

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

1. Scholarship Reception: Pastor Arch Fisher gave the prayer prior to the reception and Amy asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves as Tammy Schuler and Andrea Smiley served cake. Slade Henderson and his parents introduced themselves as well.

2. Introduction of DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Recipient: Slade Henderson introduced himself and let everyone know that he was accepted to Valdosta University, but has plans to finish his AA at Daytona State and either enter the work force in quality control or continue with his education at UCF majoring in business. He and his mother shared both his academic and athletic accomplishments. Everyone applauded Slade and Amy passed around his nice thank you note he had sent earlier in the week.

3. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order.

4. Volusia County Sheriff's Office information: Lt. Barnard reported about the development of an onsite VCSO Training Academy that will pay recruits a wage to attend and complete the program. The certification is approximately 6 months/700+ hours and he encouraged the membership to share the information with the community. He further reported that most local crimes are isolated, and they are not noticing any specific trends we need to be aware of. Both Lt. Barnard and Amy Munizzi reminded everyone to be aware and not leave any pets or children in hot vehicles this time of year.

5. Acceptance of May 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes: Colleen Kurczi, Secretary asked for any questions or corrections. Andrea Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Arch Fisher seconded, and the motion carried.

6. Reports:

A. Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer reported that we had income of \$319.58 and expenses of \$312.27, which gives us a spending balance of \$1,953.44. Amy mentioned that because we have such a great balance, was anyone interested in making a motion to move some general funds to replenish the scholarship fund. Discussion ensued and we will revisit this line item in August once the funds have been spent before trying to reload the line item. Tammy made a motion to round up the Thanksgiving basket line item that is currently \$449 to \$500. Roseanne Sampsell seconded the motion and it carried. Arch Fisher moved to accept this month's report, Andrea Smiley seconded, and the motion carried.

B. Chuck Lennon Park Walking Trail update: Amy Munizzi reported that she met with Clay Ervin, Director of VC Growth & Resource Management; Ginger Adair, Director of VC Environmental Management, Dona Butler, Director of VC Community Services and Tim Baylie, Director of VC Parks and Recreation in May to discuss the issues holding up the walking trail. Amy said our goal was to give people a safe, quiet walking trail at Chuck Lennon Park, of approximately one mile and to include "the seep". Staff explained that once we requested a meeting, these departments realized communication between them was lacking. They have been working on identifying the wetlands line, which should be done within weeks now. They are also revisiting the plat to 'clean it up', removing things like a road that still shows running right through the ball fields, etc. With all the environmental and legal facets they are working on now, we can realistically expect to have something definitive in about three months. Clay said they will keep us abreast of progress and Amy thanked them for the cooperation they are putting forth between departments to communicate and work toward a positive conclusion.

C. Chuck Lennon Park and Chuck Lennon Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps reported that the resurfacing of the CLP tennis courts is still postponed due to funds shortage. The mountain biking trails were so dry, the recent rains did not affect the trails much, but with summer rain it may get too wet and trail closures will occur. The trail directional changes are still occurring to allow different uses on Saturdays and Sundays. Kevin reported that Volusia County was going to create a webpage specific to CLP MBT but the trail maps are not ADA compliant so they cannot be added.

D. DeLeon Springs Trail Ribbon Cutting: Amy Munizzi stated that the day was a big success. 30 people attended the trail ride and picnic; over 80 people attended the event and explored the trail. The DSCA, Inc., St. John's River to Sea Loop Alliance, River to Sea TPO and VC Parks and Rec. all had booths with refreshments and trail information and giveaways. The speakers included County Chair Jeff Brower, District 1 Councilman Barb Girtman, Loop Alliance's Maggie Ardito, West Volusia Tourism's Georgia Turner and DSCA, Inc.'s Amy Munizzi. DSUMC allowed everyone to park in their lot, which everyone appreciated. Amy thanked Andrea Smiley and Cheri Armstrong for covering our booth so well and also thanked DSSP Manager Ken Torres for allowing the paid trail riders free entrance and escorting them through the line of cars.

