

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

President Amy Munizzi called the meeting to order, led the prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary Bobbie Witt was not present. President Amy Munizzi reviewed the October 10th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes (previously emailed and on the website). It was noted that the discussion of a proposed roundabout at US Highway 17 and Spring Garden was omitted from the minutes. Jason Sampsell reiterated that statistically, roundabouts are safer than stop signs or traffic signals and there are fewer crashes at those sites. A roundabout is currently included in the four-laning of US Highway 17 north to Highway 40. Andrea Smiley moved to approve the minutes with that correction; Jason Sampsell seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Tammy Schuler reported a spending balance of \$1,363.84. The recent Autumn in the Oaks Festival made a profit of \$1,110.09. Amy noted that these festivals were created to bolster pride in our community and not designed to be money makers so that is an added bonus. Tammy said Operation Christmas Child received \$335 from donations and the Brews Brothers giving their \$100 prize money and cash donations to it. Linda Bruschayt moved to approve the report; Jim Simmons seconded and the motion passed.

Reports:

Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival review: Georgia Turner, Director of the West Volusia Tourism office, volunteered at the festival along with a member of her staff and had stated they were very impressed with the festival and observed that about 2,000 to 2,500 people attended. Advertising budget for festival was held at \$500 for the Gage Magazine ad; everything else was done at free sights. Tammy Schuler reported that the goody bags were very well received. On behalf of the First Baptist Church of DeLeon Springs, Pam Coleman thanked everyone involved with the Chili Cook Off for the donations received. All proceeds were donated by FBCDS to Samaritan's Purse to benefit Operation Christmas Child. The McInnis Elementary School PTA was the dessert vendors, again. It was noted by members of the PTA that due to strict guidelines, they can no longer sell home baked goods at their events. All foodstuff that is being sold must be purchased pre-packaged by the PTA.

McInnis Elementary School "Brag Tags" program update: DSCA donated \$400 for this successful project. Amy Munizzi received a photo from the school that will be used in the next newsletter.

McInnis Elementary School Ride Into Reading report: Dianne Hermanski was not in attendance; however, she emailed that the program, now in its fifth year, will run through April 1, 2018. Third graders are vying for two new bicycles, while improved readers will receive Walmart gift cards as incentives on a monthly basis beginning in November. The program is fully funded by DSCA, Inc. members and it should be noted that by 2018, 10 bicycles will have been given to deserving children.

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Dianne forwarded a letter that she sent to them stating: "DSCA, Inc. extends its gratitude to the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board for its generosity in the award of a 2016 grant for Project Speak History. This seed money has allowed us to produce four DVDs of area oral histories and the creation of an archive of over 300 photographs and historical documents. Please know the impact that your generosity has had on our community. Generations to come will benefit. We have expended all funds at this point. Receipts for all expenditures are available upon request. We invite you to visit DeLeon Springs State Park on Saturday, January 13, 2018, for A Day in Florida History. Project Speak History will have several oral historians present to share their memories of this community."

Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trails update: Kevin Phelps was not present at the meeting; however, he did submit an e-mail report that Chuck Lennon Park still has two trails shut down due to hurricane damage and they are slowly being repaired. Progress is being made on getting the new trails approved with concessions from Volusia County. Before new trails may be built, the kids pump track will have to be torn down and moved to another location, the jump area will have to be rebuilt from dirt to wood

jumps, along with a few other things. Jason noted that Skillsville in Mt Dora provides bike jumping tracks with all material being donated; Kevin gets things donated from Lowe's as well.

Benevolence: Thanksgiving Baskets for Malloy Head Start: Christian Church of DeLeon Springs is teaming up with DSCA, Inc. by collecting non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving Baskets. The EDC Group donated 10 \$25.00 gift cards and non-perishables for the baskets too. Tammy Schuler thanked everyone for their monetary and food donations. In the past, we agreed that Tammy could use up to \$100 from the budget to round out the baskets if necessary. Jennie Mero moved and Andrea Smiley seconded that this be allowed again this year. Motion passed unanimously. **Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers and Cell Phones for Soldiers:** Andrea Smiley continues to collect clipped coupons and used cell phones and their accessories for these worthwhile programs. She reported that currently they are only accepting coupons up to one month passed expiration date. Previously, the coupon could be expired for up to six months. 15.40 oz. of coupons was recently sent to Daytona for processing. In addition, Andrea reported that she had 4.04 lbs. of cell phones and accessories donated on behalf of the Cell Phones for Soldiers project.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy stated that Malloy Head Start is in need of toiletries, baby food, formula, diapers and non-perishable foods. She will collect items at each meeting and deliver them once a month to MHS. Please be generous as we have many working poor families in need.

