



Courtney Campbell Causeway

AGENDA

Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee

October 16, 2020 – 10:00am

Zoom Meeting

Join online:

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of August 21, 2020 Meeting Summary
4. New Business
5. Old Business
 - a. 2021 Work Plan
- a. Enforcement near Ben T. Davis Beach for disruptive behavior (from August meeting)
 - i. Proposed motion (see motion below)
- b. Debris on South side of CCC between tide gate and Rocky Point
- c. Update to scope verbiage of “scenic” character of water uses along causeway
 - i. See Supplemental Tampa Comp Plan attachment
- d. Clearwater amenities status (trail enhancements)
- e. Tidal Gate crossing of CCC Trail- Northside

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- f. Status of new bike/ped overhead crossing at Bayshore Drive/CCC
 - g. Clearwater Chamber of Commerce information center
6. Organization Updates – as appropriate/if any
- a. Clearwater
 - b. Tampa
 - c. Pinellas County
 - d. Hillsborough County
 - e. Clearwater Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Westshore Alliance
 - g. Dana Shores
 - h. TBRPC
 - i. FDOT
7. Other Business
- a. Proposed meeting dates for 2021
 - i. January 15, 2021
 - ii. April 16, 2021
 - iii. August 20, 2021
 - iv. October 15, 2021

Next meeting date: January 15, 2021 (proposed)

Proposed motion on disruptive behavior:

Be it moved that the Courtney Campbell Causeway Scenic Highway Advisory Committee draft a letter to be sent to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council that the Committee has been advised by residents of Rocky Point Condominiums in the City of Tampa, of unruly and possibly illegal activity taking place along the shore of Tampa Bay in the vicinity of Ben T. Davis Beach.

Meeting Summary



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August 21, 2020 – 10:00am

- Welcome and Introductions
- Public Comments
- Approval of January 17, 2020 Meeting Summary
 - 4a – Incorrect; Pinellas County and City of Clearwater will be funding new amenities along Courtney Campbell
 - Summary approved
- Old Business
 - Clearwater amenities status (trail enhancements)
 - Update by Michael Lavery
 - AECOM has identified four locations; many different amenities
 - Funding in conjunction with Pinellas County; Cost projections from Architect – coming in around \$400,000
 - Rest areas every mile or less (most under a mile)
 - Michael is working with FDOT to get proper administrative documentation
 - Construction designs at 90%
 - Allison brought up the necessity for signage due to people frequently parking along the highway and playing music despite no safe parking
 - Tidal Gate crossing of CCC Trail Northside of CCC
 - Ron is going to get ahold of FDOT to ask for update. Thinks FDOT has funding
 - Funding for construction will be available in 2022
 - Status of new bike/ped crossing at Bayshore Drive/CCC
 - Angela Ryan gave update

- This is a priority for Forward Pinellas
 - On list for construction in 2024
 - Clearwater Chamber of Commerce information center
 - Kristina Alspaw gave update
 - Partnering with City of Clearwater to install information center
 - Next step is funding and resources
- New Business
 - New ped sidewalk construction on Westside of North Rocky Point Drive
 - Ron gave partial update – Westshore Alliance had been working on private sector funding to get sidewalks near Rocky Point
 - North side is where most pedestrian traffic is generated
 - Ron will work to get update on this project
 - Brian asked about trash following storm (low-lying so catches a lot of debris) on South Side of Causeway (East of tide gates)- piece of trail that gets little to no maintenance; Brian has spoken to Tampa Park and Rec and FDOT and neither are responsible for trash following storm
 - Ron will explore joining with Westshore Alliance to get that area taken care of.
 - Will get update for October meeting
 - State Scenic Byway Program update (due: Nov 15?)
 - Mike Palozzi update; Paul Hires is currently State Scenic Highway Coordinator and point of contact; new consultant support – Fernandez-Baud Landscape.
 - Mike will send contact information
 - Nov 15 deadline – 2 requirements – submit workplan for upcoming year (comprehensive with goals, objectives, accomplishments for 2020) to Alex Henry
 - 26 byways around state including Courtney Campbell
 - Meeting after Labor Day; new 52 mile byway – Daytona to Ormond beach – Granada Bridge
 - Federal Transportation Act is up for renewal; Bill has made its way up through house; “INVEST”; will bring funding back to program (before - funding for national scenic highway went



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away, but program stayed) – INVEST will provide new funding for Nat'l Scenic Highway program

- Don't need to be Nationally designated scenic highway to apply for federal funding – We should keep this in mind. Hasn't been possible for several years.
- Scenic America has been instrumental in getting this passed through the House
- In the past we have not considered national designation for Courtney Campbell
 - Mike says to consider the other 5 byways in the state that are federally designated; 5 additional byways in Florida applied – will hear status in November
 - If program gets reauthorized then new nominations might be considered – we should look into if possible
 - How similar are applications for state application? How much work is needed?
 - Very similar; trail we have would check box for experience; have organization that meets with goals and workplan; we have many of the requirements already.
- Organization Updates – as appropriate/if any
 - Clearwater
 - Tampa
 - Pinellas County
 - Safe Street Pinellas: create safer transportation systems; goal is to have no serious injuries or deaths on roadways.
 - Hillsborough County
 - Clearwater Chamber of Commerce
 - Westshore Alliance
 - Ron will contact Alliance who is interested in safety initiatives

- Dana Shores
 - Will reach out to Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful regarding Brazilian Pepper
 - South side of Causeway safety issue– on weekends there is problem of people showing up – hundreds of cars – people engaging in illegal activities; Parks Department does not engage; dangerous issue and police not doing anything; collapse of drainage due to large amount of cars.
 - Possibility to control where cars can park – trying to put rocks in the area to show where people can and cannot park; trying to engage police to get more involved
 - Affecting the intended use of the trail
 - This committee used to have liaison from city of St. Pete – might be helpful to have someone again
 - Sean will reach out to get representative
- TBRPC
 - Will send out contact sheet again for committee members to update their information.
 - Alana Todd is new coordinator for the committee.
- FDOT
- Other Business
 - National Scenic Byway program update – Applications open – addressed earlier
 - Update to scope of what “scenic” verbiage (account for viewshed) is in relation to marina project of other future projects
 - Actions of this committee are limited to workplan; need to talk to Sean (TBRPC) and Lawyer to figure out how to approach this considering limited enforcement capability
 - Put on Agenda for next meeting
 - Some example verbiage already crafted;
 - Will we get replacement for Mike Palozzi’s old position?
 - Alex Henry will get update; He can be contact person in interim

Next meeting date: 10/16/2020

- Workplan for 2021
- Debris on South side of bridge – update



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- Update to scope of “scenic” verbiage – update

Adjourned at 11:21

In Attendance: Mark Bunker – Clearwater City Council, Ron Gregory – AECOM and vice president, Kristina Alspaw – Amplify Clearwater (Clearwater Chamber), Sean Sullivan - TBRPC, Angela Ryan – Forward Pinellas, Michael Lavery – City of Clearwater Park and Rec, Brian Roberts – Dana Shores Resident, Allison Roberts – President of Dana Shores, Wren Krahl – TBRPC, Kathleen Becker – Clearwater City Council, Deborah Medina – Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, Bill Jonson – President; Michael Palozzi - FDOT; Alex Henry – District 7 Scenic Highway Coordinator