

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order. Pastor Doug Knight led the prayer and Amy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Because we had so many first time visitors, each person introduced themselves and Amy thanked everyone for coming.

2. Acceptance of January 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, Colleen Kurczi, Secretary: Andrea Smiley moved to accept the minutes that were e-mailed out in advance; Jenny Mero seconded and the motion passed.

3. Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer reported that Income for the month was \$1,280.00, Expenses were \$144.00 which leaves us a negative spending balance of -\$655.23 after all line items are deducted. Colleen moved to accept the report, Doug Knight seconded and the motion passed.

4. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report, Membership Report and dues reminder: Jason Sampsell was unable to attend. Amy reported on his behalf that we have several new members: Happy Daisy Farms, Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild, Snell Motors, Square M Ranch, Fountain of Youth Eco-History Tours, Cheri Armstrong and Melissa Borghorst and reminded everyone that the dues we pay go directly back into the community.

B. McInnis Elementary School SAC and Science Fair update: Colleen reported that teacher Sonia Larrabee stated that this year was the largest judge panel she had and was pleased with the turnout. Special thanks to members Janice Russak, Pat & Anne Patterson, Alex Kinney, Doug and Robin Knight, and Colleen Kurczi for their participation. No further updates are available from SAC as they will be meeting this coming Thursday, February 13, 2020.

C. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak reported on various upcoming events: Living History Day at DeBary Hall, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 10- 3pm.; ECHO board will report to the County Council; February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm; the Spring to Spring Family Bike Ride, BBQ and picnic with different options for the Ride is March 1<sup>st</sup> and begins at Beresford Trail. Future meetings have been moved to 11:00 with the guest speaker portion at the end.

D. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps emailed his report to Amy: Volusia County is putting in a cross over speed hump to slow traffic coming into the park on the road by the bike trails; Also they will be putting in a concrete multi-use path from the first trailhead to the next. They are still trying to make progress on getting approval for the natural trail. The Outdoor Adventure blogger from China had to cancel due to the coronavirus outbreak.

E. Benevolence:

Troop-Ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that she has received 2 lbs. of coupons for 2020;

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that she has received 4 lbs. of cell phones for 2020.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy thanked everyone for remembering our community members in need and stated the MHS and recipients are always grateful for our donations.

F. Ride Into Reading update: MES Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami e-mailed to say that currently, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have accumulated 2,742 points and have read 2,880,801 words. The highest scoring girl has 469 points and the highest scoring boy has 174 points. At this time four of our \$10.00 reading incentive gift cards have been awarded to most improved or motivated students, keeping the competition lively.

G. DSCA, Inc. meeting location update: Amy stated the LWNWR is having trouble getting their education center building CO-ed by Volusia County so we will continue to meet at the CCDS and she thanked

Pastor Mark and the church for their generosity. Andrea also reported that she stopped by LWNWR and the delays are being attributed to the Federal Government.

5. FDOT concerns and medians/coontie fern maintenance: Amy stated that we were contacted by FDOT with concerns over the size of the coontie fern in the medians. In October 2014, DSCA, Inc. received a grant to purchase and install coontie fern in the medians, with the proviso that we maintain them. Dr. Mac Steen did it for a few years and then Juan Mancilla and the Cutting Edge team took over the maintenance, at no charge to the DSCA, Inc. Juan and the team spent several days cutting back the coontie in all seven of the medians to FDOT specifications and we purchased fertilizer for them to apply. Amy thanked Cutting Edge for their generous donation of time and work to keep our community looking nice. Robin Knight brought up the concern and need for flashing lights at the north entrance to the school crossing area and Amy reminded everyone that FDOT implements changes based on fatality statistics and fortunately there have not been any in that intersection. Amy requested that Colleen consult with the school administration and SAC regarding their opinions on the potential removal of the coontie ferns in that area.

6. DeLeon Springs Trail completion date change/spring event update: Amy reported that Volusia County has had delays in getting final FDOT approval of the plans. They are set to advertise for construction bids and open them in March. Now construction is anticipated to start around May or June and be complete in December. This setback will affect a possible spring trail ride event in DeLeon Springs, but the River2Sea Loop Alliance is planning a spring to spring ride Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit [river2sealoop.org](http://river2sealoop.org) for details.

7. Volusia County Wastewater Feasibility Public Meeting, Christian Church, Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.: Amy reported that Volusia County Utilities has been hosting wastewater feasibility workshops, which DSCA, Inc. attended and reported back to our members about. This is in response to FDEP's mandate that counties with delicate spring sheds like Blue, Gemini and DeLeon Springs comply with BMAPs (Basin Management Action Plan) to reduce water pollution. Volusia County wants to conduct a public meeting in our area and requested we find a location. Amy contacted three churches and the Christian Church offered their location. DSCA, Inc. will host this public event and encourages participation from all community members and residents. We will send out an e-mail, have flyers, and encourage everyone to spread the word.

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

- Melissa Borghorst requested we assist her with the proper avenues to take to propose installation of a kayak launch at DS State Park, to which she is willing to contribute financially; Andrea mentioned that she will start the conversation with the Park Manager and report back to us next month.

- Van Hook Street neighbors reported they have continued to contact the VCSO regarding illegal activity on their street. VCSO has heard their voices and is responding accordingly.

9. Other business, reminders, announcements:

A. DeLeon Dispatch articles are due by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

B. McInnis Elementary School Beautification Workday, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 8-12 pm, Amy requested that everyone participate.

C. 2020 DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Application and Criteria available online. Application deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>.

D. Alex Kinney, the Executive Director of YMCA Camp Winona will be our guest speaker for March.

10. Adjournment. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., [The Christian Church of DeLeon Springs, 4481 Mills Rd.](#)

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Colleen Kurczi*