

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order, led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone introduced themselves including visitors Lisa Bertolami and Sonia Larrabee from McInnis Elementary.

2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Colleen Kurczi, Secretary. Jim Simmons moved to accept the meeting minutes, Andrea Smiley seconded and the motion carried.

3. Review and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer reported that she corrected some errors in the line items to reflect an additional \$1,000 donation for the Scholarship Fund. The current checkbook balance is \$3,043.33, which includes income of \$387.15, expenses of \$162.79, and an available spending balance of -\$6.67. Andrea Smiley moved approval, Kevin Phelps seconded and the motion carried.

4. Reports:

A. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Amy Munizzi reported that they continue to meet via Teams. They are working on a digital magazine for the scenic corridor to promote the entities along the corridor including the parks, businesses, trails, etc. DSCA, Inc. sent them a list of those items in our community. They hope to obtain a grant for it. We forwarded information about ECHO and Volusia Forever so people could see how many communities have benefitted from these two programs, which are on the ballot for extension. We reported that our section of the River to Sea Loop is under construction.

B. McInnis Elementary School SAC and PTA: Colleen Kurczi reported that thanks to coordination between SAC, PTA and the DSCA, Inc., the coontie ferns were recently trimmed by FDOT contractor Le Fleur Nurseries, improving the sightlines for parents leaving the loop and turning left onto US Hwy. 17. At the SAC meeting MES identified three focus areas that the school will be utilizing Title I Funds to improve: education for students with disabilities, science and learning gains for mathematics. The administration asked those attending the meeting to come up with ideas that will help engage the students in these areas. The 2020-2021 proposed budget includes several parent & family engagement activities, one of which was held on September 30th, a "pastries for parents" drive through event, where parents were given a pastry, information regarding Title I funding, and a science project with materials to take home. The September PTA meeting had a large virtual turnout. MES's first fundraiser will be a "Spirit Night" Thursday 5pm until close at Sonny's BBQ in DeLand. Spirit shirts may be purchased from the PTA website for \$7.00 by anyone interested.

C. Water and Wastewater improvements update: Amy Munizzi stated that two contracts came before County Council on September 29th. The project's design contract was awarded to JonesEdmunds and the pre-construction services contract to Wharton-Smith. DSCA, Inc. spoke in favor of these two firms obtaining these contracts since they have worked together on much bigger projects and have extensive utilities experience. Construction is set to begin Summer, 2021. Amy further reported that Sparton Electronics received a FDEP grant to construct an upgraded wastewater package plant so that they could remain in the community, and they recently announced they will move their national headquarters here from Illinois.

D. Benevolence:

Troop-Ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that she is able to collect again and requested that our members resume clipping coupons for this program.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea reported that this program is up and running again too.

MES Food Pantry: Colleen Kurczi reported that she spoke with MES counselor Sara Montalvo, who thanked the DSCA, Inc. for our donations and specifically requested canned vegetables and meats.

E. Chuck Lennon Park and CLP Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps reported that due to all the rain there is a washout in the road and Parks and Rec staff is trying to mitigate the erosion. The tennis courts are still closed and awaiting necessary repairs and resurfacing due to extensive cracking. Kevin further reported that all but two trails are shut down due to the heavy rains and mud. There is a workday scheduled for October 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. It's sponsored by JCs Bike Shop and volunteers are needed.

F. Chuck Lennon Park Hiking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported that there is evidence of new tree plantings along the previously proposed trail and the new trail is still being determined. Parks and Rec staff are working to remove invasive plants and that will be credited to any vegetation that is removed for a new trail. Amy reported that additional information on this is available in the Fall Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch.

G. DeLeon Springs Trail/Spring to Spring Trail/River to Sea Loop update: Amy Munizzi reported that the concrete connector along Ponce DeLeon Blvd. is finished. The 12' wide asphalt trail section is underway but construction has been hampered by heavy rains. That section will connect to the trail section ending at Grand Ave., continue along Baxter Ave. then along Ponce DeLeon Blvd., and through the woods to Spring Garden Ave. It should be complete in early Spring 2021.

