

Old Florida Heritage Highway CMC Meeting
April 29, 2009, 2:30 pm
Herlong Mansion, Micanopy

Present: David Carr (Chair), George Edwards (Friends of Paynes Prairie), Kathleen Pagan (County GM), Debrah Miller (FDOT), Steve Scanlan (FDOT), David Jowers (Paynes Prairie State Preserve), County Commissioner Mike Byerly.

Meeting was **Called to Order** by Chair David Carr.

Approval of Previous Minutes (March, 2009) – Motion by G. Edwards, 2nd by M. Byerly to approve as drafted. Unanimous.

3. Event Planning- May 16, 2009. Doc Hollywood Festival Event (County & FDOT staff) David Carr asked that a sign up sheet be included on the table with other info from FDOT. Kathleen & Debrah will staff table and FDOT photographer Dwight will also be at event to photograph and assist at table. David Carr will set up the table and booth in advance.

4. Reports

A. Cell Phone Tour/ Friends of Paynes Prairie- Report from George Edwards. System is operational. Will work on better signage. Discussion of possibility of using FDOT or County sign shops. It may be possible to locate sponsors for sign costs. [Kathleen will contact Chris Zeigler in AC Public Works about any needed replacement of scenic byway signs from FDOT shop]

B. Micanopy Chamber Contact- David Carr reported that he and Ed Geers do not recommend the Chamber as the organization for the scenic byway program—this group is focusing on other projects. Also Town of Micanopy has not been a strong supporter yet.

Regarding a **non-profit application for the Old Florida Heritage Highway**, Debrah Miller mentioned the possibility of FDOT funding to assist with the application. She also noted other byway organizations in FDOT District 2 (St. Johns and William Bartram) are organized as coalitions, and this organization may be appropriate for our byway considering the partnerships already working on the byway. Another District 2 byway (Penny Farms) is under the non-profit garden club structure. There was discussion among the group and by consensus it was agreed to seek non-profit status.

5. Possible Grants- Commissioner Byerly is working with GM Transportation planners on a grant thru the state Office of Greenways and Trails for US 441 multi-use path (p. 111 of Master Plan).

Kathleen will determine if the Bikes Belong grant (<http://bikesbelong.org/>) [Deadlines for Bikes Belong grant are : May 26, August 24, and November 23, 2009.] could be used for bike trailhead at Williston Road gateway. Kathleen provided Steve Scanlan with some info on a federal grant program and staff will try to determine if this is a possible funding source.

6. Other-

A. Communication with Keep Alachua Beautiful on anti-litter effort- Kathleen reported on ongoing efforts to engage student volunteers.

B. Additions to Agenda- Commissioner Byerly announced that Florida Works has federal money for a summer employment program for youth. Interested organizations/businesses can submit work projects. Deadline for application is May 15.

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