Junkyard Review: Amy followed up with Code Enforcement for update on case and discovered that Volusia County had not imposed any fines at this point. She advised them of how displeased we were that Volusia County's Code Enforcement Board (CEB) was not following through with their own decision. Chris E. Hutchison, Code Administration Manager, replied, "It was discussed by the CEB Attorney, as well as, the County Assistant Attorney at a subsequent hearing that the CEB needed to give the respondent time to correct the violation (per county ordinance) and that they couldn't start the fine on June 22, 2017. It was determined that the Board must issue an order setting the fine at a subsequent hearing (not at the original hearing where the respondent is found in non-compliance). Thus, the fine did not start on the 22nd. When the case was returned to the CEB to receive an order setting the fine, there had been progress on the clean-up of the property and the Board agreed to issue an amended order allowing further time to complete the clean-up..." Amy then contacted Pat Patterson, who called the County Attorney and moved things along. Code enforcement made a follow up visit last week and all vehicles have been removed.

McInnis Elementary School SAC Meeting: Katie Durborow was not in attendance; however, she did forward an email with her report. She stated, "I spoke with Principal Porter earlier this month and she wanted me to invite everyone to become a member of SAC. We need members that can really commit to one meeting per month so we can meet quorum requirements and vote on things. The next SAC meeting is November 16th at 7:30 a.m. in the Media Center. I am working with McInnis to do a float in the DeLand Christmas Parade. If anyone would like to help us, we could definitely use the help!"

River to Sea Loop Summit update: Amy Munizzi reported that a three day summit had been held and she was asked to speak about our Ride into Reading program. Attendees were very impressed with our desire to help children improve their reading skills while getting them out to exercise. She noted that the DeLeon Springs portion of the River to Sea Loop is being surveyed and will be completed from Grand Ave. to Spring Garden by 2018 if all goes well, just in time for us to have awarded our 10th bicycle in the program. She thanked DSCA, Inc. members for their continued generosity in funding this program.

New Business:

Officers for 2018: Amy stated that all offices were open for any member interested in serving and an e-mail was sent to members prior to the meeting requesting nominations. Taz and Bobbie both wish to retire their positions as of this December. Prior to the meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously agreed to ask Jason Sampsell to serve in the position of Vice President and Pam Coleman to serve in the position of Secretary. Both agreed to serve. Andrea Smiley moved approval of both nominees; the motion was seconded by Karen Ellzey and the motion passed unanimously.

December 12th General Meeting Christmas Covered Dish Dinner: Shirley Malmborg, Linda Bruschayt, and Andrea Smiley volunteered to decorate the Porter House for the event. Andrea will head up the Eats Committee as usual. All attendees are encouraged to invite a friend and neighbor and bring a covered dish.

Public Comments: Jennie Mero stated that Jacksonville won the bid for the Bowling Tournament, winning out the bid over DeLand. It will be held in June, 2018. Jim Simmons asked if we were collecting winter coats for Christmas for the children at Malloy Head Start. Tammy Schuler said she will check to see if they want that this year (or stuffed animals as in a previous year) and will send an email with details to all members. Visitor Rachel Harrell revealed that the PBS program, Man versus Food filmed a program at the Old Spanish Sugar Mill in DeLeon Springs State Park. It should air in February or March, 2018. It is hopeful that DeLeon Springs will receive a lot of publicity through being reported on in this show. Jason Sampsell reported that a new (drive thru only) restaurant was being planned to open in the building with Curly Sue's Hair Salon. Their menu will include country soul food cooking. They are working on the necessary code enforcement requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting: Covered Dish Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 p.m., Historic Porter House, 5030 US Hwy 17. Bring a friend, neighbor, and covered dish item to share for a fun evening together.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Coleman
Acting Secretary