



## ORMOND SCENIC LOOP & TRAIL CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT ENTITY

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Chair – Joe Jaynes  
Vice-Chair – Laura Bamberger  
Secretary – Paula Wehr  
– Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER** – January 27, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Chairman, Joe Jaynes in the Anderson-Price Memorial Building.

### ATTENDEES

Laura Bamberger, Garry Balogh (FDOT), Rob Bird, Carol Chillemi, Richard Gardner, Dylan Gavagni, Joe Jaynes, Rita & Marty Press, Marty Price, Paula Wehr, Benny Woodham. A quorum was present.

### MINUTES

Marty Press moved, Benny Woodham seconded to approve minutes from the November and December meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe reported a checking account balance of \$3,126.82. There was no activity in the past month. With no questions, the report is filed for audit. Marty Price said he gives a receipt to donors who request one. Rita Press asked that a thank you letter be sent to all future contributors. **Action: Contact information of future contributors will be forwarded to Paula who will send a letter. Joe will follow-up with IRS regarding status of our tax-exempt application.**

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for the open offices include: Joe Jaynes for Chair, Laura Bamberger for Vice-chair and Paula Wehr for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. All officers were unanimously elected by members in attendance. Officers will serve for a two-year term (expires Jan 2012.)

### UPDATES FROM FDOT/CITY/COUNTY/STATE PARK

Garry Balogh expects an announcement in the next 3-4 weeks regarding dates when the new NSB grant cycle will open. **Action: Joe will review the comments as to why our previous submissions were not awarded grants and revise for possible resubmission. He will have drafts ready for review at the Feb 24 meeting.**

Joe Jaynes reported on an e-mail from Joyce Shanahan regarding security lighting and removal of invasives at Bailey Riverbridge Gardens Park. This followed the OB City Commission decision to stop all review of a proposal to develop the Park due to overwhelming public comments against the development. **Action: Joe will contact the City to learn how OSLT can participate.**

Rita & Marty Press suggested submitting a grant application for funding to construct an educational garden at the park to demonstrate xeriscaping, butterfly plants, native plants, etc. Joe suggested that since Bailey Riverbridge Gardens Park is a gateway to Ormond Beach on the FSH/NSB, it would be an ideal spot for wayfinding signage.

### NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY GRANT

We received notice that the original funding has been released and can be disbursed pending finalization of recipient agreements.

Garry provided a draft copy of the sub-recipient grant agreement between DOT and the City of Ormond Beach (which will act as the OSLT agent for the Wayfinding and Interpretation Assessment Plan Grant.) **Action: Joe will send his comments for revision to Garry before the document is finalized and sent to the City. OSLT will review all the grant criteria before making plans on how to spend the money (i.e.: can any funds be used for actual signage? Or only to create a signage plan?)**

### ACTIVITIES

The group reviewed the project list developed in December and fleshed out ideas for several projects. See comments on page 3.

Benny Woodham reported the Division of State Lands (under DEP) approved the easement for the sidewalk extension on North Beach Street and will send documentation to the City. Larry Rivera is following paperwork through the City staff process. The project should be included in the July 2010-June 2011 budget. Plans include a pull-off with an informational kiosk. OSLT may want to add educational material to the kiosk.

Marty Price reported on the successful tree-planting ceremony for Florida Arbor Day on Jan. 15. Joe Jaynes and Marty Price represented OSLT, St. James School children participated as did Vice-Mayor Ed Kelly and various City staff. A large live oak and two Palatka hollies were planted at Fortunato Park. Marty also reported that he has a promise from a nursery to donate a tree for planting next year.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Members are reminded to submit their hours to Terry at the end of each month.

**Friends of A1A:** Rob Bird reported the spring edition of The Spoonbill is posted to the Friends of A1A website. The group has a new volunteer coordinator who is organizing many activities. They want to obtain Byway Gateway Markers for placement in Ponte Vedra and Flagler Beach. These markers are 13 feet high and notify “you are entering...” They have several beach clean-ups scheduled.

**Community Outreach:** Marty will speak at the Kiwanis lunch on January 28. He will take brochures and join forms to the lunch. Maggie Sachs approved a free booth at the Ormond Beach Farmer’s Market for OSLT; Marty will plan to attend in February or March. Benny Woodham requested more brochures and join forms for the ranger station.

**Grants:** Richard Gardner reviewed information regarding grant opportunities—one of which may be beneficial for the sidewalk extension. **Action: Richard and Benny will review the criteria.**

**Fundraising:** **Action: Laura Bamberger continues to work with Outback regarding open dates to utilize their facilities for a fund-raising dinner.**

### **FLORIDA BLACK BEAR NSB**

They meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Rob Bird volunteered to act as liaison to check their website, e-mail their designated OSLT liaison and attend meetings when possible. **Action: Garry will provide contact information for the liaisons of both CMEs.**

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Garry reported the Halifax Heritage CAG submitted their Letter of Intent which will be reviewed by SHAC on Feb. 18. Maytown Road to Lake Monroe is being added as part of the River of Lakes CME extension. He also mentioned requesting funding for a Master Plan from Urban Forestry Grants.

Parking spots are being constructed along A1A near the Happy Whale.

Save The Loop will hold a road clean-up from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 30. Meet at Smith Creek Landing on Highbridge Road.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**NEW AND FUTURE PROJECTS, ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES (compiled 12/18/09)**

Tree planting; planting trees on High Bridge Road. **Action: We will ask Judy Sloane, Volusia Co Dir of Road & Bridge, how to get approval to plant trees on Highbridge Road.**

Cooperate with the salt marsh restoration at North Peninsula State Park.

Install plant identification poles on trails at Bicentennial Park, Summer Pond, Boardman Trail. The park is equipped to make 4x4 poles with laser metal tags. **OSLT has funding available now.**

Interpretive signs at Dummett ruins using the Wayfinding/Interpretive Signs funding. **Per Garry, historical markers cost ~\$1,900; possible grant opportunity.**

Enhance the butterfly garden at Bicentennial Park and/or create a new butterfly garden in cooperation with the County. **Possible grant opportunity.**

Planting wildflower seeds along A1A, near Bicentennial Park, and High Bridge Road. Any planting in the Tomoka State Park area needs to be cleared through Benny Woodham to be sure only native flowers are planted.

Include informative presentations at each meeting. **Joe will invite County Parks & Trails speaker. May invite Sierra or Audubon. Rob Walsh could speak about Volusia Forever.**

Enhance the wayside area at low bridge; improve the dirt parking area with fill dirt from Tomoka State Park, create canoe/kayak launch; possibly partner with County. **How can OSLT help to restore? Recommend polling fisherman for their insights regarding improvements. Benny will mention this item for the Park 5-year Unit Management Plan. If added to the plan, it can be discussed at public input session. County owns the property; OSLT emphasize to County that this parking area is near our trail and signage and upkeep is beneficial. Perhaps canoe/kayak only launch can be added; no concrete for large boats.**

Create pull-offs along the scenic highway. **Ask Judy Sloane when she attends Feb. meeting.**

Encourage the County to purchase property on High Bridge Road. **Joe will ask City staff where funding is located in the capital improvement plan. How can OSLT suggest areas needing improvement for future capital plans? Can we earmark funds?**

Ask City to improve the sidewalk along Beach Street.

Implement an A.M. radio station to broadcast information about the scenic highway; would require a small tower (10' x 10' area); could be funded with Wayfinding/Interpretive Signs funding. **Dylan Gavagni is obtaining more information.**

Hold an interpretive walk (to be lead by John Kunzer) on the Bulow Trail in February of 2010. **Rob will contact John to establish a date.**