

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
October 26, 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 6:01 PM. Prayer and pledge led by Chair Drew Thompson.

B. ROLL CALL

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| CHAIR: | DREW THOMPSON |
| VICE-CHAIR: | MURRAY HANN |
| MEMBERS: | COLLETTE BUFFALOE BOB WILBUR PATRICK VOLTAIRE ANNELIE HARVEY, excused at 7:25 pm from meeting |
| LIASON: | HANS KEMMLER |
| RECORDING SECRETARY: | CINDI KELLEY |

C. ADDITIONS/DELECTIONS/CHANGES: Kemmler stated he does have an addition; wants to advise the Committee what the Park Board discussed for the Sand Hill Trail Head parking area. Thompson stated this is on the agenda; no additions at this time.

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D. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
Regular Trails & Greenways (T & G) Meeting – September 21, 2015

Discussion: None at this time.

MOTION: Hann / Buffaloe moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC:

F. ACTION:

G. DISCUSSION:

- 2. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions**

Discussion: Several members stated that the trails are drying out; it's been very wet the last few months with all the rain. Hann stated he spoke to Mike Knight about one of the trails; they took a day off and staked the trail. Knight advised Hann that they were afraid the ramp up/down would be torn up by horses. Hann asked him if EELs would entertain a thought of using eco web on the trail. We could lay it out and put the eco web on the trail; it would go down into the surface. Knight stated that he would need to research this; Hann stated he would forward some links regarding eco web for the research to be completed. Knight stated that anything that is not natural would not be allowed to be used on the trails. Wilbur stated that he visited a park in the Keys; there are products out there that can be used. He will get with his son to get the information for the Committee.

Hann stated that he sent a presentation to Kelley at 1:30 this afternoon. Kelley excused herself to go to her computer to see if received; it wasn't there at 4:30 pm. She set it up in presentations. Hann went through the presentation. There are two additional slides that he

spoke to. He gave the two connectors that would link the trails that could be used for the one-way trail that would stay dry year round. Where the EELs cut, at the ends of the trail (each end) lands in an area that remains under water for a good part of the time. During the rainy season, this would not be good; it can't be used all the time. Thompson asked if we could coincide for a Harris Friday to do the work; we are out of evening hours. If planned right, Hann stated he could get some volunteers from the BMBA group to assist as well. They spoke of Halloween Saturday; Hann stated he isn't sure if he could get the help that quickly. Buffaloe stated that there is enough work that we could have several days as work days. Thompson stated that he is good for this weekend. Wilbur stated that he could do it this Friday; Kemmler stated that he can work in the morning on Saturday until about noon time. Wilbur asked about the weather; Kemmler stated, after looking, that it's supposed to be sunny both days. Thompson said to meet at 8 am on Saturday, 10/31/15 at north Corey at Cameron Preserve. Buffaloe Harvey stated that she would not be available this weekend.

Wilbur stated that Barbara Cameron called him; they would like to donate lumber. Thompson stated that we could stage it at the north of Corey Road at the picnic area. However, after discussion, it would be better to have it secured under the Town. Wilbur will get in touch with the new TA; once he knows what the donation consists of.

Buffaloe stated that over the weekend, there was a few miniature horses pulling trailers with full-grown people; having a great time. She also reported that the heads of some of the screws are coming up missing on the Al Tuttle trail. Kemmler stated that it would take some deck screws to fix these issues.

Hann would like to know if the Committee would have an issue if he met with the new TA; once he's established, and give a history of the trails and see about some mowing maintenance. Kemmler stated that he received an email from Franklin stating that the Disc Golf Park would be mowed every 4 to 6 weeks; a few days ago another email was received stating that it will be mowed every 4 to 8 weeks. Wilbur said he would mow the area at the Al Tuttle trail that needs to be addressed. However, he doesn't want to get into trouble if he does this though. Hann stated that agreements were made but they were not solidified in writing with maintaining the Al Tuttle Trail and the mowing of the areas. Thompson stated that there was a complaint with the mowing and sand spurs. Wilbur stated he could bush hog it and blow it at the same time.

Hann stated that Buffaloe would be making the vinyl signs. It would be good to have one at each end of the yellow trail; one for the west end and the other for the east end. Thompson stated that the signs need to be definitive; the trails are shared. We want the trails on the map; EELs will put them on the map. Thompson stated that when one section is complete, get it on the map and in the kiosk. Let's get Cameron Preserve on the map with some links attached to it. Buffaloe stated that this is something that could be done by the end of November; we are very close to getting there. This is a reaction to the TPO's request; to act on Cameron Preserve.

Hann stated that it has always bothered him that the back of the kiosks are just a piece of wood that gets moldy over time. He would like to have a reflective sign with the wording of "Thank you for visiting our trails". Kelley sent a resolution of the town seal to him that would be perfect to put on these signs. He stated that he will work on the design of this sign and bring it to the Committee for next month's meeting. Thompson stated that this work could be done by Staples if needed.

3. Crushed Coquina for Sand Hill Trail Head – 1400 Marie Street

Discussion: Kemmler stated that he reported to the Park Board that the Committee wanted to spend all of the \$1,000 at one time on coquina. Thompson stated that this is not what he understood. Kemmler stated that the Park Board wants more information regarding the parking area at the Sand Hill Trail Head. Wilbur stated it is the area between the pavilion, the horse paddocks and where the restroom was. He stated that CM Vail had located some crushed shell; it has been delivered to the Sand Hill Trail Head but he wasn't sure if it had been spread around. Voltaire stated he was out there; there are no piles of crushed shell so it must have been spread out.

