

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
July 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 6:04 PM. Prayer and pledge led by Chair Drew Thompson.

B. ROLL CALL

CHAIR: DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR: MURRAY HANN, arrived at 6:10 pm

MEMBERS: COLLETTE BUFFALOE
BOB WILBUR
PATRICK VOLTAIRE
LIASON: HANS KEMMLER, excused for vacation
RECORDING SECRETARY: CINDI KELLEY

Member of Town Council Brian Vail and G-G T&G Committee member Tom Milbourne is present along with Annelie Harvey is also present. She has submitted an application to be on the Committee.

C. ADDITIONS/DELECTIONS/CHANGES: None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Trails & Greenways (T & G) Meeting – June 8, 2015

Discussion: None

MOTION: Buffaloe/Voltaire moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2015 as presented.

VOTE: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC:

F. ACTION:

G. DISCUSSION:

2. Trail, Kiosk & Firebreak Conditions – One way signage?

Discussion: Thompson asked for reports on the trails. Voltaire stated that there are a lot of trees that blew over during the storms; he cut about 5 to 6 trees and it looks good again. There is nothing blocking any of the trails at this time.

Thompson stated he got permission from the Country Cove HOA to use their water when the trees are planted.

Murray Hann arrived at 6:10 pm.

Discussion turned to the trees; we are looking at about 4 trees. Thompson stated that the next work day should be to plant the trees.

The discussion turned to the trails and the signage needed. Hann reported that he did speak to Brad about the dual yellow trails. He took on a few action items at the last meeting. He got some of them done but not all of them. Thompson asked about the seedings that was planted on the "carpet"; has anything come up as of yet. Hann stated that it hasn't yet; it has been too dry and hot. He reported that it needs something nutrient wise. Hann stated that we may need to re-rake it and put down some fertilizer with nutrients. CM Vail suggested millet; Buffaloe is in agreement with CM Vail. Brown-top millet for the summer months should be used per Buffaloe.

Thompson reported on the fire breaks. We were asking for a written confirmation that the EELs will maintain the breaks and then the thank you letters. He sent information to TA today.

3. Briar Creek Boulevard Crosswalk – Contractor quote sent to TOM & BMBA offer to contribute up to \$500 beyond T&G \$1K budget item amount

Discussion: We will be spending the budget on this project; \$1,450 is the quote that we got. TA is working on a second quote to make sure we can get all we need for the funds. Thompson gave a brief overview of this project. We were going to ask the PW staff to do this; their schedule will not allow for this for quite some time. So we will be subbing it out. Hann reported that someone from the BMBA volunteered to supplement this project. He stated that mountain bikers cross this path; some pay attention and look before crossing, others don't do this. Hann is looking to get this done; the paint is fading and it needs to be done. It may need to be re-painted if we can't get it done before too much longer. We don't want to let the funds go before the end of the fiscal year. We have some great ideas; need to spend the funds for the projects that are presented and approved by Council.

4. ADA Restroom Progress – P.E. P&R Board update of 6/17/15

Discussion: Thompson reported on this project. The trees have been removed; the septic permit has been applied for as of Friday, 7/10/15. The Town Engineer came to the Park Board meeting and explained the process and what is taking place. Kelley stated that this project is definitely moving forward. We don't have a date for the building being delivered as of yet. Don Facciobene's company, who was recommended by Scott McLachlan, will doing the work needed for the building to be delivered.

5. G-V T&G Committee Workshop 6/18/15 & Follow-up 6/24/15 – Murray Hann; Alternate Trails

Discussion: Tom Milbourne, G-V Chair, gave a brief over-view of what they are looking to do. Hann also gave information regarding this project as well. Hann has information regarding the land that is owned by Harris. Hann gave information regarding this project as well. Due diligence is being done to see if this project is even feasible with the various property owners. Chris O'Hara was also present at the workshop with G-V; he seemed open to this project. Next is to see what is happening with the property owners and coordinating with G-V. Milbourne stated he will get with Rick Hood and see what he has found out about this project.

6. DEP - \$25 M for Suntrails – hard surface – like Briar Creek Connector?

Discussion: Thompson is wondering if this is something worth pursuing for Malabar; it was talked about but do we want to do anything at this time? Hann gave some information on this. Wilbur asked about a hard surface trail down Corey Road to the Boundary Canal. Thompson stated that this will be added to the list and see where it needs to be on the list.

7. FL Waterfront triangle at N. end of Rocky Point – possible kayak launch?

Discussion: Rocky Point Road used to be Route #1; area is unkempt and CM Ball suggested that the T&G Committee look into this for a water access property. For a small amount it may

be doable. Coastal Jewel property is now owned by EELs. Wilbur stated that the problem with crossing US 1 is FEC. You would have to go south to Jordan Boulevard to cross the tracks. Buffaloe asked Hann what he thought the EELs would think about this on their property. Hann stated that if we make a good case, they may be open to it. Wilbur gave a brief overview of the south end of Rocky Point with Nelson's property. Thompson stated that we should ear-mark both the north and south ends of Rocky Point and see what we can do for water access. Wilbur stated the south end on the east side would be a beautiful area for a trail head. Thompson will work on a presentation for these two areas to see what the T&G Committee can do to accomplish this. These will be added to the list.

8. PocketRanger.com – FL DEP app for possible use by T&G w/Map plan

Discussion: This is an app that he saw on the DEP newsletter. He downloaded it and tried it out. It will show the GPS location on the phone. He is wondering if it can be adapted and made to work with what we are trying to accomplish.

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

Discussion: Thompson stated he added a few things to the list; he gave information to the people in the audience regarding the projects that the Committee is looking at. This will be an on-going list that will be looked at and prioritized according to what the Committee wants to do.

10. Next Field Event and/or Tune-up – BMBA Oak Tree planting at N. Corey Trailhead – reschedule from cancelled event of 6/26/15

Discussion: the next work day will be July 24th at 5 pm at North Corey. Hann will meet Wilbur at 8:30 am to cut the trail.

H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Milbourne gave an update with what G-V is doing. He asked about the updating of the "opportunity trails". DEP website has information on this; if your trails are on the list, you get some additional points on the grant applications. Thompson said that there is some good coordination between the two towns.

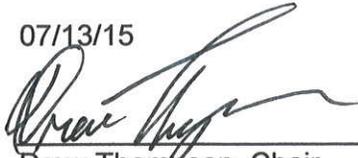
Buffaloe – nothing to report; asked about running the ATV down the new trail? Hann stated that it's not needed at this time.

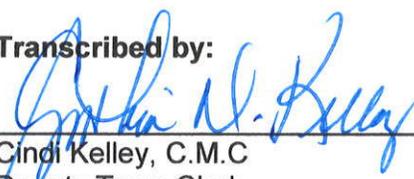
Voltaire – reported that he's been on the trails quite a bit. The blown over trees have been cut and moved off the trails. He said that you can see where the people are walking on the trails. The bridge is on hold for now to be moved over the "sink" hole.

Wilbur – wants input of how to cut the trails along the EELs fence lines with the equestrian community. Hann stated he saw something that was very bad; cleared both sides of Jordan Boulevard; used a private contractor and their equipment was just spitting the mulch out and the trail was open with people using them. Wilbur stated that the Town needs to investigate this because they should not be clearing our r-o-w without our knowledge.

I. ADJOURNMENT –

With no further business: **MOTION: Buffaloe/Voltaire moved to adjourn the meeting;**
VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

By: 
Drew Thompson, Chair

Transcribed by:

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

Date Approved: 08/13/15