



## ORMOND SCENIC LOOP & TRAIL CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT ENTITY

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

### CALL TO ORDER – April 23, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chairman, Joe Jaynes in the Anderson-Price Memorial Building.

### ATTENDEES

Garry Balogh (FDOT), Laura Bamberger, Rob Bird, Glen Burns, Hal Butts, Richard Gardner, Joe Jaynes, Ann Kashmer, Mary-Lu Leveroni, Dorothy Pflieger, Rita & Marty Press, Marty Price, Rob Walsh (Volusia County), Paula Wehr

### MINUTES

Marty Press moved to accept minutes as written. Mary-Lu Leveroni seconded. All present voted to accept.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary-Lu reported a checking account balance of \$258.29 as of March 31, 2008.

### UPDATES FROM FDOT/CITY/COUNTY

Joe reminded all members to review the changes to the County Comprehensive Plan which will incorporate the goals, objectives and policies from the OSLT Corridor Management Plan (copy attached) and contact Carol at [cmcfarlane@co.volusia.fl.us](mailto:cmcfarlane@co.volusia.fl.us) with comments or questions. Changes are scheduled for the 08-2 cycle with the first reading in June and the second reading and final vote scheduled for September. OSLT will have representation at the County Council meeting for the final vote.

Mayor Costello of the City of Ormond Beach indicated willingness on the part of the City to partner with OSLT to apply for ECHO grants. The Finance/Grants sub-committee will contact the City when an appropriate opportunity is available.

### ACTION ITEMS

**National Scenic Byway Application:** Dennis Adams, Byways Specialist with America's Byways Resource Center, provided additional information regarding applying for National Scenic Byway status. **Action: Discussion regarding whether to apply will be added to the May agenda. Joe reminded all members download the designation readiness worksheet at <http://library.byways.org/display/41697/DesignationWorksheet2005.pdf>.**

**501(c)(3) Application:** **Action: Joe and Mary-Lu Leveroni continue to work on preparing the application.**

### SUBCOMMITTEES

**Save the Loop Fun Run/Walk:** Joe reported that Rick Smith confirmed Save The Loop will hold the event in the early part of July. Karon Jaynes has a letter from OSLT requesting support of the event ready for mailing.

**Brochure:** Attendees reviewed a revised draft of the brochure and made suggestions for changes. A quote of \$399.00 for 500 copies and \$585.00 for 1,000 has been received. **Action: Members provide recommended changes/corrections to Paula. She will finalize the brochure for approval at the May meeting.**

**Trailhead Signs:** Halifax River Audubon (HRA) Board approved a grant of \$1,500 for signage and other costs associated with project completion at both locations. Three companies were contacted for price quotes to produce the signs. Paula recommended using Crystal Graphics which creates other signage for Tomoka State Park. HRA will request a grant from TogetherGreen, a \$20 million project funded by Toyota and administered by National Audubon, to build an observation platform at entrance BC17 off Pine Tree Road, partnering with OSLT. Seabreeze HS Future Builders agreed to build the sign posts, using blueprints to be provided by Crystal Printing. *Note: in discussion on Thursday, 4/24, (after the OSLT meeting) the instructor of The Legacy Program at*

*Princess Place agreed to have students create the layout for the signs and download to a CD which will be used by the printer.*

Rita Press recommended that we inform local news media about this project so they can follow the development, noting the cooperation between the state park system, local high schools, local Audubon chapter, Americorp, etc.

Marty Press recommended we contact Jon Chaney / Traffic Engineering regarding re-striping the crosswalk area between the parking area at Gate B6 and the trail entrance at Gate B5 on Walter Boardman Lane. We may also want to request a small sign indicating additional parking at the low bridge. **Action: Paula will make contact.**

**Record Keeper / Annual Report:** Marty Price provided copies of news stories on installation of snow fencing on the beach. Joe will give his files to Rob for record keeping.

**Finance/Grants:** Discussion took place regarding asking HRA to apply to TogetherGreen for a grant to replant date palms along Highbridge Road. **Action: Rob Bird will contact Georgia Zern regarding bank erosion and re-vegetation requirements.** Rob Walsh mentioned contacting Steve Kintner regarding the tree fund—fees collected from developers which are dedicated to purchasing trees. **Action: Joe will contact Mr. Kintner.** A suggestion was made to contact Louise Chapman at Volusia County Schools for donated labor when/if we are able to obtain funding to replant trees.

