

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 21, 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 6:02 PM. Prayer and pledge led by Chair Drew Thompson.

B. ROLL CALL

CHAIR: DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR: MURRAY HANN, excused

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

Don Kinney of Grant Valkaria is present this evening.

C. ADDITIONS/DELECTIONS/CHANGES: None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes**
Regular Trails & Greenways (T & G) Meeting – August 17, 2015

Discussion: None

MOTION: Wilbur / Buffaloe moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2015 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC:

F. ACTION:

G. DISCUSSION:

2. **Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions**

Discussion: Thompson stated the main thing is water. Buffaloe stated that Hann and she have not been on the trail; they've been on vacation. However, Thompson stated that he is back and has been out on the trails. Until things dry out, we won't be able to do anything. Kemmler stated that they haven't been able to play at the Disc Golf Park for 3 weeks. Hopefully tomorrow it will happen as it's supposed to be drier.

Wilbur stated that the horse paddocks and that area is in bad shape. Need to have some fill brought in and have the parking brought back up. Thompson stated that we could minimize it; Wilbur stated we could minimize it a little at a time. Wilbur would like to get some organic shell to be brought in. Thompson stated that the Committee is supposed to take it to the Park Board if any funds are being spent. We need to formalize Wilbur's request. Wilbur stated that while the contractors are in there doing the work for the ADA restroom, it would be easier to have this product brought in and spread around. He stated that it is getting hard to find good sandy shell.

Kelley advised the Committee that Council cut an additional \$126,000 from the budget; T&C has a \$1,000 budget for trails development. She stated she isn't discouraging the Committee to make a recommendation but she wants them to know what took place with the budget. She also offered to provide a copy of the budget to the Committee members. Thompson stated he would like it electronically.

MOTION: Wilbur/Bufaloe moved to request to Council that we are requesting road re-stabilization at the Sand Hill Trail Head to include consideration of possible sources for town fill supply; Melbourne Tillman Canal may have a source of fill.

Wilbur stated the new name may be South Brevard Water Authority.

VOTE: All Ayes.

MOTION: Wilbur / Harvey moved to have the Town Engineer, Morris Smith, look at the west side of Marie Street from Malabar Road to Johnson for drainage solutions for Marie Street Trail Head.

Wilbur stated that we need some minimal drainage. Thompson stated that it looks like the water is coming from behind the old school house. Wilbur gave an overview of where the water is coming from.

VOTE: All Ayes.

3. TOM New Trail Segment Authorization / South Cameron

Discussion: Thompson stated that this has been approved by Debby Franklin as Interim Town Administrator. We are good to go on the last few stretches of this project. We can't do anything until the water dries up. With permission granted, we can move forward with the planning.

4. TOM T&GC / EEL Program Signage Coordination

Discussion: Thompson stated that he got the go ahead with the coordination from the County. We are trying to coordinate to our trails go in a circle. It's going to connect to the EELs trails; we are separating the east and the west. We are working on the yellow trail at this time. Kinney asked what they are doing with all the red trails. Thompson stated that it is being worked on. We want to have directional flow. The kiosks at either end to be augmented with some type of insert giving people the knowledge that we are going one way with these trails. Bufaloe stated we could do a flyer and have them at the feed stores. Thompson and Bufaloe will work on the verbiage for the flyer. Thompson stated that we will probably use the Town's website for this information as well. Kelley advised the Committee that Hostgator.com website was renewed for 1 year from 6 months. Thompson gave Kinney information on this website and what they can offer to you as a client. Thompson asked if we need to purchase the arrows. Bufaloe stated that Hann has been working on this and she will contact the company to get the ball rolling on the arrow signage. She doesn't think we need to do a big campaign to let everyone know; you can see the yellow signage while on the trail. This information will be put at the kiosks; the horse population is not as large as it was. Thompson stated he is trying to keep it happy on the trails.

Wilbur stated he would like to see some type of equestrian representation. Put the word out with the equestrian community to see what they can come up with. He feels it would really push the use of the trails.

