



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



PUBLIC MEETING: Thursday, March 31, 2016

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
Conference Room A, Douglas Building
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399

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; Timothy Goldfarb Appointed by the President of the Senate-Trail User; Linda Chapin Appointed by the President of the Senate-Greenway User; Becky Afonso, Appointed by the President of the Senate-Greenway; Ralph Lair, (Vice-Chair) Appointed by the Speaker of the House-Greenway User; David Rathke, Appointed by the Speaker of the House-Trail User; Bruce Johnson Ph.D., Appointed by the Speaker of the House-Trail User; Sine Murray, Florida Department of Environmental Protection(FDEP); Jerrie Lindsey, FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; 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); Patricia M. Steed, Regional Planning Council.

OGT Staff in Attendance for Thursday Council Meeting:

Samantha Browne, (Bureau Chief); Doug Alderson, (Assistant Chief); Christine Small, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-South; Brian Ruscher, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-Central; Britney Moore, Regional Land Trails Coordinator-North; Liz Sparks, Paddling Trails Coordinator; Daniel Diaz, Geographic Information Systems Coordinator.

Announcements

Approve Agenda

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Patricia M. Steed

SECOND: Sam Carr

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:

DEFER

WITHDRAW

NOT APPROVE

OTHER:

Approve the [February 29, 2016 Meeting Summary](#)

FGTC REMARKS:

MOTION: Patricia M. Steed

SECOND: Sam Carr

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:

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OTHER:

RTP (Recreational Trails Program) Advisory Committee

Pamela Lister-*Office of Operations*

December 2015 the council agreed to serve as the RTP Advisory Committee; Request Council continue in this status or appoint an Advisory Committee. Application cycle April 11-29, 2016, Need assistance to review and approve the upcoming projects at July meeting. Assist with Goal Setting and Rule Making: Working on mapping all RTP project sites, review state-wide goals with current RTP projects to help connect the dots and rule Making- timeline not yet set.

FGTC REMARKS:

Council Members unanimously agreed to continue serving as the RTP Advisory Committee.

SHARED USE NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL: REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM

Criteria:

See Attached Document: Criteria Introduction

Identify Regional Trail Systems by Region:

Capital City to Sea Trails: *See Attached Documents*

- OGT Staff Capital City to Sea Trails
- Capital City to Sea Trails presented

Tallahassee-Nature Coast-Peace River Greenway: *See Attached Documents*

- OGT Staff TLH Nature Coast Peace River Gwy
- No regional coalition presented

St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop: *See Attached Documents*

- OGT Staff St. Johns River to Sea Loop
- SJRTS

Heart of Florida Loop: *See Attached Documents*

- OGT Staff Heart of FL Loop
- HOFL

SW Coastal Regional Trail: *See Attached Documents*

- OGT Staff SW Coastal Regional Trail
- SWCT coalition presented

East Coast Greenway-Southeast: *See Attached Documents*

- OGT Staff ECG SE
- East Coast Greenway SE coalition presented

FL Keys Overseas Heritage Trail: *See Attached Documents*

- OGT Staff FL Keys Overseas Heritage Trail
- No regional coalition presented

Criteria:

See Attached Document: *Criteria Conclusion*

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Public Comment:

See Attached Document: *Public Comment*

Council Questions/Council Vote:

FGTC REMARKS:

Council will rank all seven of the regional trail systems, one being the highest and seven being the lowest, with the intent of getting a “temperature check” and stimulating discussion.

MOTION: David Rathke

SECOND: Bruce Johnson

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

(X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS EACH COUNCIL MEMBER WILL RANK ALL SEVEN OF THE REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEMS, ONE BEING THE HIGHEST AND SEVEN BEING THE LOWEST, WITH THE INTENT OF GETTING A “TEMPERATURE CHECK” AND STIMULATING DISCUSSION. ONCE THE INITIAL COUNT WAS ESTABLISHED AND DISCUSSION OCCURS, AN OFFICIAL RANK WILL FOLLOW

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SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

- RANK
- VOTE

THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL DISCUSSED, SELECTED AND PRIORITIZED FIVE REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM PROJECTS THAT WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSIDERATION TO RECEIVE SHARED USE NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL FUNDING. IN ORDER, THEY ARE:

1. **ST. JOHNS RIVER-TO-SEA LOOP**
2. **CAPITAL CITY TO SEA TRAILS**
3. **SOUTHWEST COASTAL REGIONAL TRAIL**
4. **HEART OF FLORIDA LOOP**
5. **EAST COAST GREENWAY - SOUTHEAST**

COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: Unanimous

No: None

Notes: Abstain-Shawn Thomas

FGTC RECOMMENDATION:

(X) APPROVE

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FGTC MEMBERS UPDATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ NEXT MEETING

Thursday – June 23, 2016 (All Day Meeting)