

Old Florida Heritage Highway Corridor Management Council
September 22, 2010 Minutes

Present: Mike Byerly [Alachua County Commissioner]; Debrah Miller [FDOT District 2 scenic byway coordinator], Steve Scanlan [FDOT Maintenance Engineer]; Kathleen Pagan [County GM], Bob Finck [PBS&J, FDOT consultant], Phillip Still [PBS&J, FDOT consultant], Ed Geers [Vice Chair, Micanopy Historical Society]; Matt Bledsoe [DEP/Paynes Prairie]; Miriam Deckert [Gainesville Cultural Affairs]; Hope- Howland Cook [Exec. Dir., Bike Florida]; Rachel Weissler [Ride Dir., Bike Florida].
Evinston Residents Lacinda Richardson; Scott Richardson; and Alicia Wood.

Meeting was called to order at 2:35pm by Ed Geers. Without a quorum of persons other than agency staff, the minutes of the June meeting were reviewed but no action was taken. Introductions were made by everyone.
Approval of Agenda by consensus.

Bike Florida Spring 2011 tour .- Staff of Bike Florida presented information. Hope Howland-Cook is Executive Director, Bike Florida & Share the Road. Alachua County VCB awarded a \$30,000 grant for this event. Camp McConnell is the Micanopy overnight camp site [Thursday, March 31, 2011]. There will be bike routes along the scenic byway corridor, excluding the Ecopassage/ US 441. It is possible as many as 1,000-1,200 bicyclists may take part. Bike Florida will work with the Micanopy Chamber of Commerce and all interested and qualified vendors. The decision of how the evening event will be organized must be made by the town businesses. Bike Florida will announce a planning meeting in Micanopy.
[Commissioner Byerly left the meeting at this time].

Byway support organization development – Ed Geers presented the draft bylaws with subcommittee revisions. Discussion followed concerning quorum and board dismissals. All present discussed these changes:

Section 2.07. Change as follows: A quorum at the annual membership meeting shall be a quorum of the Board [as determined by bylaws] and at least an equal number of members.

Strike subsection 2.07. “members who vote.....”

Section 2.02.- Strike “with or without clause.”

Motion by Alicia with a 2nd by Scott to accept the bylaws as so revised. Approved by consensus, no objections.

Planning for Micanopy Fall Harvest Festival (Oct. 30 & 31)- Will provide FDOT and bike/ped safety materials. The byway brochure will also be promoted. Booth staffing schedule will be circulated, and all are welcome to participate.

Dial & Discover - Miriam Deckert reported low call volume for the Micanopy cell phone tour, and Ed mentioned the card was recently included in a newsletter mailing from the Historical Society. There was discussion of some changes to the card [adding site 401 and museum interior site]. Debrah Miller will print more cards for the Fall Festival.

Miriam is again working on the brochure and website, with funding from a VisitFlorida grant until June 2011. Someone mentioned a new cell phone tour sign is needed at the Evinston Methodist Church.

Kathleen will provide Island Grove information and contacts to Miriam. Also Cross Creek contacts.

7. State program survey- Debrah Miller explained FDOT is completing survey process, we can request specific state support. [Note: On October 12 webinar about the process it was announced it is possible to submit the surveys late. Survey can still be submitted- wmaloney@corridorsolutions.net, results early 2011]

8. Report on Island Grove Masonic Lodge national register nomination/ possible letter of support- staff will draft for next meeting

9. Other –

Bob Finck will assist Kathleen Pagan to draft annual report. He also reviewed the state scenic highway website and identified some OFHH photos were incorrectly posted to the Heritage Crossings byway. Kathleen Pagan notified the state program staff to request correction of this error.