

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance: Amy Munizzi, President. Amy asked everyone to quickly introduce themselves as we had some new faces joining us: Rosario Sanchez, Family Advocate at Malloy Head Start, Melissa Colon, Teacher Supervisor at Malloy Head Start, VCSO Deputy Royce James, and McInnis Elementary teachers Sonia Larrabee and Kathi Gallentine.

2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Colleen Kurczi, Secretary asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes and requested a motion for acceptance. Tammy Schuler moved approval, and Andrea Smiley seconded. The motion carried.

3. Review and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer presented the October report: Current checkbook balance is \$3,020.15 with \$420.00 of Thanksgiving Basket donations and more received at the meeting; our current available spending balance is -\$114.22. RoseAnne Sampsell moved to accept the report and Kevin Phelps seconded. The motion carried.

4. Reports:

A. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Amy Munizzi reported FDOT gave a presentation on the engineering study for the 3.6 mile gap in the River to Sea Loop from Lake Beresford Park to Grand Ave. that crosses Highway 44. Public meetings were held starting November, 2017 and the challenge was to get through the roundabout safely and avoid removing several historic oak trees. Construction to begin in 2023. For more information go to [www.cflroads.com](http://www.cflroads.com) and search project # 439874-1. FDOT has launched a series of virtual 'talks' with experts on birds, etc. that anyone can join. Amy will forward the link to members as they come up. West Volusia Tourism has done a great job of promoting our area and there is a lot of coverage from AAA and various tourism writers about our County's springs, which brings an economic boost to area businesses during this time when people are looking for safe outdoor activities. We gave an update on construction of our section of the River to Sea Loop/Spring to Spring Trail and reminded them of the kayak launcher we donated to DSSP.

B. McInnis Elementary School SAC and PTA: Colleen Kurczi reported that SAC will meet this Thursday. As of the October PTA meeting there were 36 members which is a 50% increase in membership from last year. A spirit night was held October 15<sup>th</sup> at Sonny's BBQ and there was a great turnout. 10% of all sales proceeds will be contributed to the PTA. The Spirit t-shirts were another successful fundraiser, with over 250 shirts sold. Colleen further reported that she will keep everyone informed about future fundraisers.

C. Volusia County Sheriff's Office Update: Deputy Royce James attended at Amy's request via Captain Kammerer. He reported there is an increase in property crimes aka "crimes of opportunity." He asked for the community's assistance in ensuring we are securing vehicles and hiding our valuables. He requested we do not leave keys or weapons in our vehicles as this facilitates the opportunity for additional crimes to be committed. Deputy James further addressed the on-going concerns regarding speeding. He indicated that speeding is always an issue, and deputies are in our area working to enforce speed limits, but the point is to not be visible. Deputy James further emphasized that we should call if we experience or hear a problem, and if a deputy is available, they will try to intercept the issue. Deputy James reminded us that there are only five deputies covering District 2 which spreads from Orange City to Seville and Ormond to Astor, so please understand that resources are limited. The membership thanked Deputy James and the VCSO for all they do in a very dangerous and difficult job and gave him a hearty round of applause.

D. DeLeon Springs Trail/Spring to Spring Trail/River to Sea Loop update: Amy Munizzi reported that she spoke with the project manager who stated the rains have really hampered progress. The trail will connect at Grand Ave., extend up Baxter and cross Ponce DeLeon Blvd. just before the post office. Safety measures will be put in place such as flashing signs on the crosswalk, etc.

E. Benevolence:

Troop-Ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that collections have resumed in the past month after a temporary hold due to Covid-19. She has collected 5 lbs. 4.3 oz of coupons to date. Coupons may be expired up to one month and still be utilized for this project.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that she has just over 10 lbs. of cell phones collected to date. Additional cell phones were donated at this month's meeting.

MES Food Pantry and December Clothing Distribution: Colleen Kurczi thanked everyone for the food donations they brought and they will be delivered to MES tomorrow; additional donations may be given to her for drop off at any time. MES Teacher Sonia Larrabee thanked us for our continued support. She and MES teacher Kathi Gallentine reported MES is conducting another Adopt a Family during the holiday season. The April and June food distributions served 24 families on Lingering Lane in Phoenix Estates. Discussion ensued and DSCA, Inc. shall focus on donating warm clothing (sweatshirts, jackets, pullovers, etc.). They can even be used but in good condition. These will be collected at our December 8<sup>th</sup> DSCA, Inc. meeting and stored at CCDS via Pastor Mark's permission. Sizes needed: child S-L, adult S-M. Volunteers are needed to help distribute these items. Please meet at CCDS at 3:15 pm on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Malloy Head Start Thanksgiving Baskets Drive: Tammy Schuler reported that Publix donated 12 food gift cards for the baskets and she received several checks in the mail and cash tonight so we will be able to meet our goal of filling 25 baskets with the food donated by CCDS members, purchase the remaining Publix gift cards, all desserts and fresh items. She thanked everyone for their generosity. Basket assembly is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at CCDS and volunteers are needed. Rosario Sanchez of MHS reported that she has been transferred back from DeLand and thanked us for all of our contributions as this year has been especially hard for many of the families. She stated the Lion's Club is donating toys for Christmas but additional donations are needed. Members agreed to donate stuffed animals and toys (unwrapped) and bring them to the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, along with the warm clothing for McInnis students.

F. Ride Into Reading Update: Lisa Bertolami reported via Sonia Larrabee that the 3rd graders (4 classes) have accumulated 832 points and have read over 1.3 million words. All are engaged and reading.

G. Chuck Lennon Park and CLP Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps reported the trails have been closed due to heavy rains. The October 24<sup>th</sup> workday yielded successful repairs to the trails and trails were busy, but then they had to be closed due to the rains and will likely take two or more weeks to dry out again.

H. Chuck Lennon Park Hiking Trail: Kevin Phelps has not heard anything new from Tim Baylie.

I. Water and Wastewater improvements update: Amy stated that this project is to connect with existing lines that end at Highways 17 and 15A and will extend north up the Highway 17 corridor to connect to McInnis Elementary School. Current project details propose sewer lines to run on the west side of Highway 17, and water lines on the east side, however details are subject to change during the design phase. Amy reiterated JonesEdmunds is moving forward with the project's design and that will determine how it's laid out.

#### 5. Other business, reminders and announcements:

A. Officer nominations and election: No additional nominees were received. Andrea Smiley moved, and Harold Davis seconded via a note to Andrea that the positions of President and Treasurer continue to be filled by Amy and Tammy. All were in favor.

B. Thanksgiving Basket filling event, Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, CCDS, volunteers needed.

C. DSCA, Inc. December meeting options. The meeting will remain on December 8<sup>th</sup> and to avoid any virus issues, cookies will be provided instead of dinner, and be a casual evening. Warm jackets/pullovers will be collected for McInnis Elementary and unwrapped stuffed animals/toys for Malloy Head Start. Amy further moved we utilize the MES food pantry line item of \$161.68 to add to the existing \$20 for warm clothing budget line item, since MES is requesting clothing, not food for December. RoseAnne Sampsell seconded and the motion carried.

D. MES Science Fair has been moved to February, Sonia will provide the date later. Judges/Interviewers are needed.

6. Public Comments: (individuals have up to four minutes to speak) None.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., The Christian Church at DeLeon Springs, 4481 Mills Rd. Please bring a stuffed animal/toy and/or a warm clothing item if you are able, for our children in need. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Colleen Kurczi,  
Secretary