



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 – July 23, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chairman, Joe Jaynes in the Anderson-Price Memorial Building.

ATTENDEES

Garry Balogh (FDOT), Rob Bird, Kristee Booth (FDOT Consultant), Scott Bunn, Hal Butts, Linda Decastro, Richard Gardner, Joe Jaynes, Ann Kashmer, Mary-Lu Leveroni, Dorothy Pflieger, Marty Press, Marty Price, Jean Waters, Benny Woodham (TSP), Terri Woodham, Paula Wehr
Guests: Barbara Perrotti (Plein Air), Clint Eliason & Lynn Whately (TranSystems), Don Spence (certified arborist)

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary-Lu reported a total of \$404 in the checking account. Donations of \$145 received last month in response to our request for funds to help print brochures will be held in dedicated fund account.

UPDATES FROM FDOT/CITY/COUNTY

Garry Balogh will hold a meeting with Finance Committee members – Gardner, Kashmer, Leveroni, Mercer – for training/tips in applying for grants.

Garry provided copies of newly-published "Capture Florida" brochures which include OSLT as a designed corridor.

Joe Jaynes will attend a National Scenic Byway application training session with Dennis Adams from 9:30-4:30 p.m. at TranSystems HQ in Maitland on August 5.

Changes to County Comprehensive Plan will come up for adoption at Council meeting on August 7. Joe Jaynes will make short presentation. Other OSLT members welcome to attend.

Benny Woodham will meet with DOT LAP Committee on July 29 for approval on sidewalk extension on west side of N. Beach Street. It is hoped that funding will be secured then. The feasibility study, cost estimates, agency responsibilities, and application have been completed and submitted.

Kristee Booth reported Jennifer Winters, Volusia County Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation Plan Program Manager, is working with FP&L on unshielded lights on A1A from Alfie's Restaurant north to the Flagler border which interferes with the baby turtles returning to the sea. **Action: Benny will contact Beth Liebert to ask if she needs assistance in identifying specific #s for light poles – or any other assistance.**

NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

Clint Eliason and Lynne Marie Whately of TranSystems have been hired as consultants to help prepare the NSB application. They distributed copies of Federal Register, Vol 60, No 96 dated 5/18/95, the interim policy for National Scenic Byway Program, a designation readiness worksheet, and three articles providing tips/instruction/training for NSB application preparation. **Action: Clint & Lynne will use appropriate information from our existing Corridor Management Plan to prepare an outline of NSB application for presentation at the August 27 OSLT meeting. Majority of August meeting agenda will be devoted to providing additional information to Clint & Marie to fill in the gaps. Paula will request letters of support from State and Federal legislators. City included their support in the proclamation; County support is indicated in our CMP.**

SUBCOMMITTEES

Save the Loop Fun Run/Walk: Over one hundred people, ranging in age from 10 to 75, participated in the event on July 19. Thank you to sponsors: Starbucks, Publix and Panera Bread, to OB Police Dept and the more than 30 volunteers. Rick Smith, unable to attend the meeting, will provide a final accounting next month. Photos and results will be posted at <http://www.daytonabeachcombers.com/> in the near future.

Brochure: Benny Woodham received a quote from Copy Cat Printing Centers for 5,000 brochures -- 11 x 8 1/2 size, 100# gloss text, printed in full color front & back, tri-folded...\$690.00 which is the best quote to date. **Action: Benny & Joe will contact potential sponsors who may donate the remaining funding needed.** Several changes have been made to the brochure. The current version is posted on the OSLT website at www.ormondscenicloopandtrail.com. Click on the "brochure" link. NOTE: Several errors exist on the map in the brochure and on the website. They will be corrected shortly (see next paragraph.)

Webpage: Clint Eliason reported that the corridor maps for all FSH-designed roadways will be redone using improved technology. He'll request that OSLT be completed first so that we can use it for the brochure and website. Additional photos of resources along the corridor have been added and will continue to be added as they become available.

Trailhead Signs: Paula distributed copies the first draft of the sign for Boardman Pond trail. Several corrections were identified immediately. **Action: All members requested to review the text and bring suggested changes/additions to August meeting.** Sketches of the proposed observation platform for Summer Pond and a materials list were provided by Bob North from Halifax River Audubon. **Action: Benny Woodham will review and either approve or request changes. If approved, Benny will investigate having AmeriCorp build the platform and ramp. Paula will provide information for the Summer Pond trailhead sign to Sean Simpson to begin the layout.**

Date Palm Restoration: Don Spence said the Canary Island Date Palms are not native, but are not invasive either. Existing palms are relatively old and near the end of their natural lives. They will continue to decline and cannot be saved. Replacing with the same type of tree presents problems because the canopy would intrude onto the traffic lanes until the trees were tall enough that cars can pass underneath. Additionally, stabilization of the bank to support new trees requires permits from DEP and FDOT, if stabilization is even feasible. Alternatives include planting native shrubs to help stabilize the bank—keeping height in mind so as to preserve scenic vistas. Other suggested projects:

- Cooperating with Stetson University on projects
- Invasive species eradication
- Florida Wildflower Program. Tomoka State Park has list of native wildflowers.
- Plant hickory, magnolia, other similar trees along Old Dixie where hurricane damage and/or clearing for housing development entrances created gaps in the canopy
- Educational field trips to gather seeds in October. **Action: Rob Bird, Dorothy Pflieger, Jean Waters form committee to investigate this project. Work with John Kunzer for guidance.**

Action: Joe will contact Terry Christianson, County representative, to learn who is responsible for mowing/maintenance on ROW and what are the exact measurements of ROW so we can plan accordingly.

Parking on A1A: Laura unable to attend meeting.

Finance: Richard contacted ECHO regarding the bike/hiking trail. ECHO representative stressed we need a partner. City has committed their support to partner with us. We need County partnership as well.

Record Keeper: Nothing new to report.

Friends of A1A: Rob reported they held the fifth and final strategic planning meeting, establishing six large categories of goals and objectives; each category will have a mission statement. **Action: Joe will distribute copies of the Friends new documents for OSLT member review at the August meeting.** Friends officially adopted the roseate spoonbill as their logo.

Annual Report: **Action: Mary-Lu Leveroni, Richard Gardner, Ann Kashmer volunteered to assist Rob in preparing the Annual Report. Rob will set up meeting in mid-August.**

Fund-raiser: Hal Butts introduced Barbara Perrotti of East Coast Plein Air Group who outlined several options for hosting an event where artists showcase natural resources on the OSLT corridor and spoke about the lead time required by the artists. **Action: Joe and Hal will meet with management at The Casements and the Ormond Museum to select a date for the event. Barbara will lend guidance in how to contact artists when the date is confirmed.** Barbara forwarded several websites which provide details on paint outs and wet walks.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Residents near Bicentennial Park trail/pier on John Anderson are concerned about a commercial kayak rental company using the pier as a launching point due to safety issues regarding parking a truck and large kayak trailer as well as potential degradation of the road shoulder and the banks. OSLT wants to listen to all comments at the upcoming public meeting and work toward solutions consistent with our goals, strategies and objectives as printed in the Corridor Management Plan.

Native Plant sale will be held at Atlantic High School on October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ormond Beach Historical Trust will hold a Summer Cool Jazz fundraiser on Friday, July 26, from 6-9 p.m. at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building.

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Paula Wehr
Secretary