We discussed ECHO criteria and will invite the chair of ECHO to present to us. We also discussed possibility of applying for an ECHO grant to complete the multi-use trail from Inglesea to TSP. The plans are completed, but funding through the park has been cut. We need to find a source for the matching dollar requirement to apply to ECHO. Suggestions were made to contact the Office of Greenways and Trails in Tallahassee and/or the Port Authority of Volusia County.

**Friends of A1A:** Rob reported they are working on their organizational hierarchy to reduce duplication of effort within the three sub-groups and reviewing all the strategic plans, missions, goals and objectives. They are working with the consultant group PBS&J.

**Property Records:** Marty Price mailed introduction letters to property owners of undeveloped land on John Anderson. One person e-mailed Paula with questions and Hal Butts attended the meeting in response to the letter. **Action: Marty will contact Benny Woodham to find the four privately owned parcels within TSP and contact owners to learn if the property is available for purchase if grant funding can be found. He will begin sending letters to property owners of undeveloped land on A1A shortly.**

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Marty Price reported that the snow-fence was installed on the beach near Via Madrid & A1A as part of beach repair project. Volunteers from St. James Youth Group and Christian Surfers provided the labor to install the fence on April 5.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by Paula Wehr  
Secretary

VOLUSIA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS  
Proposal for 2008-2 cycle

GOAL:

2.3 Volusia County shall provide for the designation and management of a system of Scenic Corridors which reflect the varying aesthetic qualities of the County.

OBJECTIVE:

2.3.1 Volusia County has established and will maintain a program for the designation of aesthetically significant corridors.

POLICIES:

2.3.1.1 Volusia County has established procedures and the evaluative criteria to be used in designating Scenic Corridors.

2.3.1.2 Volusia County may not designate a new Scenic Corridor which traverses an incorporated area unless the governing body of the appropriate municipality has entered into an interlocal agreement with the County to preserve the scenic value of the roadway corridor.

2.3.1.3 Volusia County shall refrain from designating isolated roadways as scenic unless the corridor possesses significant aesthetic value.

2.3.1.4 The establishment of a comprehensive system of interconnected scenic roadways which reflect the diverse environments of the County is to be encouraged.

2.3.1.5 Wherever historical sites, parks, recreational, and other public uses exist along a Scenic Corridor, consideration shall be given to continue the scenic qualities to driveways and accessways leading into these sites.

2.3.1.6 Volusia County shall follow state and national procedures that are separate and distinct from the County’s program for scenic roads. While many of the scenic and resource protection concerns required by the state and federal governments are similar to the county program, the means of achieving protection are considered under different frameworks.

Placeholder: This policy is proposed for the 08-1 cycle and is not yet adopted.

2.3.1.7 Volusia County shall promote and protect scenic views by recognizing and participating in voluntary community based scenic highway initiatives through state and federal scenic highways programs.

Placeholder: This policy is proposed for the 08-1 cycle and is not yet adopted.

OBJECTIVE:

2.3.2 Volusia County has established and will maintain a program for the management of designated Scenic Corridors.

POLICIES:

- 2.3.2.1 The County's land development regulations may include standards designed to ensure preservation of the scenic value of designated corridors. Such standards may include, but are not necessarily limited to, identification of permissible adjacent land uses, location and heights of structures, establishment of scenic easements, landscaping requirements, access controls, signage, and the placement of utilities.
- 2.3.2.2 Subsequent to designation as a Scenic Corridor, a management plan for each corridor must be prepared. The plan shall, at a minimum, analyze existing conditions and provide guidelines for the management of the vegetation within the public right-of-way, establish speed limits along the designated route, consider the potential for multiple-use bicycle and pedestrian facilities, design and placement of information and directional signs, and needed roadway improvements.
- 2.3.2.3 Volusia County may negotiate interlocal agreements with the appropriate municipalities for the preservation of the scenic values of currently designated corridors which traverse their jurisdiction. Failure to successfully negotiate an agreement may result in the discontinuation of the scenic designation accorded the route.
- 2.3.2.4 Should the Volusia County Council find that the scenic value of a designated corridor outweigh the benefits of increased vehicular capacity or other considerations, exceptions to minimum levels of service standards and minimum roadway design standards may be considered provided that the route is not a State road.
- 2.3.2.5 Volusia County shall hold a public hearing prior to the construction or reconstruction, other than routine maintenance, of any designated Scenic Corridor.

