



Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

October 15, 2021 – 10:00am

Zoom Meeting

Join online:

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of August 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. Status update on disruptive behavior near Ben T. Davis Beach
 - i. Status report from the City of Tampa and Tampa Police Department
 - b. 2022 Work Plan finalization ([Link to 2022 Work Plan](#))
 - c. Update to Clearwater amenities status (trail enhancements)
 - i. Funding from Pinellas County
 - d. Fishing pier update
5. New Business
 - a. Rocky Point Drive improvements update – Westshore Alliance
6. Organization Updates – as appropriate/if any
 - a. FDOT
 - b. Clearwater
 - c. Tampa
 - d. Pinellas County
 - e. Hillsborough County
 - f. Clearwater Chamber of Commerce
 - g. Westshore Alliance

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- h. Dana Shores
 - i. TBRPC
- 7. Other Business
 - a. Update to scope verbiage of “scenic” character of water uses along causeway
 - i. Update from Wade Reynolds
- 8. 2022 Meeting Dates
 - a. January 21, 2022
 - b. April 15, 2022
 - c. August 19, 2022
 - d. October 21, 2022



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MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2021 – 10:00am

Zoom Meeting

Chair: Bill Jonson; Vice-Chair: Ron Gregory

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
 - a. No public comments
3. Approval of April 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Ron Gregory; Seconded by Allison Roberts; and unanimously carried.
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
 1. Tim Heberlein reached out to the Police Chief – Police have been responding, but results are mixed since the music isn't always playing when they arrive; Officers monitor parking and close the lot and turning lane when it is full; They advise citizens to call and report illegal behavior; TPD has not had a complaint in a long time; Mr. Heberlein asked committee members to email him if the activity continues so he can help resolve issues (tim.heberlein@tampagov.net (813)532-9846).
 2. Allison Roberts reported that bicyclists (from the east end) have not been visiting the trail on the weekends recently because of the crowds; a more proactive response by the TPD is needed because they are at a



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disadvantage with responding since the activity stops when they arrive.

3. Brian Roberts suggested that the number of police officers should match the crowd size.
 4. Ron Gregory raised the issue of people posting tents along the trail, blocking access. Karla Price agreed that this was not the intended use of the trail
 5. Councilman Bunker compared this activity and the crowd sizes to "Chunky Sunday," which occurs in Tampa, St. Pete, and North Greenwood
 6. Allison Roberts asked about the debris along the trail and who to call; Karla Price said that FDOT oversees Bayport Drive to Rocky point, and Tampa oversees the east side of south turn loop
 7. Roger Roscoe, the new FDOT Rep, expressed his support in dealing with these issues. His contact information is: 813-975-6411; roger.roscoe@dot.state.fl.us
- b. Update to scope verbiage of "scenic" character of water uses along causeway
- i. Update from Wade Reynolds was not available at this meeting.
- c. Update to Clearwater amenities status (trail enhancements)
- i. Funding from Clearwater committed
 - ii. Funding from Pinellas County
 1. Joan Rice reported that the City of Clearwater came to the County for funding; The response was no, and they urged Clearwater to reapproach Pinellas in a year (which has not passed yet)
 2. Ron Gregory urged the Committee to stay engaged with this topic due to the influx of Federal funding
 3. Hunter Carlson (replacement for Michael Lavery) reported that the City of Clearwater is still willing to split



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the costs to offer some more amenities on the Clearwater/Pinellas side of the trail

a. His contact info: 727-562-4818;

hunter.carlson@myclearwater.com

4. Joan Rice relayed that FDOT is still planning to put a pedestrian overpass at the west end of the CCSH.
5. Bill Jonson asked about Commissioner Karen Seel and making a budget for the amenities; he will follow up with the Commissioner.

d. Fishing pier

- i. Ron Gregory explained the need for a fishing pier for recreational use and safety concerns. It could extend out of the South Side of the Causeway below the large bridge.
- ii. David Crawley reported that there were no funds available for the pier, but there is funding from the Florida Coastal Management Program that a pier may qualify for.
- iii. Brian Roberts asked about expanding parking, and Ron replied that people who would use the pier are already there, but they are currently standing along the rip rap
- iv. Allison Roberts recommended that the pier be on the West side of the bridge for easier access.
- v. Ron Gregory recommended that the committee contact sport fishing groups to determine where the pier should go
- vi. Karla Price recommended the committee look at grant requirements and any need for a match of funds
- vii. Karla Price will bring up the fishing pier possibility with City of Tampa staff.

