

1015 Cultural Park Blvd. Cape Coral, FL

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

May 19, 2017 2:45 PM Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY

We will be respectful of each other even when we disagree. We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personal attacks.

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- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
 - A. CHAIR SLAFER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - A. CHAIR SLAFER
- 3. ROLL CALL
 - A. MEMBERS BAXTER, BERNAU, BEVAN, CERRETANI, DUNKLE, HARE, MOLFINO, REID, SAUNDERS, SHAWVER, SLAFER, TROCHE, WILSON
- 4. CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Meeting May 5, 2017
- 6. ADVISOR PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM)
- 7. CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Input of citizens on matters concerning City Government; 3 minutes per individual.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

A. NONE

9. BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 47-16 Discussion regarding Modifications
- B. Oasis Boardwalk Discussion
- 10. NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS
- 11. REPORTS
- 12. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS
- 13. TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS
 - A. A meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council is Scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2017 at 2:45 p.m. in Council Chambers

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Persons wishing to address the Youth Council under Citizens Input may do so during the designated times at each meeting. No prior scheduling is necessary. All speakers must have their presentations approved by the City Clerk's office no later than 11:00 AM the day of the meeting. Members of the audience who address the Youth Council shall step up to the speaker's lectern and give his or her full name, address, and whom he or she represents. Proper decorum shall be maintained at all times. Any audience member who is boisterous or disruptive in any manner to the conduct of this meeting shall be asked to leave or be escorted from the meeting room.

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Number:

Meeting

Item Type:

5/19/2017

Date:

APPROVAL OF

MINUTES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Regular Meeting - May 5, 2017

REQUESTED ACTION:

STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:

- 1. Will this action result in a Budget Amendment?
- 2. Is this a Strategic Decision?

If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below.

If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan?

Planning & Zoning/Staff Recommendations:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

LEGAL REVIEW:

EXHIBITS:

PREPARED BY:

Division- Department-

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Regular Meeting - May 5, 2017 **Backup Material**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

Friday, May 5, 2017

Assistant City Clerk Bruns called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson were present.

Also in attendance: Council Liaison Williams

Staff Advisor Cagle

Staff Advisor Mazurkiewicz Council Assistant Pack

Assistant City Clerk Bruns administered the Oath of Office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/AMENDED AGENDA

Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Wilson to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Thirteen "ayes." Motion carried 13-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Liaison Williams reviewed with the Youth Council that meeting minutes are on file with the City and are a record of action at a meeting, please notify the Clerk's department of changes if the minutes are incorrect.

Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Troche to approve the revised Regular Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2017, as presented.

Voice poll, all ayes, motion carried.

ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS (30 Minutes maximum for each presentation)

Indoctrination - Council Liaison Williams

Council Liaison Williams discussed the purpose of the Youth Council; the need to select a Chair and Vice Chair at today's meeting; and the need to get the word out to peers about the Youth Council for comments and ideas to be brought forward to City Council. He announced to members that the Youth Council is the channel by Ordinance to bring matters to the City Council. He advised that discussion will be held today about social media and mentioned he would like to take the Youth Council on a tour of City Hall. Lastly, he requested that the Assistant City Clerk send a list of names to Human Resources for the identification cards to be produced.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns responded in the affirmative.

Sunshine Laws – City Attorney Menendez

City Attorney Menendez declared that the Sunshine Laws presentation will be completed each time a new Council begins. She announced to members that they are not permitted to discuss topics that will come before the Council without it being at a public meeting. These meetings are noticed, televised, and the public can attend. Public meetings are when these discussions can occur. If you encounter each other outside of the meeting, be aware of the challenge you face because people discuss things they have in common. She encouraged members not to discuss things that will come forward to the Youth Council for a vote since as those discussions must be in compliance with the Sunshine Laws.

Member Saunders inquired about the usage of emails to discuss topics.

