



**Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC)  
Public Hearing and Council Meeting**



**PUBLIC MEETING:** Thursday, September 22, 2016  
**TIME:** 8:00 am  
**LOCATION:** Crandon Park Tennis Center,  
Players' Lounge (Gate G),  
7300 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149

**FGTC Members in Attendance for Thursday Council Meeting:**

Brian Smith, (Chair) Appointed by the Governor-Trail User; Sam Carr, Appointed by the Governor-Greenway User; Sarrah Glassner, Appointed by the Governor-Greenway User; Dennis Dix, AICP (Substitute Linda Chapin) Appointed by the President of the Senate-Greenway User; Becky Afonso, Appointed by the President of the Senate-Greenway; Robin Birdsong, Florida Department of Transportation(FDOT); Keith Bettcher, FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Vincent Birdsong (Substitute Timothy Parsons), Florida Department of State Shawn Thomas, Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA)

**OGT Staff in Attendance for Thursday Council Meeting:**

Samantha Browne, (Bureau Chief); Britney Moore, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-North

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**Welcome from Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department**

***Jack Kardys/Maria Nardi***

**Overview of Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces:**

***Jack Kardys/Maria Nardi***

**Site Visits:** *Meg Daly/Tony Garcia/Mark Heinicke/Fanny Navarro/Alex Zizold/Cire Andino-Speakers throughout the sites*

**Plan Z:** Map Attached

**Miami River:** Information Attached

**Underline:** Information Attached

**Ludlam Trail:** Information Attached

**BEG (Biscayne-Everglades Greenway):** Information Attached

**BEG (Biscayne-Everglades Greenway): Summary of Project**

**City Hall City of Homestead:** *Councilman Stephen R. Shelley:*

**The Underline:** Presentation Attached

**Meg Daly:** *President/CEO, Friends of The Underline*

**Alfred Lurigados:** *CH2M, Transportation - South Florida Leader*

**Ludlam Trail:** Presentation Attached

**Jose Gonzales:** *Senior Vice-President of Corporate Development Florida East Coast Industries(FECI)*

**Frankie Ruiz:** *Co-founder, Friends of Ludlam Trail (FOLT) & Co-Founder, Miami Marathon*

**Ken Bryan:** *Florida Director Rails-to-Trails Conservancy*

**David Henderson:** *Bicycle Pedestrian Administrator Miami-Dade MPO*

Presentation Attached

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**Welcome**

**Approve Agenda:**

**FGTC REMARKS:**

**MOTION: Sarrah Glassner**

**SECOND: Sam Carr**

**FGTC RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:

DEFER

WITHDRAW

NOT APPROVE

OTHER:

**Approve the June 23, 2016 Meeting Summary:**

**FGTC REMARKS:**

**MOTION:** Sarrah Glassner

**SECOND:** Sam Carr

**FGTC RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE MEETING SUMMARY**

APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:

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NOT APPROVE

OTHER:

**DESIGNATION REQUEST**

**Designation Request: SABAL PINES GREENWAY TRAIL**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*The designation is for phase one of a completed 12 feet wide and 1,609 feet long trail adjacent to a lake and located in Sabal Pines Park. Sabal Pines Park is located in the City of Coconut Creek, in Broward County, Florida. This public park was developed by the City of Coconut Creek with assistance provided by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Recreation Trails Program. The park is encircled by residential neighborhoods and an elementary school and is readily available to the public.*

**Public Comments:**

*None*

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

*Sabal Pines Park and the trail are not part of the Florida Greenways & Trails System (FGTS) Plan. It is approximately three miles south of the Hillsboro Canal, an FGTS Opportunity Trail. Designation of the Sabal Pines Park and the trail.*

**COUNCIL VOTE: \*ROLL CALL**

**PROJECT LIST**

**Yes List:** Brian Smith, Sam Carr, Sarrah Glassner, Dennis Dix, Becky Afonso,  
Robin Birdsong, Jerrie Lindsey, Keith Bettcher, Vincent Birdsong, Mario  
Gisbert

**No List:** None

**Notes:** Abstain-Shawn Thomas

**VOTES**

A: 10

B: 0

NOTES: 1-ABSTAIN

**FGTC RECOMMENDATION:**

( ) APPROVE

**(X ) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS: DESIGNATION OF THE SABAL  
PINES PARK AND THE TRAIL.**

( ) DEFER

( ) WITHDRAW

( ) NOT APPROVE

( ) OTHER:

**Designation Request: HILTON ROAD TRAIL**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*The designation is for phase one of a completed 12 feet wide, 1,440 feet long trail adjacent to a lake, located in Winston Park Nature Preserve Winston Park Nature Preserve is located in the City of Coconut Creek, in Broward County, Florida. This 25-acre public park is owned and operated by the City of Coconut Creek. The park is encircled by residential neighborhoods and readily accessible to the public.*

**Public Comments:**

*None*

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

*Winston Park Nature Preserve and the trail are not part of the Florida Greenways & Trails System (FGTS) Plan. The trail is approximately three miles south of the Hillsboro Canal, an FGTS Opportunity Trail. Designation of the Winston Park Nature Preserve and the trail.*

