

**Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway
Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG)
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting at the
Board Meeting Room - URS Corporation
7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, Florida 33607-1462
December 16, 2002
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Attending:

B. J. Bjers, Save Our Courtney Campbell Causeway
Ned Baier, Hillsborough County
Jane Burmer, Assistant VP, URS
Chris Cook, Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful
Katie Cole, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
Jim Gilman, Landscape Architect, URS
Ron Gregory, Vice President, URS
Nadine Jones, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
The Honorable Bill Jonson, Clearwater City Commissioner
Tim Kurtz, Landscape Architect, City of Clearwater
Michael Palozzi, FDOT - PBS&J
Laurie Potier-Brown, FDOT - PBS&J
The Honorable Linda Saul-Sena, Councilmember, City of Tampa
Brian Smith, Pinellas County Planning/MPO
Joe Troph, Urban Order Inc. and Westshore Alliance
Jim Valentine, City of Tampa Parks Department
Jessica White, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Bill Jonson, CAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Bill Jonson, CAG Chair, introduced Jessica White, Planner, as CME staff support representative from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

The minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2002 were reviewed. They were approved with one correction—Add Chris Cook, KHCB to “Attending” list.

Old Business:

Eligibility Document - FDOT Review

Mr. Jonson updated the group on the Eligibility Document, stating it was submitted to FDOT on November 8th, including the recommended revision from the comments received in August.

Mike Palozzi introduced Laurie Potier-Brown, PBS&J, stating she would be assisting with the District 7 Scenic Highway program and sitting in on meetings from time-to-time, as he will be spending more time at the FDOT office.

Mr. Palozzi reiterated Mr. Jonson's update, but added that the District is currently completing its review of the Eligibility Application. Once completed, the District will forward its recommendation to Tallahassee for final approval. Once the Eligibility Document is approved it will be turned over to Brian Smith and Ned Baier for their technical update that will become part of the Corridor Management Plan.

Corridor Management Entity update

Mr. Jonson, CAG Chair, reported that at the November 4, 2002 TBRPC meeting, the Council approved the recommendation to accept the role of CME for the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway project.

The Group suggested the Corridor Advocacy Group Membership List, included in the TBRPC agenda packet, be updated to reflect all current members.

New Business:

LINKS Update

In the absence of Elaine Illes, Mike Palozzi, PBS&J, and Ron Gregory, URS, updated the group on the LINKS project. They began by reporting that an Aesthetics Advisory Committee would be starting up after the holidays. The Committee will serve to address aesthetic issues as part of the design of the LINKS project. One issue concerning the residents of Dana Shores, and management at the Hyatt, deals with noise levels coming from the elevated roadways. To help with noise reduction, FDOT has assessing the need for noise walls. The Committee plans to work with the citizens to help come up with an aesthetically pleasing noise reduction plan for the neighborhood and nearby businesses.

Jane Burmer, URS, reported FDOT increased the Spruce Street landscaping budget to 1.5%. It was reported that irrigation is to be included in the final design. Councilwoman Saul-Sena stated she would like to see the 1.5% go only to plant material instead of irrigation. The landscape design should be completed some time in February 2003 and may be ready to present sometime in March.

Councilwoman Saul-Sena reported, through the cooperation of several agencies, especially the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, and local government, a Utility Corridor design has been finalized that would allow an unofficial pedestrian connection.

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Councilwoman Saul-Sena, and Katie Cole reported they would be meeting with the staff at URS to work out some of the details. They hope to be able to report back by the next meeting.

Technical Committee

Mr. Jonson reported that once the Eligibility Document final comments are received from the state, they would then be forwarded to the Technical Committee for updating.

Other Items if Time permits

Letters of Support - Mr. Jonson stressed the need for additional letters of support. A letter of support was received from the Hillsborough Aviation Authority. He promised to contact the Shriners for possible support.

Corridor Management Plan Schedule - The current timeline shows submission of the CMP at the end of January 2003, but this likely will be adjusted.

Next Meeting

8:30 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2003 at Clearwater Christian College, Board Room in Cathcart Hall, 3400 Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard (Courtney Campbell Causeway), Clearwater. Cathcart Hall is the first large building on the right as one enters the campus.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m.

If corrections to these minutes are noted, please e-mail Jessica White with changes: jessica@tbrpc.org