City Attorney Menendez responded that the Sunshine Law is not just specific to verbal It includes all communications, in person, by telephone, texting, communications. emails, etc. She continued by discussing the need for members to always feel free to voice their position at a meeting without a chilling effect. She continued by explaining an exception. Sending an email to the entire body to convey information that they feel passionate about with the addition of a statement that no reply is necessary, this scenario does not violate. She warned that one memo implicitly invites more memos from other members. This is discouraged. She continued by mentioning that it is the content not the device used that is public record. Next, she explained the concept of daisy chaining and expressed that is not allowed. Daisy chaining was the use of someone who is not on the board to communicate with fellow board members, ideas, questions and positions that you cannot communicate directly. City Attorney Menendez instructed the Youth Council to copy the clerk's office while using the personal email for the information to be captured on our server. She warned that the law struggles to keep track of all the means of communication with social media. Unintentional violations are curable by a do-over at a public meeting. Intentional violations are a misdemeanor.

Roberts Rules of Order – Advisor Mazurkiewicz

Advisor Mazurkiewicz welcomed the new members of the Youth Council. He was present today to discuss Roberts Rules of Order and how to use them to run an efficient meeting. He explained that when making motions, be recognized by the Chair, then make the motion. Next, allow the Chair to recognize a second member, that person can second your motion. The philosophy that he exercised as former Mayor was to make all

members feel comfortable to discuss items and make their vote. When the decision of Chair and Vice Chair is made, he suggested selecting someone that will allow the members to feel comfortable before the votes are cast. He discussed issues that may go to Council for consideration; if there is a monetary value placed on the item, the materials such as the meeting minutes, back-up, and videos will be reviewed by the public.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns mentioned that we currently have 13 active members.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz continued by discussing treatment of your peers and warned against negative conduct that now reflects on the entire City and would be reported in the newspapers. He requested that members beware of all foreseeable topics that would require a discussion and vote by the Youth Council. He addressed the use of social media; Facebook, Tweets, etc., these can be seen forever.

He continued with a review of the rules of order. The Chair controls the floor, items need a motion and a second, discuss items, the Chair may allow questions before we have a motion, and he or she can use that method to solicit additional information. He suggested motions be made in the positive to create action. When you make a motion in the negative and it passes, you have to make a motion in the positive in order for it to be defeated.

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

The floor was opened for Nominations for Chair.

Nominations for Chair were received for Member Slafer and Member Wilson.

Council was polled as follows: Baxter – Slafer, Bernau – Slafer, Bevan – Slafer,

Cerretani – Slafer, Dunkle – Slafer, Hare – Slafer, Molfino – Wilson, Reid – Slafer,

Saunders – Slafer, Shawver – Slafer, Troche – Wilson and Wilson – Wilson. Ten
tallies for Slafer, three for Wilson.

Member Wilson moved, seconded by Member Saunders to select Member Slafer as Chair.

Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Thirteen "ayes." Motion carried.

The floor was opened for Nominations for Vice Chair.

A nomination for Vice Chair was received for Member Wilson.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz announced that a motion was needed to select Member Wilson as Vice Chair by acclamation.

Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Cerretani to select Member Wilson as Vice

Chair by acclamation.

Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Thirteen "ayes." Motion carried.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz discussed the interaction with citizen's input participants. He advised that Council statements shall occur after all of the Citizen's input has been received.

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Chair Slafer read the Pledge of Civility.

Javier Diaz, former member and former Chair of the Youth Council appeared to congratulate the new members of the Youth Council and expressed his pride for the group. He congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Slafer commended Javier Diaz for his service on the Council.

Use of Social Media continuation

Council Liaison Williams mentioned that he was working on the application for the social media volunteer position. He was working on the Facebook page and assigned Connie Barron as the administrator.

Chair Slafer opened the floor for Council discussion, if any.

Member Wilson inquired about the knowledge of the new members about the topic of social media.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns noted that an assignment would be given to the new members to review the topic of Use of Social Media from prior meetings.

Member Wilson provided a synopsis of the topic of from past meetings.

<u>Chair Slafer</u> explained that the last meeting dated 4/21/2017 had an in-depth discussion on this topic. He recommended that new members concentrate on that recording.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Member Troche moved, seconded by Member Wilson to add the Oasis Boardwalk.

Council polled as follows: Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Cerretani voted "nay." Twelve

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"ayes." One "nay." Motion carried 12-1.