**COUNCIL VOTE: \*ROLL CALL**

**PROJECT LIST**

**Yes List:** Brian Smith, Sam Carr, Sarrah Glassner, Dennis Dix, Becky Afonso, Robin Birdsong, Jerrie Lindsey, Keith Bettcher, Vincent Birdsong, Mario Gisbert

**No List:** None

**Notes:** Abstain-Shawn Thomas

**VOTES**

A: 10

B: 0

NOTES: 1-ABSTAIN

**FGTC RECOMMENDATION:**

( ) APPROVE

**(X ) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS: DESIGNATION OF WINSTON PARK NATURE PRESERVE AND THE TRAIL**

( ) DEFER

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( ) NOT APPROVE

( ) OTHER:

**Designation Request: APALACHEE BAY MARITIME HERITAGE PADDLING TRAIL**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*The Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail is a 58.6-mile trail consisting of 10 individual paddling trails bounded by the Ochlockonee River in the west and the Econfina River in the east. Most trails are located in Wakulla County between the waterfront communities of Panacea in the west and the City of St. Marks in the east. Designed for enthusiasts of all levels, these trails invite one to enjoy fishing, wildlife viewing, and photography, or simply relax in the tranquility of an inlet. The Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail consists of 10 launch sites: Ochlockonee Bay Public Boat Ramp, Tucker Lake launch in Bald Point State Park, Mashers Island County Park, Levy Bay Road, Bottoms Road, Spring Creek, Shell Point, Wakulla Beach, St. Marks River Park, and St Marks Lighthouse.*

**Public Comments:**

None

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

*Apalachee Bay Maritime Heritage Paddling Trail is part of the Florida Greenways & Trails System (FGTS) Plan Paddling Opportunity Network. Each of these trails is within close proximity to the Florida Circumnavigational Trail which is a priority paddling trail.*

**COUNCIL VOTE: \*ROLL CALL**

**PROJECT LIST**

**Yes List:** Brian Smith, Sam Carr, Sarrah Glassner, Dennis Dix, Becky Afonso, Robin Birdsong, Jerrie Lindsey, Keith Bettcher, Vincent Birdsong, Mario Gisbert

**No List:** None

**Notes:** Abstain-Shawn Thomas

**VOTES**

A: 10

B: 0

NOTES: 1-ABSTAIN

**FGTC RECOMMENDATION:**

**(X ) APPROVE**

( ) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:

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**Designation Request: CAMP ABEL/FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAILS (FNST)**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) is a federally-designated, non-motorized, recreation trail which meanders approximately 1,300 miles across Florida. The FNST represents the diverse scenic, historic, natural and cultural character of the Florida landscape. As a National Scenic Trail, the FNST provides readily available, safe, educational, and memorable opportunities across a spectrum of challenges. The USDA Forest Service ensures the development, maintenance and promotion of the FNST through partnerships to serve both the resource and a broad base of recreationists who will enjoy, appreciate and steward this natural resource and the Nation's heritage along the FNST. The FNST closely follows the historic Suwannee River through a heavily timbered section of Camp land in Hamilton County Florida. Complete with elevation*

*changes, regenerated hardwoods and river bottoms, this area epitomizes the wilderness that was the original North Florida. The Camp family welcomes this opportunity to showcase their stewardship of this beautiful property to all hikers and recreationists on the FNST. The USDA Forest Service, National Forests in Florida, as administrator of the FNST is dedicated to ensuring recreationists can expect signage, maintenance, accessibility, and interpretation to be standardized and to meet best management practices.*

**Public Comments:**

*None*

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

*None*

**COUNCIL VOTE: \*ROLL CALL**

**PROJECT LIST**

**Yes List:** Brian Smith, Sam Carr, Sarrah Glassner, Dennis Dix, Becky Afonso, Robin Birdsong, Jerrie Lindsey, Keith Bettcher, Vincent Birdsong, Mario Gisbert

**No List:** None

**Notes:** Abstain-Shawn Thomas

**VOTES**

A: 10

B: 0

NOTES: 1-ABSTAIN

**FGTC RECOMMENDATION:**

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**OFFICE OF GREENWAYS & TRAILS COMMITTEE: UNPAVED TRAILS GUIDELINES:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*To approve the unpaved trails guidelines with the modification to have tables, graphics and diagrams inserted into the document.*



**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

None

**COUNCIL VOTE: \*ROLL CALL**

**PROJECT LIST**

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**No List:** None

**Notes:** Abstain-Shawn Thomas

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**FGTC RECOMMENDATION:**

( ) APPROVE

**( X ) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS: HAVE TABLES, GRAPHICS AND DIAGRAMS INSERTED INTO THE DOCUMENT.**

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**SHARED-USE NON-MOTORIZED (SUN) TRAIL NETWORK REPORT:**

Robin Birdsong-Sun Trail Program Manager, FDOT

*Waiting to release the list of the selected individual trails projects.*

**FLORIDA GREENWAYS & TRAILS FOUNDATION REPORT:**

Brian Smith-Vice President, Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation

*Reminder of the joint meeting (Florida Greenways and Trails Council and the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation) taking place in Titusville, FL on November 2-3, 2016.*

**FLORIDA GREENWAYS & TRAILS COUNCIL ROLES:**

Discussion Notes Attached

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:**

November 2-3, 2016 Titusville, FL