Kemmler stated the Park Board wants information of where the coquina is to put and how much would be needed and what the material is. Wilbur stated that is if sandy shell that was used; not coquina. He believes it was about \$250 a load. We will need about 4 to 5 loads to complete the job. Kemmler stated that at this price per load, the \$1000 will be used very quickly. Wilbur stated that we need to use the funds as needed; we are now past the rainy season.

Hann asked Wilbur what caused the issues at the park. Wilbur stated he didn't know. Hann stated that if it happened while working on the restroom project, we may need to address it with the contractor. Thompson stated that we shouldn't put money out until this is addressed. He suggested that this request be put on hold until the restroom project is done and it can be addressed as it could be part of the corrective portion of the restroom project.

Thompson stated that there seems to be some confusion to the jute carpet and the approval to use it. It was approved; we need to show that it is working for us as it may help other groups in the future. Hann stated that this has certainly concentrated the bike traffic where we wanted them to be. Wilbur stated that it gives time to rejuvenate the sides of the trails; it has done the job it was used to do. Hann stated that the time to plant grass is November/December. Thompson asked if this is something that should be done with this work day coming up this weekend. This was discussed and the type of grass as well. Hann stated that he wants to order the Florida Native seeds at his expense. We only need about a pound of the seed. Thompson stated that the carpet needs to be revisited and pictures taken to show that we are still evaluating it.

Annelie Harvey was excused at 7:25 pm.

4. TOM T&G Committee / EEL Program Signage Coordination

Discussion: this was discussed in section 3.

5 TPO Pathways – Meeting Oct. 15th Update & Requirements for Pathway Proposals

Discussion: this was discussed in item 3.

6. ADA Restroom Progress – Update on: New Well, Plumbing, Electric & Septic

Discussion: An update was given by Thompson. The plumbing is being completed by Kandiko Plumbing and the well, Kelley believes, will be done by Heidikruger. Kemmler stated that the Park Board has a concern with standing water in the NW corner of the Sand Hill Trail Head. He asked how we get rid of the standing water. Hann stated that the plan used for the ADA restroom and parking area will not be affected by the standing water. Kemmler stated that a

motion to recommend that Town Engineer Smith go out and see what can be done to correct this issue. This recommendation will be on the agenda for RTCM of November 2, 2015.

7. Waterfront Triangle at N. end of Rocky Point – TOM Checking Ownership

Discussion: Kemmler reported on this; he's made contact with the State and found that this is ROW that is not being used. The Park Board made a recommendation to Council; on 11/2/15 agenda, to start the paperwork to lease the land. It will cost \$0 monthly to lease the land if it is used for town purposes. If this is approved by Council, it will take up to 4 to 6 months for all the paperwork to be finalized. Kemmler also stated that the Park Board would like to, out of the 16/17 FY budget, have a bench and sign out there to mark and designate the area. Wilbur stated that Coastal Jewels owns some of the land out there; maybe they would make a donation to the Town as well. Hann stated that Coastal Jewels is the EELs; they may give it up as they don't maintain it. He also stated that they are in favor of a non-motorized water vehicle access for kayaks and canoes. He'll speak with Chris O'Hara and Mike Knight.

8. Nelson's Landing idea – Update/Letter – Any Response – Letter #2

Discussion: Thompson stated that he drew up another letter to send out and he's updated the information. He stated he will email the letter as he was able to speak to Sue Hann and get a contact for this. Hann stated that we may want to call before sending the email. Thompson asked Kelley if she thought the letter should come from the Committee or the Town Administrator. Kelley stated to send the letter to her and to the new Town Administrator's email. She could talk to him about it when he starts next week or Thompson can speak to him directly about the project. Kemmler stated that we should also let the Nelson's know that we never heard back from them regarding the first letter sent; they spend a lot of time answering questions that are about less important matters than this. They need to know we didn't get a response from them.

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

Discussion: Thompson reported that he was able to update three of the flash drives during the meeting this evening. He will not start another one as we are close to closing the meeting for this evening.

10. PocketRanger.com – FL DEP app for Possible Use by T&G Committee with Map Plan

Discussion: Thompson asked the members if they had a chance to look at this site. Buffaloe stated that she couldn't get it to work for her. Hann stated that he's used it; it's ok but he uses other sites that he likes better. Kemmler stated that you need to find the site for Florida; he downloaded the first site and it was for another state. Hann stated that the County wants us to use Strava; it tracks a lot of information they use. It tracks what you do; gives challenges and other can download and do the same ride that you are doing. Thompson asked Hann if he recommends looking at Strava. Buffaloe stated that she has friends who use it in Utah; it's not something for us here in Florida. It would be nice to put the trails on this but PocketRanger is what we want to use. Thompson wants to discuss at the next meeting how to use PocketRanger and tie our world to it. Buffaloe stated it would be good to use when we have work days; we should use it this weekend to try it out. Thompson is in agreement with this and asks that the members download the app to their phones to use on the 31st.

11. Next Field Event and/or Tune-up – New Trail Segment South Cameron

Discussion: the next field work day will be Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 8 am. Please meet at the north end of Corey Road at Cameron Preserve.

H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Kemmler stated that Tom Taylor noticed that the parking lot at the Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Park is filled up. He feels that we need to open it up to twice the size. Wilbur stated to make a grass parking area and mow it once a week. Kemmler stated that we are trying to get the prisoners out there to get the Brazilian pepper tress removed.

I. ADJOURNMENT –

With no further business: **MOTION: Buffaloe / Hann moved to adjourn the meeting; VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

By: Drew Thompson

Drew Thompson, Chair

Transcribed by:

Cindi Kelley

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

Date Approved: 11/09/2015

(with noted correction)