Council Liaison Williams reviewed two other items that would appear at the next meeting for the Youth Council: email access with security training and the application for the social media volunteer.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns reviewed that the email access and security training would be made available to the Youth Council immediately after the meeting was over as the content involved security training that cannot be captured on video.

REPORTS

Member Baxter: Topic: No Report
Member Bernau: Topic: No Report
Member Bevan: Topic: No Report
Member Cerretani: Topic: No Report
Member Dunkle: Topic: No Report
Member Hare: Topic: No Report
Member Molfino: Topic: No Report
Member Reid: Topic: No Report
Member Saunders: Topic: No Report
Member Shawver: Topic: No Report
Member Slafer: Topic: No Report
Member Slafer: Topic: No Report
Member Troche: Topic: No Report
Member Wilson: Topic: No Report

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Council Liaison Williams explained the purpose of the reports was to express what has been accomplished on behalf of the Youth Council, such as attendance at an event or discussion.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2017, at 2:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kimberly Bruns Assistant City Clerk **Item Number:** 9.A.

5/19/2017 **Meeting Date: BUSINESS** Item Type:

AGENDA REQUEST FORM CITY OF CAPE CORAL



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Ordinance 47-16 Discussion regarding Modifications

REQUESTED ACTION:

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ORDINANCE 47 - 16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AMENDING SECTIONS 2-57, 2-59, AND 2-60, AND CREATING DIVISION 12, SECTION 2-120.49, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A YOUTH COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR CREATION AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS; PROVIDING FOR PARENTAL CONSENT AND APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR VACANCIES AND REMOVAL; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS, QUORUM, FORFEITURE OF OFFICE, MINUTES, RECORDS, AND COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Cape Coral City Council wishes to more actively engage and involve the youth of the community in the local government process; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Youth Council will serve as a catalyst for youth participation and promote community involvement by the youth of the community and will assist with promoting ideas and local government issues; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Youth Council will provide an opportunity for the youth of the City of Cape Coral to acquire a greater knowledge of, and appreciation for, the American political system through active participation in that system; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Coral City Council hereby finds that this ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS THIS ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Cape Coral Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-57, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 2-57 Qualifications of members generally.

- (a) Members of all advisory boards, committees, commissions, appeals boards, councils, and task forces serving the city shall, in addition to meeting other membership qualifications as imposed by law, be persons who are citizens of the United States and who permanently reside in the city. Any person who meets the foregoing qualifications when appointed, but who later becomes unqualified, shall forfeit his or her office.
- (b) (1) An applicant for membership on a board, committee, commission, council, or task force, or a sitting member of those bodies shall not have any delinquent accounts with the city at the time of appointment to the board, committee, commission, council, or task force, or thereafter in cases of members.

SECTION 2. The City of Cape Coral Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-59, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 2-59 Annual review of boards, task forces, committees and commissions.

(a) On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the City Council shall conduct an annual review of the benefits derived from the continued existence of the boards, task forces, committees, councils, and commissions, designated in subsection (b) below, created by ordinance, resolution or otherwise by the City Council. Upon finding that there are substantial benefits derived from the continued existence of the board, task force, committee, council, or commission, the City Council shall adopt a resolution continuing the existence and functions of the board, task force, committee, council, or commission. Any board, task force, committee, council, or commission for which no resolution is adopted shall automatically be abolished and, if it was created by ordinance or resolution,

the ordinance or resolution creating and establishing it shall automatically be repealed as of August 1 of that year.

- (b) The following boards, task forces, committees, councils, and commissions are subject to the review requirements of this section:
 - (1) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board;
 - (2) Transportation Advisory Commission;
 - (3) Golf Course Advisory Board; and
 - (4) Minority Issues/citizens Advisory Committee Youth Council.

SECTION 3. The City of Cape Coral Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-60, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 2-60 Limitation on offices held.

