



Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

August 20, 2021 – 10:00am

Zoom Meeting

Join online:

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of April 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. Status update on disruptive behavior near Ben T. Davis Beach
 - i. Letter approved ([Link](#))
 - ii. Status report from the City of Tampa
 - b. Update to scope verbiage of “scenic” character of water uses along causeway
 - i. Update from Wade Reynolds
 - c. Update to Clearwater amenities status (trail enhancements)
 - i. Funding from Clearwater committed
 - ii. Funding from Pinellas County?
 - d. Fishing pier
 - i. Ron Gregory to provide update about review of previous plans for proposed fishing pier under the big bridge
5. New Business
 - a. Update from Westshore Alliance
 - i. New construction
 - ii. Sidewalks and pedestrian amenities
 - b. Update from FDOT (Justin Hall)

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- i. Tidal gate and north sidewalk trail
 - ii. Other updates
- 6. 2022 Annual Work Plan – initial proposals ([Link to 2021 Work Plan](#))
- 7. 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
- 8. Other Business

Next meeting dates: October 15, 2021 (Meeting to finalize 2022 Work Plan)



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MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2021 – 10:00am

Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of January 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Ron Gregory, second by Allison Roberts; approved
4. Old Business
 - a. 2020 Annual Report completed and submitted
 - i. Alana Todd gave a status update – the Annual Report has been submitted to FDOT. Thank you to everyone who helped provide the information for that report.
 - b. Status update on disruptive behavior near Ben T. Davis Beach¹
 - i. Letter drafted (see below); Final committee approval requested
 1. Scheduled to present at May TBRPC meeting
 - ii. Julio Barrera has hired an outside security agency to work on their beaches; they have assistance from TPD; they have noticed improvement with amplified sound, but it is still happening despite warnings; they have added signage for parking; They remove food vendors; stenciled wall with “no swimming” verbiage; want to put bollards or rocks in areas where cars should not park; they would like to make additional parking areas; they have noticed improvements with amplified sound
 1. Ron Gregory made observation that food vendors are parking where they are not supposed to

¹ **Oct 16, 2020 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 Dana Shores 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.



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2. Julio Barrera said there is no single answer; this is a Tampa police and State Trooper issue and they don't do anything; They will be putting up signage for no overnight parking and begin towing
 3. Brian Roberts: There is no police presence in areas beyond the beach (exercise areas) on the trail.
 4. Julio: The police have been helping with the amplified sound; There is a lot of work for a staff of two in their department
 5. Michael Maurino asked how the Gandy bridge and beach is patrolled and whether there is any state policy (or if up to local jurisdiction)
 - a. Julio was not sure how that area is patrolled
 6. Julio: from pictures you can see the high volume of cars, people, and trash. The highway needs more involvement from TPD
 7. Allison has also tried to involve TPD to no avail.
 8. Ron Gregory said that because it is a state road, there should be state involvement and ticketing
 9. Pictures show that cars are parking in drainage swale; Julio pointed out that when they leave, their car gets damaged and they ask for compensation from Tampa
 10. Alex Henry is willing to encourage additional enforcement
 11. Julio remarked that parking signs are present, but Tampa Park and Rec cannot ticket cars parked illegally
- iii. The issue today is whether to send the disruptive letter to the TBRPC
1. Joan Rice made suggestion to include images
 - a. Julio will send additional images to Alana and Bill
 2. Allison Roberts suggested an additional addendum from Julio reporting what has already been done and what else is needed.
 3. Ron asked whether we need to be more specific about what is needed, like enforcement form Florida Highway Patrol
 - a. Alex will clarify what FDOT can do regarding enforcement
 4. Brian pointed out whether or not we should be trying to get a police detail for the weekends, which is different than the police responding to complaints only (which is often lower in priority for getting addressed)