OBJECTIVE:

- 2.3.3 Volusia County will cooperate with the Corridor Management Entity, the City of Ormond Beach, and the FDOT in the management of the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail (a Florida state designated scenic highway under the Florida Scenic Highway Program).

POLICIES:

- 2.3.3.1 Volusia County recognizes the boundaries of the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail in Figure 2-7 of the transportation map series.
- 2.3.3.2 Volusia County will assist the Corridor Management Entity in implementing the Corridor Vision of the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail. The Corridor Vision of the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail is as follows:  
In our vision, 20 years from now the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail is made up of nearly 40 miles of looping two-lane public roadway that is a significant regional asset granting the community and visitors alike access to a unique combination of past and present Florida that showcases many outstanding historical, archeological, recreational, natural, and scenic resources that truly capture the essences of Florida.

The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail traverses some of the most beautiful and diverse natural scenery remaining in all of northeast Florida. There is ready access to the Atlantic Ocean, North Peninsula, Tomoka and Bulow Creek State Parks, and numerous

city and county parks. The roadway view includes unobstructed vistas of two rivers, creeks and marshes, barrier island dunes and beach, and historic dwellings. The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail now preserves the natural and cultural integrity of this unique coastal community by linking the roads and the people who use them through advocacy, education, scenic resource protection and roadway and Corridor enhancements.

Advocacy has awarded us a zoning overlay district guiding vigorous business enterprise while protecting our scenic resources and preserving the contour and character of our stunning dune and maritime forest ecosystem with its rich array of state, county, and city parks, rivers, creeks, and ocean shore habitat for native species, natural settings and historic landmarks.

Education has brought residents, visitors, and community and state leaders to an active awareness of the wealth of natural, scenic, and historical diversity in the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail. The Corridor's vital contribution to the quality of life of those who live and travel here, and of the value of proudly preserving it as a legacy for future generations through proactive community involvement and wise and respectful interaction with our environment.

We have enhanced our roadway and Corridor to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety improvements. Power lines have been buried and public structures retrofitted for storm-worthiness. Invasive plant species have been eradicated and the native biodiversity of the area allowed to flourish. Native vegetation has been restored or added to enhance the Corridor and its natural scenic vistas. Our natural resources are managed and sustainable.

Travelers of the scenic corridor experience river vistas, salt water marshes, canopied ecosystems, native flora and fauna, and extensive tidal flats. They see a wide variety of wading birds fishing in the wetland areas.

Many come here to fish and to enjoy the natural beauty. Many stop along the way for side trips to museums, historic ruins, the tomb of James Ormond, and the famous old Fairchild Oak. Sun bathing, walking the beach, surfing, bicycling, bird-watching, hiking the trails, fishing and crabbing, jogging, picnicking, canoeing, kayaking, sailing and boating are every-day activities along the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail. The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail has joined nearly two dozen other scenic roadways as a Florida Scenic Highway, contributing to a higher quality of life statewide and serving as a model to other communities of how to live richly and well by staying in touch with our history and natural environment.

2.3.3.3 Infrastructure and utility structures, such as cellular communications, water, sewer, and energy transmission shall be designed and located to minimize adverse visual impacts upon the scenic qualities of the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail. Utilities shall be located underground to the maximum extent possible.

- 2.3.3.4 The County shall coordinate with the FDOT and the City of Ormond Beach in the preparation of a Master Plan for the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail that will provide for safe bicycle and pedestrian circulation, traffic calming and aesthetic improvements.
- 2.3.3.5 Volusia County shall cooperate with the Corridor Management Entity and the City of Ormond Beach in the development of an interpretive/educational signage along the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor. The display kiosks will highlight the flora, fauna, land forms, water bodies and historical/archeological resources along the Corridor.
- 2.3.3.5 Volusia County shall cooperate with and assist the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail Corridor Management Entity in their application to the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program.