



Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC)

Public Hearing and Council Meeting



PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, June 27, 2018
TIME: 9:00 am
LOCATION: Florida Sheriffs Association,
Blackburn-Hunt Building,
2617 Mahan Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32308

FGTC Members in Attendance for Thursday Council Meeting:

Brian Smith, Appointed by the Governor-Trail User; Sam Carr, Appointed by the Governor-Greenway User; Kasey C. (KC) Mullen, Appointed by the President of the Senate-Trail User; Becky Afonso, (Vice Chair) Appointed by the President of the Senate-Greenway User; Faron Boggs, Appointed by the Speaker of the House-Trail User; Parks Small, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP); Jerrie Lindsey, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission(FWC); Robin Birdsong, Florida Department of Transportation(FDOT)(Huiwei Shen attended on behalf of Robin Birdsong); Colleen Kruk, Southwest FL Water Management District; Shawn Thomas, Federal Land Management Agency; Chris Rietow, Regional Planning Council

OGT Staff in Attendance for Thursday Council Meeting:

Samantha Browne, Bureau Chief; David Clark, Deputy Secretary of Land and Recreation; Doug Alderson, Assistant Bureau Chief, Britney Moore, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-North; Katie Bernier, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-South; Allison Beaty, OGT Intern

Welcome

Welcome from Becky Afonso, Vice Chair, filling in for Sarrah Glassner, Chair.

Approve Agenda:

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Brian Smith

SECOND: Sam Carr

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

- APPROVE MEETING AGENDA
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:
- DEFER
- WITHDRAW
- NOT APPROVE
- OTHER:

Approve the June 15, 2017 Meeting Summary:

FGTC REMARKS:

Motion: Jerrie Lindsey

Second: KC Mullen

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

- APPROVE MEETING SUMMARY
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:
- DEFER
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- NOT APPROVE
- OTHER:

Approve the January 11, 2018 Meeting Summary:

FGTC REMARKS:

Motion: KC Mullen

Second: Sam Carr

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

- APPROVE MEETING SUMMARY
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:
- DEFER
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OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS REPORT:

OGT Staff Update:

Updates regarding Dunedin's Trail Town ribbon cutting, the Circumnavigational Paddling Trail, Paddlesports Training event at Lake Louisa State Park, Cross FL Greenway visit and new sections, Titusville Trail Town application and site visit, SCORP update and newsletter viewership increase.

FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Designations: Three proposed designations into the Florida Greenways and Trails System

Hungryland Slough Natural Area

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Brian Smith

SECOND: KC Mullen

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DESIGNATION

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Oak Trails Park

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Brian Smith

SECOND: KC Mullen

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DESIGNATION

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Cumberland to Timucuan Regional Trail – Segment of the ECG

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Brian Smith

SECOND: KC Mullen

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

- (X) APPROVE DESIGNATION**
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Designations: One proposed Trail Town Designation

City of Titusville – Eddy Galindo; Natural Resources Planner

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Sam Carr
SECOND: Brian Smith

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

- (X) APPROVE TRAIL TOWN DESIGNATION**
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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP):

Pam lister - Recreational Trails Program, Office of Operations

Grants update, proposed Priority List with one amendment- withdrawing one application from Walton County, two nominees for Trails Advisory Committee – Kathy Brown and Melissa Hooke.

Trails Advisory Comittee Nominee

FGTC REMARKS: Nominate Kathy Brown for the Trails Advisory Committee

MOTION: Brian Smith

SECOND: KC Mullen

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE NOMINATION

APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:

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FGTS PLAN WORKSHOP:

Council Members and other members of the public provided comments and feedback on the four goals within the FGTS Plan. (See attachment)

FLORIDA MOUNTAIN BIKE UPDATE:

Terry Palmeri – Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association

Overview of sustainable trails, how best to build mountain bike trails and grant programs in Florida. Discussion on Trail Labs, a clinic and trail design workshop which has not yet extended to FL. Terry also discussed a need for a statewide approach to mountain biking.

FLORIDA RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY UPDATE:

Ken Bryan – FL Rails to Trails Conservancy

Overview of Trail Nation project which currently is in 8 locations in the US and will be adding a 9th soon. Information on the Flagler Trail Vision, which would be a corridor next to the railway. Ken also discussed a potential upcoming US coast to coast rail trail.

FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS FOUNDATION:

Dale Allen - President, Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation

Discussed the importance of trail development within in rural communities and developing a regional strategic plan. Dale also discussed importance of marketing and gave the Arkansas Trail System as an example of success.

COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:

Sam Carr – St. Johns River to Sea Loop update; issues in Putnam County with signing of management agreement for trail segment in Palatka.

Brian Smith – Pinellas Trail loop being built on east side, Pasco County finishing their 2.5 miles portion of C2C Trail & a connecting trail from Tampa to St. Pete has been funded and in the next several years will be constructed to cross the Howard Franklin Bridge.

Parks Small – Thank you for welcoming him to the FGTC

KC Mullen – City of Stuart is interested in becoming a Trail Town and will be applying soon.

Shawn Thomas – National Trail System and Wild Scenic River 50th anniversary. Big Shoals State Park new trail dedication – closed 5 miles of road walk. Gateway Communities update including the new passports users can have stamped.

Huiwei Shen – FDOT working on prioritizing projects that have been submitted.

Jerrie Lindsey – Pilot program, Backyards and Beyond, aims to facilitate more outdoor and wildlife viewing and learning experiences for families within local neighborhoods. Issues along greenways with the monofilament underlining of sod that has been used.

Chris Rietow – Asked by the Department of Economic Opportunity to conduct a trail feasibility study on Chattahoochee to Bristol Trail (C2B). Study was completed last year and recommendation to move forward with trail and trail stakeholders.

Becky Afonso – FL Bicycle Association has developed a program for certification of Ride Leaders and Ride Marshalls. New texting while driving as a primary offense law and senators who support the bill. Bicycle Friendly designated cities – The Villages received

gold and Tallahassee received silver. Next FL Bicycle Association Board Meeting, Sat July 28th, 1-4pm in Tallahassee

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Haydt, Florida Coordinator of the East Coast Greenway – 600 miles of trail of the ECG within Florida, with over 200 of those miles already designated. Working on a 20-mile gap from the Miami/Homestead area to Key Largo. Core to Coast Trail in Jacksonville, 50 miles in length. ECG Southeast Summit next fall 2019 in Jacksonville.

Carl Mikyska, FL MPO Advisory Council – Additional support for new texting and driving legislation and Senator Lauren Book, who supports the new legislation.

Ken Bryan – FCT grant cycle opens July 2nd

Dale Allen – Suggested that there be one designation process for all trails in Florida.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Becky Afonso – Write letter for Phil Scanlan on the successful designation of the Cumberland to Timucuan Regional Trail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:

Chair and Vice Chair are up for a vote at the next meeting

Next meeting in Titusville in conjunction with the Trail Town Celebration. Potential dates: September 18-21 or September 24-25. TBA.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: KC Mullen

SECOND: Chris Rietow