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5. Allison Roberts - The first paragraph needs to be amended to reflect that the letter is not sourced solely from Dana Shores.
 6. With consensus, the letter will be sent to the TBRPC.
 - c. Update to scope verbiage of "scenic" character of water uses along causeway
 - i. Wade Reynolds was not present to provide an update.
 - d. Update to Clearwater amenities status (trail enhancements)
 - i. Michael Lavery provided an update: \$380,000 will be needed for the updates; The city of Clearwater and Pinellas agreed to split the costs, but Pinellas can no longer provide funding at this time; The city of Clearwater funded the design, there are concerns that the prices might go up due to waiting.
 - ii. Bill Jonson said that Commissioner Karen Seel reported the lack of funding for the current year, and Bill asked that they request funding for next year.
 1. Joan Rice recommended sending the request in writing to Commissioner Seel
 2. Bill Jonson did send the request via email (not formal)
 - iii. Bill Jonson recommended talking with Commissioner Janet Long on the TBRPC
 1. Bill Jonson will draft the email and send it to Sean to discuss with Commissioner Long.
5. New Business
- a. Fishing pier
 - i. People are regularly crawling over the rip rap rock to fish, which is a public safety hazard.
 - ii. Ron Gregory reported that the original trail design included a pier for people to fish safely, but was excluded due to funding concerns.
 - iii. Ron wanted consensus from the committee whether they should reapproach the fishing pier concept.
 - iv. Bill Jonson brought up the new opportunity to apply for federal grants if no other local funding sources are available.
 - v. Ron Gregory and staff will look into old files to find more information about the proposed pier with the trail
 - b. Update from Westshore Alliance

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- i. New construction and sidewalks and pedestrian amenities
- ii. Michael Maurino is working with the city of Tampa to get a new sidewalk along Rocky Point;
 - 1. Issues with Frontier and moving their lines
- iii. On southside, city of Tampa will be resurfacing the road (Rocky point drive); There will be a limit to building sidewalks - issues with road ownership and drainage.
 - 1. Tampa got a lot of support from Shriners in making sure the sidewalk will be large enough
- iv. Michael Maurino informed the committee that Wade Reynolds is working on an updated bicycle map
 - 1. They are looking at the Pinellas County maps as a guide
- v. Allison Roberts asked whether there is the ability to get lighting between Skyway Park and the start of the trail near Bayport Drive (NE end of causeway).
 - 1. Michael said he would bring it up with Westshore Alliance; possibility for solar lighting.
 - 2. Julio Barrera said that this is an issue he can bring to Karla Price with Tampa
- c. Update from FDOT (Alex Henry)
 - i. Florida Scenic Highway's senior management staffing changes
 - 1. Jeff Castor retired last year and FDOT has been working to fill his position; Paul Hires has been serving as the interim state scenic highway coordinator; COVID-19 prompted a hold on FDOT hiring
 - 2. Alex is expecting a more detailed update for the next meeting.
 - 3. The scenic highway website is also down, but should be back up soon.
 - ii. 2021 Garry Balogh Award (See below)
 - 1. The application cycle is open now and closes on the 30th of April. The award is for any individual or organization that has had a significant impact on a scenic highway.
 - iii. Alex Henry asked for any questions or issues that he could report to FDOT
 - 1. Brian Roberts mentioned the issue of trash on the southside of the Tidal Gates area (from Seasons Hotel, near Waterford plaza, east to Tidal Gates area).



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- a. Julio with Tampa works to keep the trail clean, but they are limited with a staff of two.
 - b. Alex Henry requested pictures
 2. Michael Maurino has also reported trash in the same areas. He asked whether there are any state policies (or clarification on roles) since it is a state bridge.
 3. Allison requested an update on the rumble strips
 - a. Alex Henry said that FDOT is restricted from using rumble strips in urban areas. FDOT can provide an update at the next meeting about putting in speed bumps or other alternatives to address the racing
6. Organization Updates – as appropriate/if any
 - a. Clearwater
 - i. This will be Michael Lavery's last meeting as the city is finding a replacement for his old position.
 - ii. Clearwater is looking into some mangrove planting along the causeway in collaboration with the aquarium. These would be planted in areas where there were mangroves historically
 - 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
8. Meeting adjourned 11:20

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Attendees: Ron Gregory, AECOM; Bill Jonson, Chair; Julio Barrera, City of Tampa Park and Rec; Alana Todd, TBRPC; Sean Sullivan, TBRPC; Michael Lavery, City of Clearwater; Joan Rice, Pinellas County Public Works; Allison Roberts, President of Dana Shores Civic Association; Brian Roberts, Dana Shores; Angela Ryan, Forward Pinellas; Michael Palozzi; Michael Maurino, Westshore Alliance; Kristina Alspaw, Amplify Clearwater; Alex Henry, FDOT