

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 13, 2008
Attendance List**

RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Champaigne
Murray Hann
Karen Hill
Mark Nathan
Eve Owens
Beverly Pinyerd
Doug Sphar

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

GUESTS

None

*“Protecting and Preserving Biological Diversity
Through Responsible Stewardship of Brevard County’s Natural Resources”
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Approved February 12, 2009*

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Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Murray Hann called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

MINUTES:

The August 13, 2008 minutes were presented for approval.

Karen Hill confirmed that she had attended the meeting but was not listed on the attendance sheet.

MOTION ONE

Eve Owens moved to approve the August 14, 2008 minutes as amended.

Bob Champaigne seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

The Administrative Review was presented.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Facility Use Guidelines

Mike Knight and Brad Manley provided an overview of a proposed Facility Use Guidelines Policy and REAC members provided their comments. The following suggestions were submitted for consideration:

- Firearms should not be permitted, except by law enforcement
- Consider limiting the reservation of facilities to organizations with a civic, cultural, or educational purpose, and exclude commercial ventures, or partisan political activities.
- Include clarification that the use of the facilities does not imply EEL Program endorsement of the aims, policies, or activities of any group.
- Consider increasing the number of times a facility may be rented by any single group to more than four (4) times per year.
- Consider changing the availability of the facilities from Thursday through Sunday to Tuesday through Sunday.

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- Consider including clarification that the rooms must be left in the same condition and arrangement as prior to the use of the room.
- Consider including clarification that the EEL Program and Sanctuary are not responsible for equipment.
- Consider including a requirement that youth groups (through Grade 12) desiring to use the facilities must make arrangements through an adult advisor who will be responsible for the group and will be in attendance at the group's meeting for its duration.
- Consider including clarification that no lit candles or other open flames are allowed.
- Consider reserving the right to deny future use to any group who does not adhere to established guidelines.
- Consider posting signs that clarify the remainder of the Sanctuary is not open to the public during the rental period.

Clarification was provided that only the classrooms can be rented, not the outside deck, or exhibit halls.

Clarification was provided that the EEL Program does not have sufficient existing staff to cover hours outside the sanctuaries' current schedules. Staffing would be provided by temporary workers trained by EEL staff specifically for these activities. These workers salaries would be funded by the rental fees.

MOTION TWO

Eve Owens moved to support the proposed Facilities Use Guidelines, as presented by staff, with the inclusion of the REAC comments as noted.

Beverly Pinyerd seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

The next REAC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve the August 14, 2008 minutes as amended.
- Motion to support the proposed Facilities Use Guidelines, as presented by staff, with the inclusion of the REAC comments as noted.