

### WTA Meeting notes 7/7/2010

- Some issues have been brought up to Eddie by the new SWFWMD concerning some possible trail modifications and additions that did not appear on the map she was provided. Eddie has a meeting scheduled with her soon and Wes Eubanks of SWAMP and Gregg Irving (WTA) will also attend to address those concerns.
- Good news about the “Night Ride” for the fall season. The county has decided to lower the fee in half from \$10 plus parking per rider, to just \$5 plus parking with no minimum rider requirement. SWAMP and WTA will look into starting some form of RSVP system to try and make sure the county is notified at least a day before the events so they can schedule a ranger.
- Eddie brought up the subject of parking fees and trying to push annual passes. Wes suggested they write parking citations to those who are not complying that are part of the SWAMP group rides just like they would any other park user.
- The Trail Workdays are to have at least 1 “Registered” county volunteer leading the group with that person making sure the other volunteers complete a “Hold Harmless Form” and the sign-in sheet. Also, volunteers that do not have annual parking passes will NOT be charged the \$2 parking fee while they are working on the trails. A notice on the cars dashboard indicating they are there for the workday is sufficient notice for the rangers.
- Eddie is to let us know of other events that the parks will be hosting since they are actively pursuing these as income generators now. Events such as the upcoming “Bicycle Bash”, “Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day”, and the new format of the “Squiggy” events need to be planned well in advance and Eddie notified so the county does not have scheduling conflicts with other groups. I also asked Eddie to keep me informed of other scheduled events so they can be posted on the WTA calendar, website, and Facebook page.
- Trips for Kids Tampa Chairman Chris Kiddy went over that charity groups program they have arranged with the “Tampa Prep Academy” where they will be using the park’s trails and other resources. Eddie asked that they be provided a Schedule and that Trips for Kids Tampa provide an updated Liability Insurance notice showing the County as a covered source. Chris also asked permission to post signs at the parks kiosks recruiting volunteers for the program.
- The issue of park brochure/maps was brought up since none of the kiosks have had any in a few months. Eddie informed us that they have been ordered from the printer and should be available soon. He said the printer the parks services uses was backed up with other county projects but that they are on their way.