

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
April 13, 2015 6:00 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Meeting called to order at 6:10PM. Prayer and pledge led by Chair Drew Thompson.

B. ROLL CALL

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN
MEMBERS:	COLLETTE BUFFALOE
	BOB WILBUR
LIASON:	HANS KEMMLER
RECORDING SECRETARY:	CINDI KELLEY

C. ADDITIONS/DELECTIONS/CHANGES: none

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Trails & Greenways (T&G) Meeting – March 9, 2015

Discussion: Thompson has a couple of changes to request. G3 with reference to Adam Parsons not Putnam; Item 7 eliminate ~~Glen Brook~~ Glenbrooke as a grant participant. #8 recommend as the last sentence in the subject. Amendment to move the existing sentence in item 8 to the last sentence in item 7.

S/B = Awaiting TOM action; it was deemed inappropriate by T&C Committee for T&C Committee to do the stenciling of the DOT crossing.

MOTION: Hann/Wilbur to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015 with noted corrections. VOTE: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC:

F. ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

2. Trail, Kiosk & Firebreak Conditions

Discussion: Hann made a presentation to committee. The presentation was in regards to re-vegetate the old ATV sandy areas that are being used as a part of the new East/West trail system.

Hann asked that the Town craft a resolution as a thank you for the young people who worked on the trail clean-up project. They cut a new trail that is about 3/8 of a mile in length. It will eventually be marked along the pathway.

There is a section that is all sandy (it is an old ATV trail); it is not growing much and it is being used by cyclists and it is not being oscillated. Hann stated that carpet cannot be put down per the EELs Program on EELs property. He gave information regarding Florida Upland Meadow mix that is native to the area. This company will make a specific mix if you speak to them and let them know what you are planning to accomplish. He stated that Miracle Grow Bahia grass

will grow in this area; it's hard to grow but not in this area. Thompson asked if Hann is looking to have some funds designated to purchase some of this mix. He, Thompson, also stated that the T&G Committee will reclassify the carpeting for the trail base.

Hann stated that it is \$400 a load for crushed coquina; we would need two (2) loads. He stated that he has lime stone on his driveway. Buffaloe stated that lime stone isn't good for horses that are not ~~shod~~ shod; it will cause harm to the animals. Wilbur stated that he has sandy shell covering his property; may want to come by and see it. If we do it with carpet, we would need to seed and put plants at the edges. It would be one hard day of work but it could be done. Wire grass was recommended and it would take hold and correct the issues. Hann stated that if we contact Florida Upland, we could finance the plants; they make take care of planting for us.

Thompson stated to call it jute based trail stabilizer; it may work long enough for the vegetation to take and then could be taken out. It is the T&G Committee's consensus to accept the contribution of the stabilizer stuff from Hann; to be put out as an experiment to see if we can save the trail portion that is sandy. We will set a date to put it out once Thompson gets with TA and permission is granted to the T&G Committee.

MOTION: Hann/Buffaloe moved to have as a pilot project in the Cameron Preserve, on a 500' sandy section of new trail, to utilize a jute based soil stabilization (18" wide) to stabilize the trail and later plant native plants or seeds on the sides to facilitate one way trail system. VOTE: All Ayes.

The discussion turned to the color coordination of marking the trails. Thompson stated that we need to have a group meeting with the EELs to come up with the color markings. Hann stated this would be up to the County. The BPTAC meeting is on the 23rd of this month; Hann will meet as the representative from this committee and Drew will meet with TA regarding the signage and what the T&G Committee is looking to do with it.

