

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 11, 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 6:03PM. Prayer and pledge led by Chair Drew Thompson.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. ADDITIONS/DELECTIONS/CHANGES:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Trails & Greenways (T & G) Meeting – April 13, 2015

Discussion: Drew noticed a couple of things that needed corrected. Parson should be listed as Parsons; Glenbrooke should be listed as this spelling; Buffaloe stated that on page 2, paragraph 3, shoed should be shod. Same area where discussing the "jute carpet" with regards to EELs Program, should state on "EELs property".

MOTION: Buffaloe / Wilbur moved to approve the minutes from April 13, 2015 with corrections as noted. VOTE: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC:

F. ACTION:

G. DISCUSSION:

2. Trail, Kiosk & Firebreak Conditions

Discussion: Hann gave a brief over-view. New fire breaks are being cut in; gave information regarding what is happening with the fire breaks. Want to re-route the trail so it is no longer in the way of any fire breaks.

Hann asked if it would be prudent to resurrect the presentation and get with TA for cutting the trail; Thompson stated that it would be good since she has tendered her resignation. We don't want anything left being undone. We will be in a transition for a little bit. The presentation will be brought back. Kemmler asked if we have to go to Council to cut trails; Hann stated that we don't, we have permission to do this one already.

Hann stated that there seemed to be some controversy at the last Council meeting with the jute being put down with Vickie Thomas. Kelley stated that, with a directive from Council, every board and committee member are made aware of what everyone is doing. All packets and minutes are sent to the boards and committees. If she didn't know, then that says minutes are

not being read. Thompson stated that this is very good information. This information was presented a couple of different times.

Buffaloe doesn't want to set a precedent; if we ask each time to cut trails, then we can't go out and do the work. Kemmler stated that we should set the date and time; Thompson stated we will that at the end of the meeting.

Hann stated that he has gotten nothing but positive feedback with the jute stabilization that was put out in the Cameron Preserve. Need to put out a blast to let people know that the trail is a one-way trail. Hann stated that we can do this in Cameron Preserve whenever we want. Thompson asked if this should be on the website and do an email. We could do a virtual flyer.

Hann stated that just about every kiosk has a map and "what's new" section. Changing the trails to one way would be a change. Need to talk to Brad Manley of Brevard County about the Briar Creek crosswalk. Thompson stated that he was asked to have the committee let Town staff know where they want the crosswalk and signs; this was asked of him at the RTCM of 05/04/15. Kemmler stated two marks ten feet apart on each side of the road. Hann was going to ask if he could just go out and mark the spots. Thompson stated that he could do that and then the Town will do the stenciling of the crosswalks

MOTION: Buffaloe/Wilbur moved to have Hann mark the location of the crosswalk on either side of the road at Briar Creek Boulevard and have the Town do the actual stenciling of the crosswalk. VOTE: All Ayes.

3. Update on Palm Bay Grape Fruit Trail Issue & TOM Referendum – Hann

Discussion: Thompson stated that Council passed a referendum; Kelley corrected him as it is not a referendum but a resolution. She advised the Committee that it had been sent over to Palm Bay already.

4. Briar Creek Boulevard Crosswalk – Mark Location

Discussion: This was discussed above; see motion made in item 2.

5. Field Event of 5/1/15 – Trail Stabilization @ Cameron Preserve

Discussion: Hann stated earlier that he has received good comments from doing this; see item 2 above.

6. BMBA Possible Contribution of Oak Trees / TOM – Hann

Discussion: We are very near to obtaining oak trees; 47 trees were picked up from a nursery that is going out of business. Some are good; some not so good. Hann stated that we could separate them and put them throughout the trail in Malabar. Kemmler stated that if they are planted at this time of the year, watering must be done all the time or they will die. Thompson stated that we should try to get some trees for North Corey at Cameron Preserve.

7. TOM RTCM 5/4/15 – T&G Update

Discussion: Thompson gave a brief overview of the report that he and Hann gave to Council at the RTCM of 5/4/15. He stated that the website of www.malabartrails.com is up and running. Wilbur stated that the mission statement needs to be inclusive to say "networking with adjacent communities and organizations to expand and enhance participation and cooperation to extend current and future trails system".

Before the telephone number for Murray Hann is released, we need to have a disclaimer so no one is held responsible if the phone isn't answered. This is very important before the information goes live.

Voltaire stated that the presentation that was made at RTCM was well received and Council and genuinely appreciated the information that was provided to them.

Hann stated that there are a lot of jumpers on the trails that need to be marked with a checker board marker. People need to know that they are leaving one trail and going into another. Buffaloe stated that sometimes she needs to get out quick; they have closed all the jumpers behind her house. Hann stated that EELs keeps closing jumpers that are not their property; he wrote them and asked them to stop because it isn't their property. Wilbur asked what they are closing them with. Hann stated they are cutting sand pines down and leaving them there. Kemmler asked how we are going to make the markers. Hann stated that it isn't very expensive to purchase the stickers; they last for 10 years. Kemmler stated that we need to ask for UV resistant sticker; they are just now replacing the signs at the Disc Golf Park after 10 years.

Kemmler stated the yellow trail needs to stay yellow because it's been that color forever; the other should be white as it is definitely different. Hann stated that white is already in use. Kemmler stated to coordinate with the EELs and see what they say. We would fit in with the EELs if we use white. Hann stated that he has a label maker with different colors. Need to get with EELs (Brad Manley) to coordinate and mark them accordingly. Hann will take care of this with him.

8. Review of T&G Project List – Changes/Additions

Discussion: Thompson asked the Committee to review and send any additions/deletions/changes to him through Kelley. If you see something that may need some signage, please add it to the list and we can look at this. We have a budget of \$1,000 and we could use it to get something like this taken care of.

9. Next Field Event and/or Tune-up – Schedule Date/Time

Discussion: The discussion turned to cutting a small trail. Wilbur stated he would do this. Buffaloe said that if he did the cutting, the committee would do the clean-up. She also stated that the evening hours work better for her. The date of Friday, May 15th at 5:00 pm was chosen; meet at North Corey at Cameron Preserve. Voltaire stated that while Wilbur is doing the cutting of the trail, the others could work on the "jute" stabilization and planting of trees; follow-up with Wilbur when he's finished the trail cutting.

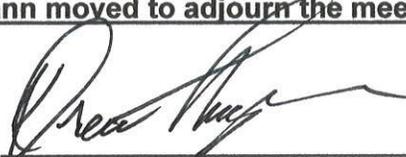
H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

New: Hann worked on a trail connector to Grant Valkaria; he went over the plan he put together. This is being looked at; gave a copy of the presentation to the Committee for them to take home and review. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

Hann asked if we should have a meeting with Grant; Thompson stated we should be on their agenda and present this to them. Buffaloe stated that we need to speak to Grant before we do anything with this; we need their input as it is their town. Thompson stated to get on Grant's agenda and go from there. Hann stated he could ride his bike and measure the area that would need to have a board walk built. This would be an alternative to the board walk idea. Thompson will make contact with Grant Valkaria.

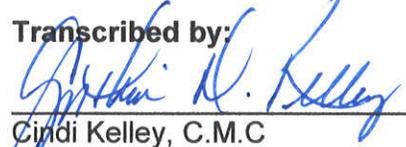
I. ADJOURNMENT –

With no further business: **MOTION: Buffaloe/Hann moved to adjourn the meeting; VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

By: 

Drew Thompson, Chair

Date Approved: 6/8/2015

Transcribed by:


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