

Turnbull Creek Land Preservation Committee

April 3, 2023

Video link can be found [here](#):

Committee members Ingalls, Werner, Vice- Chair Weston, and Chairman Athearn were present. Member Planson was absent.

The Monday, March 6 minutes were approved.

City Clerk Kelly McQuillen discussed the possibility of having a final workshop with the City Commission in August to review the many successes of the Turnbull initiatives. Members of regional organizations such as St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) , the Utilities Commission and the County would be invited.

Brian Zelinski, USDA Natural Resource Officer, discussed several different potential grants related to restoring the flow in the Creek from damage caused by the last two hurricanes. (Emergency Watershed Recovery Program) He also gave a great deal of information on other potential grants and sources for grants from Federal State and regional sources. He suggested that members of the Committee meet with the Volusia County Soil Board.

Assistant City Manager, Ron Neibert, gave an update on negotiations for land purchases and conservation easements. He discussed specific properties and status of the negotiations that require two appraisals to determine the value of each property. Ron was optimistic that more property could be acquired. He also discussed the status of specific grants and potential funding sources for the match that would need to be made by the City.

The committee discussed how to restore the native habitat of the acquired poverties and potential park use. They also inquired about wildlife corridor initiatives.

The next meeting will be July 3, 2023.