3. Update on Palm Bay Grapefruit Trail Issue – Hann

Discussion: Hann gave an update on this; he stated that St. John's and Melbourne Tillman have been working on a plan to eliminate the trail. Kemmler stated he couldn't believe that they left the oak trees there. Hann stated he gets so tired of the philosophy of money to destroy trails but no money to build the trails. Going to redo the whole north bank; a cost of \$1 million bucks. The City of Palm Bay has a 99 year lease for \$1 for all recreational purposes; owned by Melbourne Tillman. Two years ago, they gave it to the City of Palm Bay for recreational purposes. The City of Palm Bay is checking to see if their ordinances apply and if they have a say in the re-structuring the land. Hann stated there is a meeting on Thursday to go out to the site and walk it to see what can take place on the property. It would cost \$300,000 to build 1,000 foot seawall; they want to spend \$500,000 to kill the oak trees. The trail system is used by a lot of people in Malabar. The Grapefruit Trail is very valuable to the South Brevard community.

MOTION: Buffaloe/Wilbur to request a resolution from the Town of Malabar to support the City of Palm Bay in the preservation of the Grapefruit Trail. VOTE: All Ayes.

4. T&G Committee Membership-Recruitment Update-Patrick Voltaire (4/20/15 RTCM)

Discussion: Voltaire is going in front of Council for appointment. Buffaloe stated she will be in attendance at Council on the 20th. Hann stated he would be there but he has a conflicting obligation.

5. ADA Restroom & Parking Grant Project-Napa Valley Stone CXT Order

Discussion: Thompson stated that the order has been placed; Kemmler stated the drawings for the restrooms have been received. The Town Administrator has asked the Town Engineer for a time line for the well/septic permits. Thompson stated it looks like June. Kemmler stated he would like to see the site plan; it would be a good question to ask when the Town Engineer will have it available. Thompson stated he will get with Town Administrator on this.

6. Review of T&G Committee Project List-Changes & Additions

Discussion: Thompson stated that the list has been circulated; there isn't a lot of time to go over it this evening. If you see something that needs to be addressed, please contact Thompson and he will address it. It was asked that the list be sent out again; some people didn't receive it. Thompson asked what format the Committee would like to have it in. They stated that excel is easier to read and have access to. Thompson will send to all Committee members in excel format.

7. Next Field Event and/or Tune-up – Reschedule Date/Time

Discussion: Kemmler stated he has a new chain saw and would love to be able to use it. It is ready to go. Hann stated that there are so many trees that need to be taken down. There are sand and termites in the bottom of the trucks; need to go higher to cut them down.

Thompson stated he would like to set a tentative date for the stabilizer; Buffaloe is available the 25th of this month. This Friday is the 17th; Hann could do it on Friday or the 1st of May. Buffaloe stated to split it into two parts and do it in the evening hours when it's not so hot. Wilbur stated he will take the map and go out to see what we have. On the first Friday of May, May 1st. meet at North Corey Road at 5 pm. That will give the group 3 hours before dark. Hann asked Buffaloe if she had an ATV and trailer. She said yes; Hann stated that this is the best way to get the stuff out there.

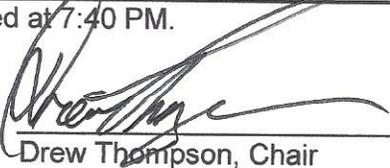
Wilbur stated that we need to start working in the south; we are always doing things in the north. He started out on Marie Street and went south 700 feet. We need to have PW come out and pull the stuff that has been dumped; then he can continue cutting south.

The discussion turned to Grant Valkaria; they are frustrated that we haven't engaged on the connection of the two trails. We need to meet with them and the EELs and see what can be done. We need to get the management plan out and review it. It was stated that 1,000 down Marie Street is very wet. Kemmler asked Hann to look at this and report back to Committee at the next meeting.

G. OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None

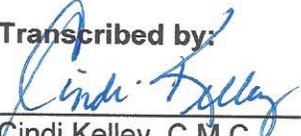
H. ADJOURNMENT –

With no further business: **MOTION: Buffaloe/Hann moved to adjourn the meeting;**
VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

By: 

Drew Thompson, Chair

Transcribed by:



Cindi Kelley, C.M.C
Deputy Town Clerk
Board Secretary

Date Approved: 5/11/15
with noted corrections