



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 – February 24, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Chairman, Joe Jaynes in the Anderson-Price Memorial Building.

ATTENDEES

Laura Bamberger, Rob Bird, Carol Chillemi, Dylan Gavagni, Joe & Karon Jaynes, Mike Kundid, Rita & Marty Press, Marty Price, Wayne Reither, Jean Waters, Paula Wehr. A quorum was present.

MINUTES

Marty Press moved, Laura Bamberger seconded to approve minutes from the January meeting. 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. **Action: Joe will file the Division of Corporation renewal form.**

UPDATES FROM FDOT/CITY/COUNTY/STATE PARK

Joe reported (in Gary Balogh's absence) that the OSLT corridor was reviewed and the placement of National Scenic Byway road signs is approved. The NSB signs will be placed on the same post with the FSH signs at the five major thoroughfare intersections. NSB signs will be affixed below the FSH sign with any directional arrows at the bottom. Volusia County will handle installation.

Joe Jaynes reported FDOT, OSLT and the City of Ormond Beach continue to review/revise language in the agreement to act as agent for the NSB grant. See minutes of Jan 27, 2010 for details.

Following a short discussion about the new grant cycle which was recently announced, the group is leaning toward not submitting any applications at this time.

GUEST SPEAKER – JUDY SLOANE, P.E. – VOLUSIA COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR

Ms. Sloane provided information regarding her work experience and background and a quick rundown of the scope of work done by her department. She spoke about upcoming maintenance on the bridge north of the entrance to Tomoka State Park. In response to a question about how OSLT can plan a project to plant wildflowers, Ms. Sloane offered to review the corridor map and look for potential locations. Garry Balogh told Joe previously that he has access to wildflower seeds. She listened to OSLT suggestions regarding a project to possibly use excess dirt from the North Peninsula State Park restoration project to raise the grade level at the low fishing bridge on Walter Boardman Lane. Dylan Gavagni mentioned that engineering is required to prevent erosion of any new fill. **Action: Joe will contact Garry to identify potential locations and then contact Judy Sloane. Paula will send an e-mail to Ms. Sloane to set up procedure for notification of future maintenance or construction projects on the OSLT corridor. Joe will provide a map, photo and general proposal for raising the grade at the low fishing bridge on Walter Boardman for Judy's review and suggestions.**

ACTIVITIES

Marty Price attended a meeting with Robert Carolin, Director of Leisure Services for Ormond Beach. Removal of the Brazilian pepper plants will be done in the May time frame, after the berries have dropped. Due to environmental issues concerning public health/safety, a contractor will complete the removal and be paid with TIF dollars. Public input will be sought regarding improvements to the park. The format for the park will remain "passive."

Rob Bird reported he is waiting for a reply from John Kunzer regarding the date for a spring trail walk. Rob will invite Don Spence to be guest speaker for the March 24 meeting.

Dylan reported that John Lohde, Tomoka State Park, wants to know if OSLT is interested in partnering to conduct a “trash bash” (clean-up) in the August/September timeframe. The group approved the event and recommends late September when it will be cooler.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Action: Karon/Joe will investigate when we need to turn in our volunteer hours for the “in kind” match.

Neighboring CMEs: Rob Bird reported that Friends of A1A completed a very successful beach clean up with over 75 volunteers. They will host an environmental fair in Marineland on May 1 with seminars, exhibits and vendors. Rob will attend the Black Bear CME meeting in Barberville on March 11 to introduce himself as liaison from OSLT.

Community Outreach: Marty Price reported he has approval to set up a table at the Ormond Beach Farmer’s Market on Thursday mornings and will do so in the future. He attended the Kiwanis meeting on January 28 where he was thanked for coordinating the tree planting ceremony for Arbor Day. He dropped off brochures and join forms at MacDonald House and the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce. Rita Press suggested Marty check with The Chamber to learn if they will advertise our events on their website. She further suggested Marty meet with Siobhan Daly to learn of upcoming events at The Casements where he may want to set up a table.

Action: Marty will check with Ms. Daly and The Chamber. Carol Chillemi will provide Marty with contact information for the Seaside Herb Faire to be held March 26.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Joe Jaynes reported the OB Library offered us the use of the display case in December 2010 rather than July 2011 (our current reservation.) Joe accepted. Wayne Reither has photographs of the corridor which we can use. At the request of Paula Wehr, Linda Kalagian agreed to assist OSLT in designing the display. **Action:** A Display Design sub-committee will be formed in August. Wayne will begin selecting 10-12 photos for review by the sub-committee.

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 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.**