

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING
1101 EAST FIRST STREET
SANFORD, FLORIDA
32771-1468



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:00 PM

BCC Chambers

Charter Review Commission

Call to Order/Roll Call**Present**

Angela R. Fleming, Colleen Hufford, Emily Tallman, Tom O' Hanlon, Michelle Smith, John Horan, Deborah Bauer, Nicole Martz, Marilyn E. Crotty, Robin Dehlinger, Russell "Rusty" Roberts, Scott Culp, Sean Barth, Carissa Lawhun, and John Richardson

Scott Culp attended virtually via Teams.

Additional Attendees: Special Legal Counsel Senator David Simmons, Assistant County Manager Meloney Koontz, Assistant County Attorney Robby McHugh, and Deputy Clerk Chariti Guevara.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rusty Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of last meeting minutes

1. Minutes from Charter Review Commission Meetings on 3/7/2024 and 3/21/2024 [2024-0387](#)

Motion by John Richardson, seconded by Rusty Roberts, to approve the March 21, 2024, Charter Review Commission meeting minutes.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Motion by Rusty Roberts, seconded by Sean Barth, to approve the March 7, 2024, Charter Review Commission meeting minutes.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Other Business

2. Verify and Approve DSK Law Monthly Invoice [2024-0391](#)

Motion by Tom O'Hanlon, seconded by Michelle Smith, to approve the DSK Law monthly invoice.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

3. Review Updated CRC Meeting Schedule [2024-0392](#)

Ms. Koontz reviewed the meeting schedule and discussion ensued.

Motion by Tom O'Hanlon, seconded by Sean Barth, to schedule an additional CRC meeting on Thursday, April, 25, 2024. It will be decided at the April 17th meeting if the additional April 25th meeting will go forward or be canceled.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

4. Presentation by Rick Durr, Parks and Recreation Director

[2024-0388](#)

In connection with adding a new section of the Charter to include a requirement of a supermajority of the BCC to allow for the sale, lease, or disposition of County-owned parks, trails, and conservation areas, Rick Durr, Parks and Recreation Director, addressed the members and presented the Parks & recreation Lands Protection Status Update (presentation received and filed). The presentation was followed by questions and discussion.

Motion by Tom O'Hanlon, seconded by Deborah Bauer, to include Natural Lands with the provisions that the County Commission has twice voted for that a supermajority in order to sell them.

Under discussion, Ms. Bauer stated she would like to make friendly amendments to tweak some of the wording. She inquired if the proposed language only refers to Natural Lands that would be reflective of the bond program to cover other County-owned property/land, excluding trails, and do they need to broaden the definition of the wording to include the majority of what is on the map on page 19 to include, lands, park lands, rec areas, and land acquired under Seminole Forever.

Mr. Durr responded that from a land planning and management perspective, it is only County-owned property including the trails. They have to abide by all the rules and regulations with the portions of the trails the County does own, just as they do in a lease agreement they have on trails that the County manages but is on someone else's property. In managing those properties, this is strictly towards those properties that are owned, operated, and managed under ordinance by the county.

Ms. Martz suggested limiting it to Natural Lands and both passive and active park lands with a supermajority for sale or conversion.

Ms. Bauer stated the first friendly amendment would be as Ms. Martz has laid out so they encompass not just Natural Lands but parks and recreations and conservation areas.

Ms. Bauer stated her second friendly amendment would be in the proposed language of 5.6(B) where it says, "The County shall manage the real property held in fee or otherwise acquired or managed as natural lands for the benefits of the citizens of Seminole County and shall dispose..." She would like it to say dispose or convert instead of just dispose. Ms. Martz suggested they clarify convert to something other than parks or recreation. Mr. Horan suggested also adding "materially change." Discussion ensued.

Ms. Bauer confirmed with Attorney Simmons that with the amendments as she has specified them that he understands the intent of what the proposed amendments to the motion are for drafting the wording.

Mr. O'Hanlon agreed to the friendly amendments.

Ms. Martz clarified the motion is to direct Attorney Simmons, with the assistance of county staff, to draft language that would require a supermajority for the sale, transfer, conversion of Natural Lands and park facilities. Ms. Smith added based on that language, they will vote at the next meeting whether to put it out for the Charter. Today they are simply deciding to draft language to consider at the next meeting.

All members in attendance voted AYE, with the exception of John Horan who voted NAY.

The motion passes by a majority.

5. Review and Consider Possible Charter Amendments [2024-0390](#)
 - a Review draft wording for a New Section of the Charter to include a requirement of a supermajority of the BCC to allow for the sale, lease, or disposition of county-owned parks, trails, and conservation area
 - b Discuss amending section 5.2 (B) Rural Boundry removal by a supermajority of the BCC
 - c Discuss amending Section 5.2 (C) Density or Intensity in rural areas can be changed by a supermajority of the BCC

It was determined 5(a) was covered during Item 4.

There was discussion and questions with Attorney Simmons on Sections (b) and (c).

Motion by Marilyn Crotty, seconded by Deborah Bauer, to direct Attorney Simmons, in conjunction with County staff, to draft an amendment to the Charter that would require a supermajority to remove land from the rural boundary.

Under discussion, Rebecca Hammock, Development Services Director, answered questions regarding the rural boundaries, and continued discussion ensued.

Ms. Martz called the question. Chairman Horan requested the motion be restated.

Motion by Marilyn Crotty, seconded by Deborah Bauer, to direct Attorney Simmons, in conjunction with County staff, to draft an amendment to the Charter that would require a supermajority to remove land from the rural boundary.

Ms. Martz proposed the friendly amendment of a supermajority for removal in the motion would include the language be prepared for a supermajority for the change of land use as well. The motioner and seconder agreed.

All members in attendance voted AYE, with the exception of Sean Barth, Tom O'Hanlon, Rusty Roberts, and John Horan who voted NAY.

The motion passes by a majority.

Public Comment

With regard to public participation, no one spoke and public input was closed.

Next scheduled meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the CRC, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m., this same date.

UNAPPROVED