

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

1. Call to Order, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, introductions: Amy Munizzi, President at 6:04 p.m.
2. Approval of Secretary's Report: Bobbie Witt, Secretary presented the minutes as posted on the website, Andrea Smiley motioned to approve and Harold Davis seconded the motion.
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer presented the report with an available bank balance of \$3,713.59 after income of \$1,225.00, expenses of \$1,726.70 and less line items of \$12,539.28.
4. Other Reports:
 - A. Ride Into Reading Kick Off (September 25th) update: Amy reported the Fifth Annual DSCA, Inc, Ride into Reading Challenge was kicked off at a rally with Ron and Dianne Hermanski explaining the program to the third graders in attendance. Two new bicycles were on display along with five \$10 Walmart gift cards (to be earned monthly) for the kids to see what they could earn while improving their reading skills in this year's reading incentive program. We thank Ron and Dianne, Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami and all the third grade teachers for continuing to facilitate this program, which we've based on the existing Reading Counts program.
 - B. McInnis Elementary School "Brag Tags" program/DSCA, Inc. involvement update: Amy reported that an additional \$300.00 was donated to the pre-approved \$100.00 DSCA contribution making the total contribution to this school wide program \$400.00.
 - C. International Walk To School Day (October 4th) update: Katie Durborow reported that approximately 120 children walked from the Porter House including Tom Russell, Volusia County Superintendent. At that time Amy presented \$100.00 to the Art Teacher.
 - D. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Dianne Hermanski reported via e-mail that new officers were elected for 2018. Fundraising continues to be a focal point and Dianne strongly suggests we consider a sponsorship in the \$100-\$200 range. We have never sponsored RoLHCB, yet have been the recipient of many benefits over the years (for further information on sponsorships visit the group's website.) Ron and Dianne tentatively signed us up to host RoLHCB for breakfast in May, 2018 pending DSCA, Inc. approval and predicated on the condition of the Porter House facilities.
 - E. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps reported that the park has reopened. The trails had a work day, the easy trail is open. Kevin will schedule another work day.
 - F. Benevolence:
 - Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley 4lbs 7oz
 - Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley 5 lbs 2 oz
 - Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy thanked everyone for their continuous contributions.
 - G. Junkyard update: Taz reported that only a few cars are left and that progress is being made.
 - H. McInnis Elementary School SAC Meeting: Laurie Haas attended the last meeting of 9/21, quorum was not established at this meeting. She will attend the next meeting on 10/19.
 - I. Discussion with Mainstreet Bank: Amy said she sent a follow up e-mail to Kathy Crosby, who replied that their Board will not pursue the Wells Fargo property because it's too close in proximity to the Mainstreet Bank on 15A at 92. Amy let Kathy know we are disappointed but understand their reasoning.
 - J. River to Sea Loop trail addition/Grand Ave. to US Highway 17 update: Amy shared an October 5th e-mail from Travis Terpstra, Senior Project Manager, Volusia County Engineering & Construction

Division: "There are two separate projects proposed in the DeLeon Spring area. FDOT is working on a project to widen US-17 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes starting just north of the intersection with Ponce DeLeon Blvd. and extending up to SR-40. This widening project includes a 5-foot wide sidewalk on the East side of US-17 from Baxter St. to Spring Garden Ranch and a 12-foot wide trail on the East side of US-17 from Spring Garden Ranch to SR-40. I believe FDOT currently estimates construction starting on the US-17 project in 2020. Volusia County is also working on a Trail project in the DeLeon Springs area that is part of the larger River to Sea Loop. We have contracted with a local survey firm to survey the anticipated trail route. Once the survey is complete, we will proceed with final design of the proposed trail. The proposed trail alignment will start at the intersection of Baxter and Grand and continue along the North side of Baxter St. The trail is anticipated to continue along the north side of Ponce DeLeon Blvd., then along the South side of Spring Garden Ave. up to the limits of the US-17 widening project. We are currently anticipating construction of the trail to start sometime in 2019."

K. Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival, October 21st, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Special thanks to Harold, Taz and Bobbie for handing out flyers and getting banners up. We have 10 new exhibitors from flyer hand outs alone! Still need Chili cook off participants. Andrea Smiley and Katie Durborow handed around sign up sheets for volunteers, and desserts needed for the volunteer luncheon. (BOBBIE, ADD WHATEVER ELSE YOU HAVE IN YOUR NOTES)

5. New Business:

A. Thanksgiving Baskets for Malloy head Start: Tammy

B. US Highway 17 Median project: Amy stated she purchased fertilizer, weed killer and pine bark with DSCA, Inc. funds and delivered them to Juan Mancilla who volunteered his services and spent today with two of his employees hand weeding, fertilizing and spreading pine bark in the coontie planters in the seven medians of DeLeon Springs. They also sprayed weed killer on the planters. Amy purchased additional pine bark and spread it but it still wasn't enough to cover all the planters. We are responsible for the maintenance of these planters, as per our agreement with Volusia County when they gave us a \$2,000 grant to purchase and plant the coontie several years ago. Dr. Mac Steen of DeLand has been maintaining them all these years at his expense and has finally handed the task over to us.

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

Katie brought up the nuisance that the berry pickers are being. Jason Sampsell said that they are getting \$2.00 per pound of Palmetto Berries. The only thing that can be done is to trespass them off your property.

"Fountain of Youth" boat tours are back up and running at the park. "Spooky Night" is October 28.

7. New Festival t-shirts for sale: \$15 (or \$10 to volunteers!)

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14th, 6:00 p.m., Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.