5. New Business

- a. Update from Westshore Alliance



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- i. The City of Tampa and Westshore Alliance are working on projects to improve Rocky Point Drive. The City plans to resurface Rocky Point Dr. south of the Courtney Campbell Causeway are on schedule for FY 2022. The project will include a sidewalk on the Shriners' property and a pedestrian crossing near Shriners' and the Island Club condos. The resurfaced road will improve drainage somewhat, but potholes will eventually return because stormwater has no place to go. The City only has a transportation easement in the corridor, not stormwater. The sides of the road are private property south of Shriners/Island Club. There are also environmental concerns on the south end of the road. This project was planned for 2020 but was delayed when the State Supreme Court struck down the All For Transportation referendum.
 - ii. The Westshore Alliance is planning a sidewalk on the northwest corner of the Courtney Campbell Causeway and Rocky Point Dr. This will create a pedestrian connection to the developments north of the Causeway. Construction is planned for FY 2022.
 - iii. Westshore Alliance has their next meeting on September 1st at the airport. It will be in-person and they will have a tour of the facility.
- b. Update from FDOT (Roger Roscoe)
- i. Roger Roscoe did not have any updates, but he is looking forward to working with the Committee. He will be looking through old files for an update on the funding for a pedestrian crossing project around the tidal gate east of Rocky Point.
 - ii. Allison reported that the tidal gates tend to get stuck in the closed position; FDOT is planning to remove the tidal gates by the end of the year.
 - iii. Alex Henry was the primary contact for the tidal gate.



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1. Andrew Williams is associated with the tidal valves

6. 2022 Annual Work Plan – initial proposals (Link to 2021 Work Plan)
 - a. An updated workplan is needed by November 1st; Bill Jonson asked the Committee for suggestions
 - b. The fishing pier could be a project that is added to the 2022 Annual Work Plan.
 - c. Another possible addition: The City plans to resurface Rocky Point Dr. south of the Courtney Campbell Causeway are on schedule for FY 2022

7. Organization Updates – as appropriate/if any
 - a. Clearwater
 - i. Trail amenities program is still proceeding forward
 - ii. FDOT is designing and constructing a bridge crossing for pedestrians/bicyclists
 - iii. Clearwater has restructured the lease agreement for the FDOT building to facilitate upgrades for a tourist info center
 - b. Tampa
 - c. Pinellas County
 - d. Hillsborough County
 - e. Clearwater Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Westshore Alliance
 - g. Dana Shores
 - h. TBRPC

8. Other Business
 - a. Allison Roberts asked about the placement of rip rap/boulders in the drainage area to better direct parking
 - i. Tim Heberlein will bring it up to Karla
 - ii. This will be a topic for a future meeting



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

Attendees: Ron Gregory – AECOM & CCSH CAC Vice-Chair; Councilmember Mark Bunker – Clearwater; Alana Todd – TBRPC; Maria Robles – TBRPC; Hunter Carlson – City of Clearwater Park and Rec; Paul Kurtz - AECOM; Karla Price – City of Tampa Park and Rec; Joan Rice – Pinellas County Public Works; David Crawley - AECOM; Tim Heberlein – Staff Assistant to City of Tampa Councilman Citro; Brian Roberts – Dana Shores; Allison Roberts – Dana Shores; Roger Roscoe – Government Liaison FDOT; Bill Jonson – CCSH CAC Chair; Michael Palozzi