E. MES Third Grade Adult Partners Reading Program: Sharon Pinder was out of town so both Robin Knight and Colleen Kurczi reported on the program which everyone agreed was a huge success. Robin said it was especially beneficial to students whose households do not speak English as their first language. The Pinders hosted a lovely breakfast celebration at the end of the program for all volunteers to attend and meet in person. Colleen reported that MES has a new Assist. Principal, Dr. Cathy Cortez, and Colleen has invited her to attend and introduce herself at our August meeting.

F. Ride Into Reading Third Grade Challenge Bicycle Awards: Amy said this was a very successful year for the program, with students scoring higher than ever before. Winners were Rachael Richmond with 543 points and Daniel Dover with 447 points. The certificates, bikes and helmets were awarded at the MES Third grade ceremony. Amy thanked JC's Bikes and Boards for donating the helmets and giving us a great deal on the bikes despite the big hike in prices this year. This marks 17 bikes we have awarded in 8 years.

G. Benevolence:

Troop-Ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley, received two replies from soldiers stationed in Germany and Japan, and YTD has collected 5 lbs. 11.2 oz of coupons. Special thanks was expressed to both Janice Russak and Roseanne Sampsell for their dedicated clipping and donation of coupons.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley gave a brief synopsis about the program and thanked the membership for its continued support. So far this year, she has shipped 15 lbs. 10 oz. of used phones.

H. Camp Winona Scholarship Awards at MES: Amy reported that thanks to everyone's generosity and our matching grant, we raised \$1,000 to send two students, Alex Alejo and Matthew Alejo to Camp Winona for a week. Their Campership certificates were given to them at the MES 5th Grade Awards Ceremony.

I. MES Science Lab volunteer project: Colleen Kurczi reported on behalf of Sharon Pinder, that so far there have been 3 workdays to get Ms. Larrabee's lab organized. Special thanks to Christy Correll-Hughes of "Hyphenated Home" for donating her time, and members Arch Fisher and Chris Edge. Funds that have been raised for the project will be spent on organizing materials and bins, as the volunteers were able to successfully procure and move shelving units into the lab that were no longer needed in the Media Center. The next planned workday will be June 29th.

J. Hwy 17 Corridor Water and Sewer improvements update: Amy reported that on June 4<sup>th</sup> she met with staff from Volusia County Utilities and staff from engineering firm Jones Edmunds to discuss next steps on the project. DSCA, Inc. will probably host a meeting for the landowners along the corridor in August so they are aware of the progress and get their input as to where they would like to see stub outs, etc. particularly for larger users such as the plaza or Phoenix Estates, etc. Engineering should be completed by the end of the year and work should begin in early 2022.

7. Other business, reminders or announcements:

A. DSCA, Inc. Facebook Fundraiser opportunity: Colleen Kurczi gave a synopsis of how a Facebook Fundraiser can benefit us when we need additional donation requests. She explained that as a non-profit organization, there are no fees associated with the online fundraising, and she and Tammy could set up the account. Discussion ensued. Colleen made a motion to approve use of Facebook Fundraisers on the DSCA, Inc. Facebook page, Andrea seconded it, and the motion carried.

B. No July meeting due to several officers and members being out of town.

C. August 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting, DSCA, Inc. 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

D. DeLeon Dispatch handout. Amy handed out the Summer Edition and stated there is good coverage of all our recent events plus important information about BMAPs, trails, etc. It is also available as an e-edition on our website.

8. Public Comments: (participants have up to 4 minutes to speak)

Amy stated that now that we have our portion of the trail completed, there are concerns about getting the Spring Garden Ranch Rd./Highway 17 roundabout back on schedule, so trail users can get safely to the east side of Highway 17 and the Loop trail can continue northward. The other concern is the additional Sparton traffic using that intersection. DSCA, Inc. will meet with FDOT, Volusia County Engineering, etc. on June 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss this. River to Sea Loop Alliance and our District 1 Councilman Barb Girtman is also in support of moving forward and will be in attendance.

Pastor Arch Fisher shared that the DSUMC will be holding their community prayer service on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

9. Adjournment. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., The Christian Church at DeLeon Springs, 4481 Mills Rd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Kurczi  
Secretary