption of a combination of the three existing Advisory Committees into one Leisure Services Advisory Committee as outlined herein below.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee could be formulated as follows:

- (a) A Leisure Services Advisory Committee to consist of fifteen (15) members, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (three appointments by each Commissioner) to serve a term of two (2) years.
- (b) At least five (5) of the fifteen (15) membership slots for this Committee, would be appointed having academic or professional training in the biological or environmental sciences, by being an active member of a conservation group or agency, or by having experience in the passive recreational use of environmentally sensitive lands for public purposes.
- (c) At least five (5) of the fifteen (15) membership slots for this Committee, would be comprised from a cross section of trail user/interest groups.
- (d) The remaining five (5) of the fifteen (15) membership slots for this Committee would be comprised of Seminole County parks and recreation participants and/or citizens interested in advising the Board of County Commissioners in the creation, direction and stewardship of the County's parks and recreation facilities and services.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee would have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) The Committee would elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson annually.
- (b) The Committee would work with County staff to review important natural lands and environmental lands and make recommendations relating to lands which should be purchased or developed.
- (c) The Committee would work with County staff to review important trails and greenways land and make recommendations relation to lands which should be purchased, developed and maintained for the creation of a County-wide trails and greenways system.
- (d) The Committee would work with County staff to recommend and review plans for future growth, development use and beautification of all County parks, as well as make recommendations for appropriate budgeting of special parks,

trails, natural lands, and recreation needs.

- (e) The Leisure Services Director could be designated as the staff liaison for the Leisure Services Advisory Committee with assistance from other County staff as necessary.

This recommendation is a combination of the detailed components within the existing three Advisory Committee resolutions as attached for reference. The intent of each of the Committees would remain intact with an ability to re-direct the focus to development, usage and continued maintenance/management which would be in line with the intention of the creation of the Leisure Services Department. In essence, the Leisure Services Advisory Committee would be the eyes and ears of the community for Leisure Services, a direct liaison to the Department for County Commissioners, as well as ambassadors of all of the divisions of the Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution

Additionally Reviewed By:

County Attorney Review (Arnold Schneider)

R E S O L U T I O N



ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KWIATKOWSKI, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 1976.

WHEREAS, the County of Seminole recognizes the need and significance of providing park and recreational opportunities for the citizens of Seminole County, and

WHEREAS, Seminole County recognizes the need for an Advisory Board to determine and administer policies for the creation, maintenance, and use of all County parks with the approval of the County Commission,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, does hereby create and constitute the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which shall recommend to the County Commission plans for the future growth, development use and beautification of all County parks, as well as make recommendations for budgetary of special appropriations for County parks and recreation programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Seminole County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of ten (10) members. Each Commissioner will appoint two (2) members, and each shall be confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall be appointed for a term of one year, and terms of office of such members shall begin on the first day of January.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 10TH Day of February, A.D., 1976.

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ATTEST:

Arthur H. Beckwith, Jr.
Arthur H. Beckwith, Jr., Clerk to
the Board of County Commissioners
in and for Seminole County, Florida
FLORIDA

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2000

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has a long standing commitment to providing quality recreational facilities and natural resource areas for enjoyment by the citizens of Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, the development of Trails and Greenways provides opportunities to enhance the health, well being and quality of life of the citizens of Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Trails and Greenways provide alternative transportation opportunities important to the citizens of Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, the development of Trails and Greenways promotes environmental education and increases public awareness of environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the development of Trails and Greenways in the County leads to a positive influx of eco-tourism and further enhances the reputation of the County as a first class location to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that the input provided by the citizens of Seminole County and full public participation are essential to the development of a quality countywide Trails and Greenways program; and

WHEREAS, hereby determines that the economic impact statement referred to be the Seminole County Home Rule Charter is unnecessary and waived as to this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board Of County Commissioners Of Seminole County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee. A Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee, is hereby established to serve as an advisory committee and recommending body to the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. Membership.

(a) The Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee shall consist of fifteen (15) members, all of whom shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.

