

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
January 12, 2015 6:00 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Trails & Greenway Committee was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM. Prayer and pledge led by Chair Drew Thompson.

B. ROLL CALL

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR	MURRAY HANN
MEMBERS:	COLLETTE BUFFALOE
	BOB WILBUR
LIASON:	HANNS KEMMLER, not present
RECORDING SECRETARY:	CINDI KELLEY, excused
SUBSTITUTE RECORDING SEC.:	DENINE SHEREAR

Pat Voltaire also present in audience

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: none

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Trails & Greenways (T & G) Meeting – December 08, 2014

Discussion: none

MOTION: Hann/Bufaloe to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC:

F. ACTION:

G. DISCUSSION:

2. Trail & Kiosk Conditions

Discussion: Hann stated that the trails have been so wet due to all the rain; he doesn't ever remember it being this wet so far into the winter. The ground water level is real high.

Hann said he discussed with Pat about flagging two trails. One is the current fence trail in Cameron Preserve, cut a trail inside the palmetto line. The other trail in the NE corner in the Cameron Preserve to help open the bi-directional trail system to go back and forth across Cameron between the two EEL's Preserves. These would be 2.5 feet wide natural trails.

Thompson said that it makes sense to map a new trail in wet conditions to see flooded areas. Hann said the goal is to hook up to the trails to the west.

Thompson/Hann discussed the two trails possibly being the next outing. Hann discussed making the NE corner of Cameron trail a "signature trail".

The Committee discussed the future trails on the north end of Marie Street along the boundary canal area which includes the EEL's property. The discussion included a possible turn around area for fire trucks they would discuss with EEL's.

Hann talked about the trail called "snake trail" that is on Cameron property. Buffaloe said that this area is all open to horses.

3. T&G Membership – Recruitment Update

Discussion: Thompson talked about Adam Parsons and Derick Fallen may be helping in February. Adam can assist with having a "virtual trail" on the web and to look up at the Trail head Kiosk. Thompson went on to say about Malabar being the epi center for south Brevard trails and to incorporate into Palm Bay to the north and Grant Valkaria to the south.

Hann said that several Palm Bay Police have offered to take aerial photos Thompson said that once we get the trails laid out we can have different views and dimensions of the trails for a virtual thought. Thompson said the web guy from Brook Hollow uses word press.

Wilbur talked about it is a good idea to work with Palm Bay PD so they know where trail are located.

4. ADA Restrooms & Parking Grant Award – Project Update

Discussion: Hann said that Bonnie Wilbanks, Town Administrator provided a couple nice updates explaining the process moving forward with ADA restrooms at the Trail Head Park.

5. Maps & Signage – Sign Factor Designations

Discussion: Thompson talked about "monster map" and have a grid pattern that we can determine how far out that Malabar is going to go for boundaries. Suggestion was made to use Malabar Road as "0" (zero) latitude for a map system and go out from there.

Hann said Malabar Trail Head 1 existed and is the first on the South Brevard Greenway. The South Brevard linear trail has one symbol they use for trails.

Hann said that Grant Valkaria is organized and wants Malabar to go south with trails to join up. Thompson suggested reaching out to Homeowners Association about connecting on to trails throughout our boundary areas.

Thompson suggested going south of Palm Bay Road on the north end for boundaries by the Claremont paved bike trail.

Discussion went on about having a "master plan" and to publish properly to show the vision to surrounding municipalities. Thompson said we are focusing beyond the borders of Malabar to connect to Palm Bay to the north, Route1 (Highway 1) to the east side, and west boundary I-95. Hann discussed future project being the "Poison Ivey Trail", it jumps from Malabar Trail to the south bank of the Tillman Canal, then it jumps off the EEL's to city of Palm Bay for about 30 feet'; we will need permission from the following:

- City of Palm Bay
- Turkey Creek Sanctuary
- Audubon

- Melbourne Tillman

Thompson discussed having some geographic dimensions to what we plan on doing. Hann then went on to discuss the boundaries to the south being Valkaria Road and to get help from Grant-Valkaria.

Wilbur explained in the past things were grouped in phases.

- Malabar area
- Grant-Valkaria area
- Airport area

Then down Grant Road to the Silt Canal, because it runs east/west already and goes under I- 95, from the Silt Canal go down to Mico Scrubs then to Buffer Preserve.

Hann explained that there is a guy building near the Buffer Preserves he wants to put in a Greenway Trail. He has talked to County about connecting to the Buffer Preserve from Mico.

Hann discussed making a presentation to VPAC. A “web” preserve for Brevard County for Trails in Brevard County and that the Towns are going to be contributors. Present a virtual idea to VPAC and make Malabar Road the zero mark. Hann offered to put a presentation together.

Thompson said putting a vision together to show Brevard County what we have in our vision, but we don't have many resources is a good idea. Wilbur said that it needs to be the Brevard County planner so they know what we're doing. It is a county wide trail system.

Wilbur said that the Buffer Preserves expands to the C-54 Canal and this connects to another county (Indian River County). Once we start connecting all these designations we get so many points for and grant that we apply for.

Hann suggested that he will do a 5 or 6 draft slide presentation for the next meeting to show what we can present to the county.

The suggestion was made to have a workshop for Trails and Greenways Plan and invite the necessary people i.e

- Brevard County
- City of Palm Bay
- Grant-Valkaria

Buffaloe said to first show Malabar trails and then show where all these trails can connect to for an open invitation for surrounding municipalities to connect to.

Thompson presented a handout about Kiosk maps going virtual for review. Malabar Trail Virtual (MTV).

Thompson told Committee that he got authorization to purchase six (6) 16 GB flash drives to put all the information on and he will hand out at next meeting and update as necessary.

6. Review of T&G Tangible Project Priorities – Set Next Grant Objectives

Discussion: none

7. Briar Creek Blvd. Trail Crossing – EEL signage at TOM (on hold-awaiting bridge repair?)

Discussion: none

8. Next Field Event and/or Tune-up – Guide Posts? – Reschedule Date & Time

Discussion: Thompson said we need to plan an outside event; the suggestion was made for the “blind corner” on the Trailhead to cut back and clean up area, Saturday January 16th between 8:30AM-9:00AM.

Hann said another outside event would be to go in the Cameron Preserve area trails and clean up dead limbs throughout the trails. The EEL's (Chris O'Hara) has also given permission on their trails to clean up dead limbs.

H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion:

Next Meeting:

- Do Media Stuff
- Web prospective
- Grids of boundaries

Hann presented some housekeeping items:

- Trail are marked on the EELs Map as a green card
- Hope to have all trails marked one day
- Put lock on Kiosk will get keys for everyone
- Suggested about banner on the back of kiosk

Wilbur asked when the EELs were going to connect Oakmont Preserve to the Trailhead. Hann said he will ask Chris O'Hara the status of this project.

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business: **MOTION: Hann/Buffaloe moved to adjourn the meeting;**
VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

By: Drew Thompson
Drew Thompson, Chair

Transcribed By:

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Denine Sherear,
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 02/09/15