



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



PUBLIC MEETING: Thursday, June 15, 2017
TIME: 8:30 am
LOCATION: Ravine Gardens State Park,
Roy E. Campbell Civic Center Auditorium,
1600 Twigg Street, Palatka, FL 32177

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; Kasey C. (KC) Ingram Traylor, Appointed by the President of the Senate-Trail User; Linda Chapin, Appointed by the President of the Senate-Greenway User; Becky Alfonso, Appointed by the President of the Senate-Greenway User; Ralph Lair (Vice Chair), Appointed by the Speaker of the House-Greenway User; Sine Murray, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP); Jerrie Lindsey, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission(FWC); Jim Wood (Delegated by Robin Birdsong), Florida Department of Transportation(FDOT); Keith Bettcher, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services(DACS); Colleen Kruk, Water Management District; Patricia M. Steed, Regional Planning Council, Mario Gisbert, Local Government.

OGT Staff in Attendance for Thursday Council Meeting:

Samantha Browne, (Bureau Chief); Matthew Mitchell, Assistant Director of Central Operations, Florida Park Service; Britney Moore, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-North; Ashley Killough, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-Central; Allison Beaty, Intern

Welcome

Approve Agenda:

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Sam Carr

SECOND: Pat Steed

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

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

Approve the March 31, 2017 Meeting Summary:

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Sam Carr

SECOND: Becky Alfonso

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

- APPROVE MEETING SUMMARY
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- OTHER:

PUTNAM BLUEWAYS AND TRAILS CSO: Presentation Attached

Kevin Sharbaugh – Director, Putnam Blueways & Trails, CSO

Discussed the history, structure, and vision and mission statements of the Putnam Blueways and Trails CSO. Kevin presented on the numerous events hosted or partnered with the CSO including guided hikes, rides, paddles, horse trail rides, work days, Iron Horse, and festivals.

PUTNAM WATERWAYS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE: Presentation attached.

Chip Laibl- County Commissioner, Putnam Waterways and Trails Committee

Kraig McLane- Blueways and Trails CSO Representative, Putnam Waterways and Trails Committee

Discussed at the length the needs and struggles of developing trails in Putnam County as well as highlighting some successes such as Wayfinding and other completed trails. Presentation opened to discussion with the Council on how to combat needs and struggles of developing trails in the county.

FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Chair Voting:

Nominations and voting for the next Council Chair and Vice Chair

FGTC Remarks:

VOLUNTEER/NOMINATION: Nomination

NOMINEE: Sarrah Glassner (chair) and Becky Alfonso (vice chair)

MOTION: Ralph Lair

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

(X) APPROVE

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS REPORT:

OGT Staff Update:

Updates regarding the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan progress and next steps.

Council Duties -Benchmarks/Measurable: Presentation attached.

Discussion of benchmarks and changes from the Benchmark Committee.

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Colleen Kruk

SECOND: Same Carr

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

(X) APPROVE BENCHMARKS

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Trails Towns Presentation: Presentation attached.

Allison Beaty presented on the trail towns program to be implemented by OGT.

ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP ALLIANCE: Presentation attached.

Maggie Ardito- Co-Founder, President and Director, St. Johns River to Sea Loop Alliance
Herb Hiller- Co-Founder, St. Johns River to Sea Loop Alliance

Discussion of the SJR2C, the history, the needs, and the role of the Alliance in the Loop as the 501c3 non-profit for the loop. Additional discussion on the Summit planned for October. Herb Hiller discussed agritourism in the tri-county region.

EAST COAST GREENWAY: Presentation attached.

Paul Haydt- Florida Coordinator, East Coast Greenway

Discussed the history, goals, and visions of the East Coast Greenway. The presentation highlighted key challenges in America and how the East Coast Greenway addresses each of those challenges.

SHARED-USE NON-MOTORIZED (SUN) TRAIL NETWORK REPORT: See attached documents.

Jim Wood-Sun Trail Program Manager, FDOT

Overview of SUN Trail project update, focused on northeast region of the state, the SJR2C and the Coast to Coast.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patty Huff with the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway discussed the importance of the trail.

COUNCIL MEMBERS UPDATE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting- October 2017 in Panama City Beach

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP): See attached

Pam lister-Recreational Trails Program, Office of Operations

Extended discussion regarding role of the Recreational Trails Program Committee in determining awards. Representatives for the motorized trail users could not be reached. Voting was postponed for a late July conference call.