

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 19th**  
Rescheduled from September 12<sup>th</sup> due to the effects of Hurricane Irma

Amy Munizzi, President, called the meeting to order and led the prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and everyone introduced themselves.

Treasurer Tammy Schuler presented the Treasurer's Report with an available bank balance of \$16,754.87, Building Fund balance of \$12,458.25 and available spending balance of \$4,296.62. Tammy mailed \$1000.00 to Daytona State College on behalf of our scholarship recipient Alex Fuentes. Laurie Haas motioned to approve the report; Harold Davis seconded and the motion passed.

**Reports:**

Secretary Bobbie Witt stated the August 8<sup>th</sup> DSCA, Inc. Sixth Anniversary Party meeting was a great success despite the lack of a working bathroom and air conditioning. We thank Chuck Coleman/Coleman A/C Services for getting the a/c up and running, and we thank Katie Durborow of Smooth Waters Wildlife Park for her excellent presentation and for bringing Walter the Alligator as featured guest.

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: No report as they did not meet this month due to the hurricane.

Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps reported that Chuck Lennon Park should be open September 20<sup>th</sup>. The bike trails are in very bad condition after Hurricane Irma; many are under water with severe tree damage. All trails in the State were closed at one point and are slowly reopening. They have scheduled a work day September 24<sup>th</sup> to begin the clean-up process. The proposed new trail, that was begun but halted by the Abrahamson's complaints, is still waiting for a wetlands report from Volusia County. Other environmental inspections done by independent sources have shown no wetland species in the proposed trail area.

Benevolence: Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that her most recent shipment was 4 Lbs. 7oz. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley said she recently shipped 5.2 lbs. of old phones and accessories. Jason Sampsell donated about 10 more at the meeting from City of Orange City. Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy thanked everyone for bringing non-perishables for the pantry, as many of our local families were hit hard by the hurricane. Malloy Head Start Backpack Drive Update: Tammy reported that we received enough supplies and monetary donations to create 16 filled backpacks and had additional supplies, which were delivered the Friday before school started to new Director Rosie Sanchez, just as students were filing in to register.

Junkyard update: cars are slowly being moved off the property by the owner but he is still accruing a \$100 per day fine.

**New Business:**

The Porter House air conditioning has been replaced by Chuck Coleman/ Coleman A/C Services LLC. As a business member of the DSCA, Inc. he gave us a deep discount for the work and also included a new concrete pad and bolt down system. We appreciate Chuck's professional courtesy and generosity!

McInnis Elementary School SAC Meeting: Laurie Haas reported the first meeting had a great turnout with 11 active members and they are looking for more. DSCA, Inc. is very excited about this new connection with McInnis Elementary and we look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship. The next SAC meeting is Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Amy welcomed McInnis Elementary School liaison Lyn Koplak who will be attending DSCA, Inc. meetings on their behalf. Lyn said the school has a "B" rating, but only missed an "A" by two points! Amy congratulated them for bringing it up from a "C" in only a few years.

Ride Into Reading Kick Off: This has been moved from September 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> due to the hurricane. It will kick off at 2:30 pm with a rally in the media center for all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes.

International Walk to School Day with VCSO and McInnis Elementary School is Wed. October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 a.m. The VCSO will kick it off in front of the Porter House and attendees will walk together to McInnis Elementary School for a brief ceremony hosted by school staff. The DSCA, Inc. traditionally gives the Art Department a \$100 gift card to defray the cost of students participating in the April Art Festival. DSCA, Inc. members are encouraged to attend and support this.

McInnis Elementary School "Brag Tags" program/DSCA, Inc. involvement: Lisa Bertolami was unable to attend. This is a school-wide reading incentive program, similar to our Ride into Reading program, but students are awarded 'brag tags' to wear, similar to dog tags, as they amass points from reading books in the Reading Counts Program. Lisa has asked DSCA, Inc. members to donate toward the purchase of the tags. Total cost of the program: \$500

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Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am-3:00 pm: The Festival Board continues to work hard at planning this community event. Bobbie said we still need cooks for the First Annual Chili Cook Off to get off the ground and we need at least three more. Flyers were handed out for the festival and cook off and Amy asked everyone to promote both, as word of mouth is more effective than hundreds of dollars in advertising. She has a Gage Publishing radio interview Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and the segment will air on several stations over a few days, included with payment of our ad with them.

Amy handed out the Fall DeLeon Dispatch. Tammy stated we get 700 copies of it because we also stuff it in Festival goodie bags and it's placed at DSSP, the DSPO and Pioneer Arts to promote the Festival.

Public Comments: Amy reported DSSP is up and running as of September 18<sup>th</sup>; Sugar Mill as of September 19<sup>th</sup> and their five year lease has been renewed! The Fountain of Youth Boat Tour is scheduled to reopen October 6<sup>th</sup> if the water recedes enough to relaunch.

Amy reported that Dr. Mac Steen will no longer be able to care for our seven medians full of coontie. We had gotten a \$2,000 grant from Volusia County, with Pat Patterson's help, to purchase and plant them a couple of years ago with the agreement that we would be responsible for maintenance. Juan Mancilla/Cutting Edge has agreed to maintain them at no charge, if DSCA, Inc. will provide the fertilizer and Round Up. We also need to purchase ant block for the Porter House. Jason Sampsell moved; Laurie Haas seconded we purchase these items and thank Juan for maintaining the coontie for us.

Jim Simmons reported that he met with Pat Patterson regarding a county library being placed in DeLeon Springs. The county did a survey and found that fewer books are being checked out while more DVD's and CD's are being checked out. Pat Patterson suggested we look into McInnis Elementary opening their library during the holidays and summer months. Lyn Koplas stated they usually use the library for storage while cleaning during the summer. Laurie Haas will bring this up with the SAC.

Laurie Haas inquired about the follow up of Main Street Bank taking over or purchasing the Wells Fargo location in DeLeon Springs. Amy reported she had emailed Kathy Crosby of Mainstreet Bank. Jeff Malmborg also had a conversation with the head of Mainstreet Bank. Amy suggested that everyone who deals with Mainstreet Bank put in a plug for them purchasing the location, as so many of us already bank with them.

Jason Sampsell thanked everyone at the meeting for being active in our community and is impressed by the continued attendance at community meetings and events. He stated there are far fewer people who attend City of Orange City meetings when they are discussing millions of dollars of work to be done. Amy thanked Jason for his encouragement and everyone for their continued contributions of time and talent.

Tammy said new Festival t-shirts are for sale for \$15 or \$10 to Festival volunteers!

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17N.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Witt  
DSCA, Inc. Secretary