H. YMCA Camp Winona Blood Drive update: Amy Munizzi reported that the blood drive turned out to be a community effort since the bus wasn't able to get down the Camp Winona Road due to mud. CCDS stepped up and offered their location, people spread the word on social media, and the drive was a big success. Amy thanked Camp Director Alex Kinney for putting it all together.

I. Eighth Annual Ride Into Reading Challenge Kick Off: Amy Munizzi and Lisa Bertolami reported that since we can't be on campus while children are there to do a kick off as in years past, they were able to put together a video to launch the program at MES. Amy delivered the bikes and helmets and met Lisa there early. Lisa videoed the presentation, showing the bikes off too, then put together an informational video all third graders can access. We have several monthly gift cards left at the school which Lisa will award and then she will let us know when more are needed. The bikes and helmets remain in the media center. Lisa further reported that several students have already accumulated over 100 points and she is creating themed monthly challenges to keep the students motivated. Amy thanked Lisa for her continued efforts in making this program a success, and for attending this month's meeting to share updates.

5. Other business, reminders and announcements:

A. DSCA, Inc. Malloy Head Start Thanksgiving Baskets Drive: Tammy Schuler reported on our past efforts and the partnership with CCDS to do this project. Amy was able to acquire 12 \$20 gift cards donated directly from Publix. The goal is to fill 25 baskets, and Tammy requested that anyone who wishes to donate can mail checks in any amount with "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the memo line, to the DSCA, Inc. Volunteers will meet Monday, November 16th at CCDS to fill the baskets and then deliver them to Malloy Head Start.

B. DSCA, Inc. officer nominations: President and Treasurer positions are available, nominees to be put forth by the November 10th meeting, and we will hold a vote in December. Amy requested the membership to please email their nominations to our email address: dscainc@bellsouth.com.

C. Fall DeLeon Dispatch hand out: the most recent version of the newsletter is available for our members to distribute throughout the community. Discussion ensued and Amy further reported that there is a PDF version available on our website for those who prefer to view it virtually.

6. Public Comments:

A. Amy stated she called Code Compliance to follow up on 281 W. Davis St. which Jim Simmons brought to our attention. They said officers have gone out several times over numerous complaints and there are several open cases which went before the Code Compliance Board. There were two liens on the property each for \$3,750. The property was foreclosed on, purchased by a bank in California, and the cases remain open. She inquired about 355 Van Hook Rd. and the owner goes before the Code Compliance Board Wed. Oct. 21st beginning at 9:00 am. Anyone interested can attend this meeting and speak during public participation. Their meetings are the third Wednesday of each month and anyone can attend and comment publicly. Also, anonymous complaints can be filed any time at www.volusia.org under "Code Compliance".

B. Follow up on Audubon Ave. area speeding problems: Amy reported that she contacted the VC Sheriff's Office requesting help and they brought a speed trailer that was there for a few days. Amy followed up and requested officers to ticket speeders to help with the problem and they said they would get back out there as soon as possible. Amy went by the district office Monday and both the captain and lieutenant were at a meeting downtown so she was unable to meet with them.

C. Sonia Larrabee requested via MES counselor Sara Montalvo, for help and donated materials to help transform the teacher's lounge into a place of relaxation. Discussion ensued and Jim Hawkins mentioned that he has paint materials he can donate and will get in contact to assist.

D. Amy reported that Principal Struska reached out to inquire if DSCA, Inc. could get in touch with contacts at FDOT to review the existing school zone. The current zone ends prior to the parent loop exit. FDOT replied and stated they will come out and do a review to see if changes are needed.

E. Andrea Smiley requested we keep the incumbent officers of Treasurer and President. Amy thanked her and stated both officers are willing to continue, but we need to give members an opportunity to put forth candidates by the November meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th, 6:00 p.m., The Christian Church At DeLeon Springs, 4481