

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
June 08, 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 6:02PM. Prayer and pledge led by Chair Drew Thompson.

B. ROLL CALL

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN
MEMBERS:	COLLETTE BUFFALOE
	BOB WILBUR, excused for work
	PATRICK VOLTAIRE
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 – May 11, 2015

Discussion: None

MOTION: Murray/Buffaloe moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015 as presented.

VOTE: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC:

F. ACTION:

G. DISCUSSION:

2. Trail, Kiosk & Firebreak Conditions

Discussion: Hann reported that a new trail was cut the last work day. Need to look at the way this was done this time; as it was a lot of raking time. The trails look good; people are not using them in the one way; they hope to get them marked as soon as possible. We want to make markings on a couple of the Malabar trails so people know where they are and can go. Need to call both the east & west trails as yellow trails; it will automatically have them going one way and it will loop people on the trail. Mark it as Yellow East and Yellow West.

Hann stated we may need to cut another trail; Thompson asked that he draw it and get it named. Hann stated this would be a future work date; but it needs to be placed on the map. Doing this would almost make the trail system complete.

Thompson asked if Buffaloe can get the vinyl for the markings of the trails. We need something that will not fade out within a year as changes will more than likely be made. Buffaloe stated she gets the marine grade of vinyl. We need to get the maps done with the color markings and QR code as well along with the non-emergency number to get information for the trail. Thompson asked the committee if they want to design the sticker for the kiosks. It would be good to have a logo in the future. Coordinate with EELs to look at ideas for stickers.

Kemmler asked if we came up with an agreement with the markings of the trails; Hann stated that he did not, he may send it out to everyone with the East Yellow and West Yellow and with the new trail cut in. He'll bring it to the next meeting and we can design it at the next meeting. Hann stated that we could have Buffaloe's company cut some vinyl lettering of "Es" and "Ws". We will also mark the signs with E & W one way. Thompson would like to have an arrow with the letter showing which way is which.

For the next meeting, will try to have this firmed up and Hann will try to send to everyone a color scheme through Kelley for them to review. Will get the yellow trail going and then go from there to get the rest of the trails marked.

3. Briar Creek Boulevard Crosswalk – Mark Location

Discussion: Hann marked the location; waiting for the Town. Hann asked if TA got information as he didn't get response. Thompson stated she forwarded to PW and we are waiting for them with their schedule. Kemmler stated it would be good to send a message to PW and see if it's on the schedule; they have a lot to do and don't want it to fall by the way side.

4. Field Event of 5/15/15 – Fence Trail @ Cameron Preserve

Discussion: Hann talked about this; the next step is the 50' trail. This will be sent to Kelley to pass on to Thompson and TA for a "go".

5. ADA Restroom Progress

Discussion: Thompson stated that he was over there; hasn't seen any activity. He's concerned about this. Kelley gave the committee some information regarding the TA being out of the office. Thompson will make contact with Morris Smith and pass on the information to Kelley and TA.

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

Discussion: Hann stated that the trees are in 25 gallon pots; not in the best condition. The trees are the ones that will not sell very well commercially; three or four may be nice to place. If we can find some places, these would be good. The trees are on the Melbourne Tillman property; we can call and tell them what we want to do and see if it gets passed. Kemmler stated that they are always looking for trees at the Disc Golf Park. Thompson stated that the 811 provided the markings at the Cameron Trail. Thompson stated that he contact Dan Roberts of Palm Bay Utilities for a possible water source for the trees. He was told that there is a committee that recommends water fountains/sources to come off the pipes. This is something that could be worked on in the future with the turmoil in Palm Bay at this time. Kemmler asked if Thompson would look into this and have him go to Council for blessing for this.

Thompson stated that Brook Hollow could use some trees if there is no other place for them. He will be last on the list as the parks should take precedent. Kemmler stated that they can go in the Disc Golf Park; they plant them and make sure they are watered.

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

Discussion: Thompson stated that the list is on the over-head and they can review it and discuss any additions/deletions/changes that may need to be made. Hann gave information about possible trails that will tie into what is out there already. There are a few areas that are flat and a bench could be put out for people to sit and rest if needed. This could be a future work date and Wilbur could do this with the tree cutter in no time at all.

Voltaire stated that there are some things that can be crossed of the list. Thompson asked the committee to look at the list and send him their suggestions.

Hann asked if we should draft a letter to Tommy Paradise as a thank you letter for his work and assistance. Also do a letter to Chief Robinson as a thank you as well. With this information Hann stated that O'Hara stated they would maintain the fire breaks. Hann feels that that agreement should be codified in case O'Hara is moved to another department. A letter needs to be drafted asking if the breaks will be maintained; should come from TA. All gentlemen's agreements needs to be in writing so when staffing changes, the agreement doesn't go away. The letters should be brief and to the point.

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

Discussion: Are we having any field event; the trees may not want to be planted during this time of the year. It may not be the best time. Hann will look into this; most will be planted at the Grape Fruit Trail and the parks in Palm Bay and Malabar. Buffaloe asked if another evening work day is needed. There are some roots that could come out; maybe Buffaloe could ride on the ATV to try to tromp down the trails. Buffaloe asked about the sink hole. Voltaire stated he would like to bridge it; there is a bridge available. June 26th, meet at north Corey at 5 pm. If approval to cut the trail comes, Hann will work with Wilbur early that morning. Relocate a bridge to cover a sink hole where it will be more affective.

H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Kemmler asked about the status of the trail at North Marie being connected to Grant Valkaria. There is a meeting on June 18 at Grant Valkaria; time to be determined. Hann stated that he provided a drawing of the new idea with a trail that will connect the two towns. This plan is way more user friendly and it doesn't make sense to build 1200 feet of pressure treated boardwalk. Hann stated there is a lot of potential with property in this area that we can maybe get use of for trails in the area off of Valkaria Road.

I. ADJOURNMENT –

With no further business: **MOTION: Buffaloe/Hann moved to adjourn the meeting; VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

By: Drew Thompson
Drew Thompson, Chair

Transcribed by:

Date Approved: 07/13/15

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Board Secretary