

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 8, 2005
Attendance List**

RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Champaigne
Murray Hann
Mark Nathan
Eve Owens
Beverly Pinyerd
Paul Saia
Steven Webster

NON-VOTING DEPARTMENT/AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

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

EEL PROGRAM STAFF

Laura Clark
Mike Knight
Scott Taylor

GUESTS

Gail Hoffman, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office

*September 8, 2005
Approved on December 8, 2005*

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Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER:

Murray Hann called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

MINUTES:

The August 11, 2005 minutes were presented for approval. Murray asked for comments to the minutes. Beverly Pinyerd commented that there was a misspelling of her name, which will be corrected. Murray asked if there were additional comments to the minutes.

MOTION ONE:

Bob Champaigne moved to approve the August 11, 2005 minutes as amended.
Beverly Pinyerd seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Enchanted Forest Enhancements

Mike explained to the group that during the last meeting when possible enhancements to the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary were reviewed, discussion did not occur to address the possibility of adding a welcome center building at the Sanctuary. He provided information on a kiosk that might serve the purpose of directing visitors to different areas within the Sanctuary.

The group discussed possible options and determined the kiosk would serve as an appropriate welcome post for the Center. The following was noted:

- Additional construction would likely cause negative impacts to site natural resources.
- There is a need to provide signage for directional purposes.
- There is usually a person present at the current information desk located near the entrance to the Management and Education Center.

MOTION TWO:

Bob Champaigne moved that the REAC Committee recommend the construction of a kiosk to welcome visitors and provide brochures and information to the public as opposed to the construction of an additional building at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary.

Eve Owens seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Additional discussion

Additional comments included:

- The amount of available land in the county that can be purchased for conservation is decreasing and it should be acquired as quickly as possible.
- The Selection and Management Committee considers holdings by other conservation agencies in the decision-making process for land acquisition.
- The EEL Program focuses largely on the acquisition of uplands community types.
- The Greenways and Trails group has the ability to work with multiple landholders when determining trail layouts.

Mike provided information on costs of recent structures completed by Parks and Recreation in response to Committee request during the previous discussion of the Sams House restoration at the Pine Island Conservation Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of EEL current and proposed public access map

Mike provided information on the EEL Program Sanctuary Categories as this information was not included in the map. Eve offered to provide shape files of the Turkey Creek Sanctuary area in Palm Bay. Staff will continue to add data as it becomes available.

Kabbord Sanctuary Public Access Plan

Mike explained that staff was preparing the draft form of the Management Plan for the Kabbord Sanctuary on north Merritt Island and that part of that process was to determine a recreational concept for the area. He reviewed the Kabbord Sanctuary Public Access Plan. The area is primarily marsh and the primary destination for the site would be the canoe and kayak trails, with possible biking and hiking on the impoundment berms.

The group discussed various options for recreational and educational activities at the Kabbord Sanctuary. Clarification was provided that public access would have to be provided by a partnering with neighboring landowners as the Sanctuary is isolated and does not have many existing points of access that would be acceptable for parking.

MOTION THREE:

Eve made a motion to move forward with the conceptual Public Access Plan for Kabbord Sanctuary, as presented by staff, to include possible kayaking, canoeing, hiking, and biking activities, with plans to work towards partnerships in acquisition and management efforts.

Mark Nathan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-1.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve the August 11, 2005 minutes, as amended.
- Motion that the REAC Committee recommend the construction of a kiosk to welcome visitors and provide brochures and information to the public as opposed to the construction of an additional building at the Enchanted Forest.
- Motion to move forward with the conceptual Public Access Plan for Kabbord Sanctuary, as presented by staff, to include possible kayaking, canoeing, hiking, and biking activities, with plans to work towards partnerships in acquisition and management efforts.