(a) Applicability. Members of all advisory boards, commissions, councils, and appeal boards serving the city shall hold no other office on any other board, commission, council, appeal board or the City Council. This regulation is meant to and shall apply to all appointed offices within the city; with the exception of those persons serving on comprehensive task forces, said task force members being permitted to sit on two or more task forces but not to sit on other bodies. Alternate membership shall classify a person as a member for purposes of this section.

SECTION 4. The City of Cape Coral Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article V, is hereby amended to create Division 12, Section 2-120.49, as follows:

DIVISION 12. YOUTH COUNCIL

§ 2-120.49 Youth Council.

. . .

- (a) <u>Creation and purpose</u>. There is hereby created and established a Youth Council. In order to serve the Cape Coral City Council in an advisory capacity on matters concerning the youth of the community, the Youth Council is created to make recommendations and furnish input and helpful information to the City Council to assist them in their policy making as it pertains to issues that affect the City's youth.
- (b) Composition; qualifications; and terms.
 - (1) The Youth Council shall be composed of fourteen (14) members, appointed by the City Council on or before May 1 of each year. Youth Council members shall be residents of the City of Cape Coral and enrolled in a source identified below at all times while serving on the Youth Council. The Youth Council shall be composed of one (1) junior and one (1) senior student from each of the following sources:
 - a. Mariner High School;
 - b. Ida Baker High School;
 - c. Island Coast High School;
 - d. Oasis High School;
 - e. Cape Coral High School;
 - f. North Fort Myers High School; and
 - g. At-large from home schooling or other source, including but not limited to a private school, charter school, or virtual school.
 - (2) For the initial Youth Council, seven (7) seniors shall serve a term beginning upon appointment by the City Council until a successor is appointed on or before May 1, 2017, and seven (7) juniors shall serve a term beginning upon appointment by the City Council until a successor is appointed on or before May 1, 2018. On or before May 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the City Council shall appoint seven (7) rising juniors to the Youth Council to serve a term of two (2) years, or until a successor is appointed, unless a member is no longer qualified hereunder or is removed pursuant to subsection (e) below.

- (3) In the event that a Youth Council member shall no longer be enrolled in the school source that the member was appointed from, the member shall immediately forfeit the member's seat and the seat shall be declared vacant.
- (4) In the event that there is no available student applicant from a class or source identified in subsection (1) in any given year, the City Council may appoint a substitute student from one of the other subsection (1) sources to serve that applicable term.
- (5) The City Council shall appoint a City Council member to serve as a liaison between the City Council and the Youth Council.
- (c) Parental consent and application. Each Youth Council member shall, as a prerequisite for serving, take an Oath of Office and complete an application and parental consent form. The format of the application and parental consent form shall be provided by the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a prospective member that has reached the age of majority shall not be required to complete a parental consent form. The City Council shall appoint Youth Council members from the pool of candidates submitting an application and meeting the qualifications of subsection (b) above. Prospective members' participation in the Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Program is strongly preferred, but not required.
- (d) Election of officers. Members of the Youth Council shall annually elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members, each of whom shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting of the Youth Council after annual appointments are made by the City Council. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings and exercise all the usual rights, duties, and prerogatives of chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the absence or disability of the chairperson. Vacancies of either office shall be filled by an existing Youth Council member for the unexpired term by a new election of the members.

(e) Vacancies and removal.

- (1) Vacancies on the Youth Council shall be filled by appointment of the City Council.

 In the event of vacancies on the Youth Council due to resignation, illness, death, lack of attendance, removal, or lack of qualifications, the City Council shall appoint a replacement member to serve for the remainder of that term.
- (2) Youth Council members may be removed from the Youth Council by the City Council, for cause.
- (f) Meetings; quorum; forfeiture of office; minutes, records; and compensation.
 - (1) Regular meetings of the Youth Council shall be held every other week, unless there is no business to transact by three (3) days before a regular meeting date. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the Youth Council.
 - (2) The presence of a majority of the members of the Youth Council shall constitute a guorum for the transaction of business.
 - Youth Council members shall be subject to the forfeiture of office provisions of Section 2-58 of this article.
 - (4) Notice of the date, time, and location and the agenda for all meetings of the Youth Council shall be provided to the City Clerk in a timely manner prior to the meeting for inclusion in the notice of public meetings in order to comply with Sunshine Law regulations. The City Clerk shall keep minutes and records of all meetings of the Youth Council, and all meetings shall be open to the public.
 - (5) Youth Council members shall serve without compensation.
- (g) Rules and regulations. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the Youth Council.
- (h) Duties and responsibilities. The Youth Council shall have the duty and responsibility to:
 - (1) Evaluate and review problems facing youth in the City.

