City of Dunedin Hammock Advisory Committee (HAC)  
Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2019  
Dunedin Community Center Meeting Room, 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin, Florida  
HAC Meetings are held on the 2nd Mondays of January, March, May, July, September & November

HAC members present: Susan Humphreys (Chair), Victor Johantges (Vice-Chair), Chris McLaughlin (Secretary), Pam Hillestad, Patricia Jennings, Elizabeth Grant, & Steve Fasnacht.  
Absences: Donna Moore (Alternate).  
City Staff: Vince Gizzi (Parks & Recreation Director) & Craig Wilson (City Arborist)

Note: A quorum was present in accordance with City Resolution 03-11, General Provisions, Section 1.

Note: The topic of excused absences for this meeting was not discussed. Upon review of City Ordinance 11-45, Section 2, attendance for alternate members is subject to the attendance provision only if the appointive body requests they attend and participate as a member.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Humphreys with 24 individuals in attendance.

Supervisor’s Report (Mr. Gizzi):
• Request for Bids for replacement of the two wood bridges over Cedar Creek will go out in August.
• Fern Trail: The funding request is still in the budget, public hearings on the budget will be in September and the official budget will be adopted in October.
• The management plan is under state review.
• The Florida Communities Trust Parks and Open Space Grant of $678,000 ($682,632 per the City website, post date 11/30/2018) puts the balance owed to less than $100,000 for the 2016 $1.34 million purchase of 8.7 acres from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Meeting Minutes: Secretary McLaughlin was tardy so this item was delayed to allow for his attendance. The May 13, 2019 Minutes were reviewed. Motion #1 (Ms. Jennings): Approve the Minutes as submitted. Vice-Chair Johantges seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) Report (Ms. Grant): Ms. Grant reported that the Lake Suemar weir had been repaired and that the next SAC meeting (held quarterly) is scheduled for the next day (July 9).

Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Report (Hans Hillestad): Mr. Hillestad had been repeatedly requesting water quality testing analysis from City Stormwater Program Coordinator Whitney Marsh. He was told the analysis may not be available until next year, however he could have access to the raw data.

Old Business:
• Hammock Park Management Plan – During the last HAC meeting, Chair Humphreys asked members to review Chapter 5 (Resource Management Recommendations) of the 2013 Hammock Park Management Plan prepared for the City by King Engineering. The Plan can be found on the Friends of the Hammock, Inc. (“FotH”) website here: https://hammockpark.org/s/Hammock-Park-Management-Plan.pdf  
  o The Plan is now 5 years into its 10-year Plan.
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- Section 5.1.1.1 (Scrubby Flatwoods/Oak Scrub Restoration) recommends suggested management actions in four phases:
  1. Phase 1 (Initial Site Preparation) – recommends mechanized thinning, which can be labor intensive. The HAC agreed this phase should be pursued.
  2. Phase 2 (Initial Prescribed Burn) – recommends a specific burn plan prepared by a specialist in urban areas, which the HAC also agreed should be pursued. This method runs the risk of property damage and is specialized.
     - **Motion #2** (Chair Humphreys): The HAC recommends that the City of Dunedin implement Phase 1 of the 2013 Hammock Park Management Plan Chapter 5.1.1.1 and to formulate a cost-estimate prior to proceeding with the phase implementation. Mr. Fasnacht seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
  3. Phases 3 & 4 should wait until Phases 1 & 2 have been completed.

- Section 5.1.1.2 (Gopher Tortoise Management) – the HAC recommends this task to be undertaken by the Friends of the Hammock non-profit group.

- Section 5.1.1.3 (Forested Wetland Restoration) – recommends continued collection of hydrological and vegetation data. The HAC recommends the City perform bi-weekly data collection from the approximately 10 piezometer wells placed throughout the Hammock, some of which are not visible or haven’t been found by volunteers.
  1. **Motion #3** (Chair Humphreys): The HAC recommends that the City of Dunedin perform bi-weekly data collection of the piezometers (approximately 10) in lieu of volunteers. Mr. Fasnacht seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:
- Chair Humphreys requested members to work up action items for the September meeting based on Hammock Park Management Plan recommendations. Start on page 40 (page 45 of the PDF) to review Section 6.0 Additional Needs.

**Motion #4** (Chair Humphreys): Motioned to adjourn. The motion’s second was not recorded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Next Meeting: **Monday, September 9, 2019** at 6:30pm Dunedin Community Center Meeting Room, 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin, Florida.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Chris McLaughlin.