(b) The membership shall comprise a cross section of trail user/interest groups as determined by the Board and shall be subject to all laws relating to financial disclosure, conflicts of interest and the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

(c) The Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

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(d) The initial membership shall be the following ten (10) persons and five (5) additional members to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Art Ackerman	Nelson Blackmore
Jeff Ciabotti	Wiley Dykes
Bill Fernandez	Cindy Gennell
Alice Gilmartin	Mike Martin
Jeffrey Payne	Tony Tizzio

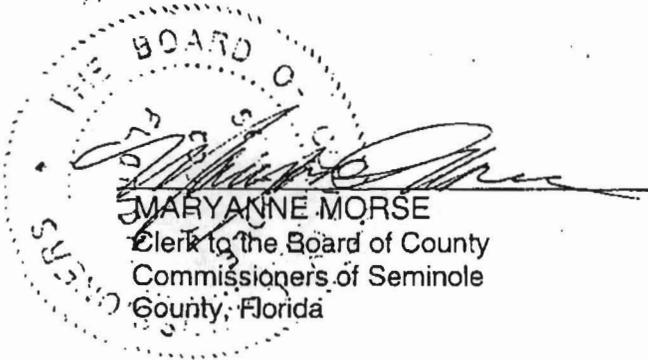
Section 3. Meetings. All meetings of the Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee shall be open to the public.

Section 4. Term. Each member of the Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee shall serve until January 1, 2002. Vacancies on the Committee prior to January 1, 2002 shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Upon the expiration of the initial term on January 1, 2002, each commissioner shall appoint three (3) members to the Committee who shall each be confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each subsequent member of the Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 2000.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA



By: Carlton D. Henley
CARLTON D. HENLEY, Chairman

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON THE 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2002.

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2000 the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2000-R-4 establishing the Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Section 2(b) of Resolution 2000-R-4 requires the members of the Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee to comply with financial disclosure requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has concluded that financial disclosure by the members of this Committee is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that the economic impact statement referred to in the Seminole County Home Rule Charter is unnecessary and waived as to this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Amendment to Resolution 2000-R-4. Section 2(b) of Resolution 2000-R-4 is amended to read as follows:

(b) The membership shall comprise a cross section of trail user/interest groups as determined by the Board and shall be subject to all laws relating to ~~financial disclosure~~, conflicts of interest and the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 2002.

ATTEST:


MARIANNE MORSE
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
DARYL G. MCLAIN, Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO 2000-R- 254

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2000.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners on August 22, 2000, adopted a Resolution to place a bond referendum on the November 7, 2000 ballot for the acquisition of natural lands and development of the countywide trail and greenway network; and

WHEREAS, important natural/environmental land acquired under the Natural Lands Program, are intended to be environmentally important, unique or irreplaceable which are of valued ecological resources and may provide passive recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the identification and recommendation of important natural/environmental lands should be accomplished by members who are qualified, through their education, experience, or professional training, to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the most important lands for acquisition by the public and inclusion into the public domain,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: ADVISORY COMMITTEE. A Natural Lands Advisory Committee is hereby established to serve as an advisory committee and recommending body to the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 2: MEMBERS TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS. The Committee shall be comprised of up to fifteen (15) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve a term of two (2) years. At least ten (10) of the fifteen (15) membership slots for this Committee, shall be appointees having academic or professional training in the biological or environmental sciences, by being an active member of a conservation group or agency, or by having experience in the passive recreational use of environmentally sensitive lands for public purposes.

SECTION 3: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE.

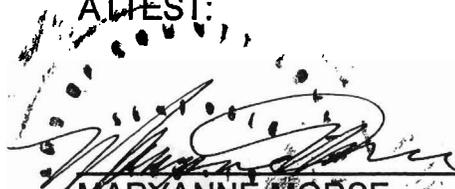
The Natural Lands Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.
- (b) The Committee shall work with County staff to review important natural and environmental lands and make recommendations relating to lands which should be purchased.
- (c) All meetings of the Committee shall be open public meetings and the Committee shall be subject to all laws relating to conflicts of interest and the code of ethics relating to public officers and employees.

ADOPTED this 12th day of Dec., 2000.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**


MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida

By: 

DICK VAN DER WEIDE,
CHAIRMAN