



MEETING SUMMARY

Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee

September 18, 2015 · 10:00 a.m.

AECOM · 7th Floor Board Room
7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway · Tampa, Florida

ATTENDING:

Maya Burke, Ron Gregory, Tim Kurtz, Rachel Rodgers, John Rodgers, Debby Young, Bill Cogan, Kevin XXX, Beverly Cormican, Ken Hoyt, Roger Roscoe, Chris Speese, Karla Price, Bill Jonson, William Moriarty, Michael Kidde, Zachary Thorn, Paul Kurtz, Martha Gruber, Felicia Donnelly, Susan Miller and Michele Ogilvie.

1. Bill Jonson called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Introductions were made.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Meeting Summary: Upon a motion by Mr. Hoyt and seconded by Mr. Gregory, the meeting summary (with minor revisions to Mr. Moriarty's title and the project budget for the Pinellas FDOT landscaping project) was unanimously approved.
4. City of Tampa Trail Amenities Plan 30% Design – Water filling stations, large and small shade structures, swing benches, cube benches, way-finding signage, 911 location signs and wheel stops to define parking are all under consideration. 60% design plans are expected in October and 100% design plans are expected in February. Construction will begin in June 2016 and is expected to be complete in November 2016. Maya mentioned that ABM members mentioned fishing access and a desire to provide platforms. Bill noted that the progress was impressive.
5. Racing/Spectator Issues – Concerns about crime and improper use of the scenic highway and trail overnight have resulted in a plan for Hillsborough County to install locked gates on boat ramp and the state to install gates along the sides to determine if solution is viable. There will be an information campaign to inform the public about the changes. Debris (glass in particular) is astonishing, for both Clearwater and Tampa. There was some discussion regarding Hogan's Beach new access points to the CCT. A water main break at Ben T Davis caused section of CCT to be closed as of 9/17.
6. FDOT Landscaping Plan – The Hillsborough side is in maintenance phase until February 2017. Additional limitations, namely related to physical space, conservation and utility easements, exist on the Pinellas side. Plantings will be concentrated on south side between Damascus and the first bridge. Some of the access issues on the north side are recent, causing city of Clearwater to have to maintain by hand. City representatives expressed a desire for the state to install a gate for easier vehicular access for maintenance. The CAC also expressed an interest in improving the fishing experience on the north side of the causeway, ensuring that plant choices are consistent with the Scenic Highway Plan goal of using native landscaping, and that successional plants would be installed near the existing Australian pines to facilitate eradication by the City of Clearwater at a later date.
7. George Road Trail Connection Update- Michele summarized the scope of services. Mr. Moriarty suggested she contact Frank Chupta at FDOT.
8. Other Items:
 - a. Coastal Clean Up tomorrow, 9/19, at the boat ramp.
 - b. Maya introduced Martha and suggested that Tampa Bay Watch could help with cleanups, exotic removals, and restoration work. Chris Speese was introduced as the new Bike/Ped coordinator for FDOT, replacing Lori Marable.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13th. The meeting adjourned at 11:47AM.