

Other Issues 2011

33) Describe how well the CME has operated.

We have a committed core membership regularly at meetings and carrying out the work of the CME in accord with our Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. We have cross-over membership with other local organizations such as Save the Loop, Audubon, Ormond MainStreet, Citizens for Ormond Beach, the Florida Native Plant Society. Since designation we have maintained successful working relationships with local governmental bodies; Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelly and Volusia County Councilman Carl Persis spoke at our forum in April. We monitor the activities of our neighboring byways, the Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway and the A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway. Our community outreach and education efforts have been highly successful given the size of our CME.

34) Describe how partnering and coordination efforts have worked.

Our partnering relationships have continued to be both productive and highly enjoyable. The Ormond Beach Historical Trust continues to provide us with meeting space in the historic Anderson Price building. Staff from Tomoka State Park and North Peninsula State Park have been directly responsible for our most successful education and outreach efforts, a trail walk last November and a public forum this year in April. Again this year a collaborating organization donated a tree for an Arbor Day planting in Fortunato Park with a CME representative in attendance. We contributed an endorsement for Snell Legal Services' bid for grant money and federal recognition of a historic Byway resource, the Old Ormond Beach Fire House. They achieved designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

35) Provide discussion of any other issues the CME feels are relevant to the corridor's success.

Gary Balogh of FDOT worked with us beginning in January to implement a pioneering byway accreditation program designed to assure the continued success of our CME. Our chair and two other CME members attended a seminar in Deland in February to learn about the program and we have worked hard over the intervening months to submit our application for Level I accreditation for critical review and then to revise it in response to suggestions from Corridor Solutions for final submission this month.