

Old Florida Heritage Highway Corridor Management Council December 8, 2010 Minutes

Present: David Carr [Chair, Byway business]; Ed Geers [Vice Chair, Micanopy Historical Society]; Lucinda Richardson [Evinston Resident]; Scott Richardson [Evinston Resident]; Ashley Wood [Evinston Resident]; Alicia Wood [Evinston Resident]; Todd Baker [Evinston Resident]; Rev. Les Singleton [Micanopy Area Chamber of Commerce]; Judy Harris [Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Dept.]; JulieAnne Tabone [FPS]; Andi Christman [Paynes Prairie SP]; Dekova Batey [Gainesville PW Bike/Ped Program]; Debrah Miller [FDOT District 2 scenic byway coordinator]; Steve Scanlan [FDOT Engineer]; Kathleen Pagan [County GM], Chris Zeigler [County Public Works]; Bob Finck [PBS&J, FDOT consultant];

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by David Carr who asked everyone present to introduce themselves. Draft October Meeting minutes were approved unanimously [Motion by Scott Richardson with 2nd by Judy Harris].

NSB Grants

Debrah Miller mentioned the schedule of the 2011 National Scenic Byway grant program is unknown. The state program is likely to apply for a grant to fund a phone app for tours. She mentioned there maybe possibility of 2 grant applications per corridor presented to the state for review. She noted the emphasis on livability and sustainability from the federal program.

There was general discussion of possible grant approaches, with gateways and kiosks discussed, noting the Micanopy Kiosk has high priority. If the 2010 announcement is not known at time of 2011 deadline the next phase of Paynes Prairie Visitors Center will be re-submitted, but there may be opportunity for a 2nd application and staff will work with Bob Finck on possible projects.

Kathleen Pagan mentioned she received an email from ACT/Hutch Hutchinson in advance of meeting mentioning the need for a sign at Prairie Lodge site near Rochelle, but noted the NSB grant program is a very long process so may not be best funding for this project. JulieAnne Tabone mentioned way-finding, and Debrah Miller noted many state byways apply for a specific grant for a way-finding plan. Ed Geers noted the CMP Action Item #19 recommends a 'vintage' signage convention for the Old Florida Heritage Highway.

Chris Zeigler mentioned the importance of public property, LAP agency certification, and maintenance requirements.

Motion: by Alicia Wood, 2nd by Ashley Wood, to review the gateways and kiosks from the Master Plan. Approved unanimously.

Judy Harris mentioned the Island Grove Masonic Lodge nomination to the National Historic Register, and the grant application to the Plum Creek Foundation for windows replacement/repair. She asked staff to review the designation documents to verify if the Lodge is mentioned.

Andi Christman presented a print copy of the Phase 1 Deliverable for the Paynes Prairie Preserve Visitors Center project. Project info is online at www.prairiefriends.org. There was recommendation to link to OFHH website www.scenicus441.com.

Alicia Wood requested a large map showing public lands to review at the next meeting for discussion of wayfinding.

Byway Organization

Nominations for New Officers: Scott Richardson [President]; David Carr [VP]; Alicia Wood [Secretary/Treasurer]. Elections will be held at January meeting.

Steve Scanlan noted another social fundraiser could be considered.

Other

Ed Geers announced the work funded by the American Battlefields grant is underway.

Next Meeting will be announced by staff.