

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.**

1. Amy Munizzi, President, called the meeting to order and led the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and everyone introduced themselves. Katie with Smooth Waters Wildlife Center introduced herself and their new business in DeLeon Springs. Amy invited her to speak at the end of the meeting in more detail about their exciting new addition to DeLeon Springs.
2. Alex Fuentes was introduced as the recipient of the DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship; he introduced his Mother and friend and expressed extreme thanks for this gift. He is seriously considering Daytona State College as they are offering him a soccer scholarship vs. Stetson University and higher tuition. A reception was held in his honor with a cake and refreshments served.
3. Bobbie Witt, Secretary, reviewed the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Harold Davis motioned to approve the minutes as posted on the website and emailed; Andrea Smiley seconded and motion the carried.
4. Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer, presented the report showing \$852.02 in expenses and \$665.00 for income with an available bank balance of \$6,645.57. Harold Davis motioned to approve the report; Laurie Haas seconded and the motion carried.

Reports:

1. DSSP Advisory Group meeting (May 10<sup>th</sup>) update: Bobbie Witt presented the booklet that details the 10 year management plan for the DeLeon Springs State Park. The booklet is available for review in the Porter House. The attendees at the group meeting brought forth many different ideas for the park which the State will take under consideration with an approved plan to be completed in November, 2017.
2. Art Among the Trees McInnis Elementary student artist's ribbon and certificate awards (May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>) update: Amy reported she gave out gold embossed ribbons and signed certificates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders; the vice-principal gave them out at the other grade level assemblies. The kids were really pleased to receive the recognition. A new art teacher is coming in and they are enthusiastic about the 2018 Festival.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Ride Into Reading Awards at McInnis Elementary (May 23<sup>rd</sup>) update: Ron and Dianne Hermanski and Amy attended, with guest presenter Barbara McInnis Vu. Winning readers are Juana Landeros with 415 points and Ethan Wiley with 380 points. Each was presented a new bicycle donated by DSCA, Inc., and a new helmet donated by Hidden Valley Park. Nine additional readers were awarded gift cards for their outstanding scores. Amy asked Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami for her input regarding anything we can change to be more helpful to her and she has suggested "Brag Tags" when they earn a set number of points in place of gift cards throughout the year. Lisa will send more information.
4. McInnis Elementary School had their leaf blower stolen in the recent string of break-ins; a DSCA, Inc. member donated funds for us to purchase a blower after they discovered the one they were going to donate to the school needed costly repairs. It was presented to Principal Porter at the McInnis Awards on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
5. Volusia County Historic Preservation Board Certificate presented to DSCA, Inc. (May 23<sup>rd</sup>): Taz Witt shared the certificate that was presented to the DSCA, Inc. that thanked the DSCA, Inc. for their involvement in Florida Historical Marker for the former DeLeon Springs Colored School.
6. "Junkyard" update: Amy spoke with Chris Hutchinson of Code Enforcement. The Code Enforcement Board hearing is June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the County Council Chambers located at 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. The public is welcome to attend. If you plan to give testimony or information, contact Christopher R. Hooper, Building & Zoning Compliance Officer, County of Volusia, [chooper@volusia.org](mailto:chooper@volusia.org) or 386-736-5925 Ext. 12823. All members and residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to show our dedication to the DeLeon Springs community. If you have a DeLeon Springs t-shirt (of any kind) please wear it.
7. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps was unavailable but did text Amy with a report that several trails are under water due to weather conditions.

8. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board update: They are currently working on updating their five year goals plan.

9. Break-Ins update: Several locations were broken into in May including the Porter House, McInnis Elementary, Hay Place, several downtown properties and a few properties off Reynolds Road were also hit. VCSO took reports and from some video footage got a suspect, which they ended up arresting for resisting arrest, narcotics, etc. VCSO reminds everyone to lock building and car doors, look out for neighbors and report anything suspicious, no matter how trivial. DSCA, Inc. thanked Cheri Armstrong and the DeLeon Springs Laundromat for giving their video footage to VCSO, from which they identified the suspect.

10. "Welcome to DeLeon Springs" north sign damage: Taz Witt reported that a vehicle crashed into the north sign and damaged it. The medallions were not damaged but the remaining structure was. It was of group consensus that the sign replacement be addressed with the DOT once the road widening is complete. Taz will get some help in cleaning up the debris.

11. Benevolence: Troop-ons@ Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported over 6 lbs. YTD of coupons shipped. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported 32 lbs. YTD of used phones and accessories shipped. A special thank you to Eugene Heintzman with Knights of Columbus from Deland for donating a bag full of cell phones. Deputy Sheen will spread the word within VCSO about our program. Amy thanked everyone for their most generous donations to the Malloy Head Start Food Pantry. She personally witnessed families picking up donations and how appreciative they are.

12. Pierson July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Festival Support: Laurie Haas explained to the new and future members of the DSCA, Inc. that we have sponsored this event for several years, however Pierson has not responded to requests to sponsor DSCA, Inc. events. It was voted during the May meeting that we not sponsor the event for this year in hopes that reciprocal sponsorship and support of our communities can be established.

13. Autumn in the Oaks Festival Board meeting July 18, 5:30 p.m.: Amy reported that we are gearing up for the October 21<sup>st</sup> Festival and everyone is invited to participate on this working Board.

14. Art Among the Trees State of the Arts Grant follow-up presentation to the Volusia County Cultural Council, July 28<sup>th</sup>, African American Museum of Art. Amy has submitted the follow up report with receipts, etc. and will give this presentation with highlights of the event and showing how the grant funds were used. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

15. The DeLeon Dispatch Summer Edition was handed out.

Public Comments: Katie with Smooth Waters Wildlife Center passed out flyers to introduce their new business. They currently have reptiles with more animals coming soon. They are open Saturday and Sunday from 10-5pm, with new hours on July 1<sup>st</sup> of 9 – 2pm. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.00.

Officer Sheen with the VCSO reported that most of the recent car break-ins are done by regulars and encouraged everyone to lock their vehicles and take all possessions out (especially firearms) and to lock our doors and report any suspect activity and work together as a community.

Pam Coleman with the Board of Pinehurst Cemetery Association (located at Retta and Fairport since 1898), said they have had a Board in place since 1925 and there is a lot of family history there. They have identified 3000 graves to date. Pam will present more information at the September DSCA, Inc. meeting.

Jims Simmons wants to pursue getting a library in DeLeon Springs with the support of DSCA, Inc. Amy explained that this was discussed about two years ago. Pat Patterson stated Volusia County closed several libraries and stopped Book Mobiles because they were used for free movie checkouts and internet pornography access with few book check out. Jim Simmons agreed to pursue the matter and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Witt, Secretary