

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 10, 2005
Attendance List**

RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Murray Hann
Karen Hill
Eve Owens
Beverly Pinyerd
Paul Saia
Steven Webster
Dorn Whitmore

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barbara Meyer, Brevard County, Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Program Coordinator
Paul Schmalzer, Selection and Management Committee

EEL PROGRAM STAFF

Laura Clark
Mike Knight
Brad Manley
Chris O'Hara

GUESTS

Susan Gosselin, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office
Gayle Hoffman, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office

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Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Murray Hann called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. He introduced Karen Hill as a new member of the REAC Committee. Mike Knight introduced Brad Manley, the new Public Access/Volunteer Coordinator for the EEL Program. Brad will be directly involved with the REAC Committee meetings in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MINUTES:

No minutes were presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

Facility Construction Costs

Mike provided cost information on a maintenance facility that was recently completed by Parks and Recreation in the south end of the county.

The contract at the Barrier Island Center in the South Beaches is being rebid as a result of significant estimated cost increases.

The group discussed the importance of getting the best value for the money while providing space for both management needs and educational opportunities at each of the EEL Program facilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jordan Scrub Proposed Public Access Plans

The EEL Program is in the process of preparing the Management Plan for the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary which is located in the Town of Malabar. A Public Access Plan is required as part of the Management Plan. Mike and Chris O'Hara, Land Manager for the South Region, provided information on a proposed Public Access Plan for the sanctuary and requested comments from the REAC Committee.

The plans for this Category 2 site will primarily be used for equestrian trails, hiking, and off road bicycling. The proposed plans include parking for 8 – 10 vehicles, continued use of most of the existing trails, construction of 3 boardwalks and a possible observation deck.

During the discussion, the following was noted:

- There is ATV use in some of the areas which is incompatible with the EEL Program passive recreation goals.
- Significant portions of the site are very wet.

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- Possible additional land acquisitions, future land development in the area, and impacts to wildlife will be considered when final trails and observation platform locations are determined.

MOTION ONE:

Eve Owens moved to approve the conceptual public access plan as described by staff for the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary; and, to request that the EEL Program consider using a section of trail within the Sanctuary for an unimproved access connection to the South Brevard Linear Trail. This connection is to be on a temporary basis until a permanent, more suitable location can be found, and with the understanding that the connection will not involve stabilized surfaces.

Beverly Pinyerd seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Additional Discussion

EEL Staff will arrange for an opportunity for REAC Committee members to visit some of the sanctuaries so that they can learn more about the areas.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held December 8, 2005. Location to be determined.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS:

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