- (2) Facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, and suggested improvements for the community.
- (3) Meet with the City Council to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns, and needed improvements.
- (4) Present recommendations to the City Council for public projects and programs.
- (5) Assist in planning youth/recreation activities.
- (6) Evaluate and advise the City Council on issues forwarded to the Youth Council for advice.
- (i) Reporting. The Youth Council shall make recommendations to the City Council by written memoranda, on the first day of October, January, March, and May of each year, or more frequently as deemed necessary by the City Council. The Youth Council should make every effort to attend the meetings of the City Council where the recommendations or written memoranda of the Youth Council are to be presented or considered.

SECTION 5. Severability. In the event that any portion or Section of this ordinance is determined to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall in no manner affect the remaining portions or Sections of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption by the Cape Coral City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL AT ITS REGULAR SESSION THIS 26th DAY OF xeptember, 2016.

MARNIL RETZER MAYOR

VOTE OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS:

RETZER BURCH CARIOSCIA STOUT

aye aye excused LEON ERBRICK WILLIAMS COSDEN

aye aye aye

ATTESTED TO AND FILED IN MY OFFICE THIS 6th DAY OF October 2016.

REBECCA VAN DEUTEKOM

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOLORES D. MENENDEZ CITY ATTORNEY CITY OF CAPE CORAL UTILITIES / WATER PRODUCTION

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Oasis Boardwalk Discussion

REQUESTED ACTION:

STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:

- 1. Will this action result in a Budget Amendment?
- 2. Is this a Strategic Decision?

If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below.

If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan?

Planning	& 2	Zonina/St	aff Rec	ommend	ations:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

LEGAL REVIEW:

EXHIBITS:

PREPARED BY:

Division- Department-

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description Type

- Presentation from 4/21 meeting
- Aerial Map from 4/21 meeting

Backup Material

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OASIS WOODS



What is it?
What is out there?
What have we done with it?
What should we do with it?



WHAT IS IT?

- Oasis Woods is a Pine
 Flatwoods ecosystem which is
 primarily dominated by
 Southern Slash Pine trees and
 ephemeral ponds
- I am not positive, but I would estimate it to cover somewhere around 50 acres, maybe more.
- Very unique and rare systems in South Florida, flooded part of the year, completely dry during others

WHAT IS OUT THERE?

- Variety of invertebrates
- Threatened Gopher Tortoises live on edge of woods
- Burrowing Owls have been seen along edge, also threatened
- Nesting pair of Bald Eagles
- Spiders, Frogs, Snakes, Hawks, woodpeckers, raccoon (tracks), opossum (tracks), variety of butterflies as well as some of their host plants. And much more!



WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH IT?

- I have brought classes out there to teach certain aspects of:
 - The atmosphere
 - Local plant identification
 - Evolution
 - Many other lessons.
- After I initially cleared some trails for classes, JROTC used it for their training as well
- We have walked it multiple times per class. Very interesting to walk through an area that is so drastically different throughout the year.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH IT? WE GOT EDUCATED..... WET & DIRTY STYLE!



























WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH IT?

- Important to say that many kids did not want to go, but an alternative lengthy assignment, sounded less fun I guess.
- Many kids said this was the most uncomfortable they have been.
- Great to experience new things, you have to get uncomfortable before your comfortable!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH IT?

- Just as an oasis within a desert. Oasis woods is a natural area many organisms, who could not survive in Cape Coral Neighborhoods, are able to survive, being surrounded by thousands of houses and miles of streets.
- The possibilities are endless!
 - Scientific studies
 - Restore/Rehab ponds to attract wildlife
 - Bird watching
 - Invasive removal
 - Boardwalk so everyone can enjoy!