5. TPO Pathways – County Effort to Identify Brevard Trails

Discussion: With the pathways; coordination of where the trails are. Wilbur went to the meeting and brought back some information to share with the Committee. Mapping is being worked on for the trails and greenways. October 15th from 8:30 to noon; a workshop being held at the Bill Posey Center. They are also having a contest between all the communities; 50 Ways TO Lead Your Lover. Kelley stated she would scan the information in and send to everyone. Thompson

asked if we should be at this workshop; Wilbur stated we should take our information and let them know our plans. Kemmler and Thompson both stated that we need to put information regarding the ADA restroom out there as well. All the towns could benefit from this workshop. Kelley stated that she would also send it to Kinney for him to pass out to Grant Valkaria. Thompson stated that this would be the perfect opportunity to meet and let them know what both towns are trying to accomplish in South Brevard County.

6. DEP SCORP – Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Discussion: Thompson doesn't know what our involvement is going to be with this. Wilbur stated he doesn't know anything about this. Wilbur stated that there is a lot of money coming up for grants. They are starting to the involvement. The two entities are doing the same type of things to bring awareness to the communities. Kemmler stated that a phone call may be beneficial to find out about this. Thompson stated he will see what information he can find.

7. ADA Restroom Progress – Update on new well, plumbing, electric & septic

Discussion: Thompson stated that we are at a standstill with all the water at this time. The other issue is the well. He stated that Kelley was able to provide an update on this. It was asked if the well could be done before the ground work. Kelley stated that Thompson should speak to Franklin about this; she's the one who has coordinated all this and she would know the chronological order of what needs to be done.

8. Waterfront Triangle at N. End of Rocky Point – TOM Checking Ownership

Discussion: Thompson asked for an update from Town; this appears to be the State of Florida. He is looking for guidance of where to look for contact information. Kemmler asked if this was researched. Thompson stated that Denine Sherear did the research and the ROW is the State; Thompson will contact the DOT to see what can be done to convert this to a boat launch. Kinney stated that people have been parking there and using it. Thompson and Buffaloe stated that they want to make it official. Kemmler volunteered to look into this for Thompson; we can put together a package and get it to the people who can assist with this. Kemmler asked if Sebastian Navigation District would be who to contact for this. Thompson stated there may be funds to assist with putting a non-motorized boat launch out there and have a few parking spaces available to the public. Wilbur stated to contact the Melbourne Parks Department to see if they can tell who we need to speak to about grants for this type of area. Kelley stated to ask for Mark Baker; she's not sure if he's still there but they should be able to refer him to who he needs to speak to.

9. Nelson's Landing Idea – Update/letter – Any Response

Discussion: Thompson stated that he received an update from Town. As of today's date; there has been no response. He reported that Sue Hann knows the administrator for Senator Nelson. With the Committee's approval, he will revise the letter and send it that way. It was recommended to hold off for a bit; Wilbur stated that they may be looking into the matter and doing research on it. Thompson stated that our next meeting is not a month away; he will wait and bring it back to the Committee for guidance. Kinney asked if Malabar is looking at the whole parcel. Thompson stated that it is the point at the south end of Rocky Point. If they want to give more to the cause, it would be appreciated.

10. Review of T&GC Project List – changes/additions

Discussion: Thompson stated that everyone was going to bring their flash drive; there is an update. Thompson stated that there is an easy way to do this. He will be the gate-keeper of this project. Update the new information and delete the old stuff. He will bring it to the October

meeting. Harvey brought her drive; she's trying to understand the information but it's a lot on the drive.

11. PocketRanger.com – FL DEP app for possible use by T&GC w/map plan

Discussion: Harvey went on the app and she was able to see her property; it is very detailed. Wilbur stated that we have enough trails that we can accommodate everyone on the same day with plenty of room. Thompson stated this will make your phone a GIS. He is encouraging everyone to look at it and play with it. The next meeting is just before the October 15th workshop; a great time to report on this as well.

12. Next Field Event and/or Tune-up

Discussion: Nothing planned; need to wait for the land to dry out.

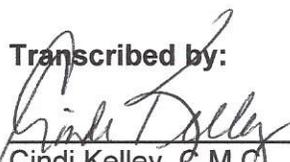
H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Harvey stated that she would like to have a contact base for horse people. Buffaloe stated that the games are not being held anymore at Wickham Park so the horse community has gotten smaller. Thompson stated that the website can have a page on the website for the horse community. Thompson asked the Committee to look at the BrookHollowandMalabar.org webpage; he will reference the horse community. The public side of the website has information that will let people know what is happening out there.

I. ADJOURNMENT –

With no further business: **MOTION: Buffaloe / Wilbur moved to adjourn the meeting; VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

By: 
Drew Thompson, Chair

Transcribed by:

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

Date Approved: 10/26/2015