



**ORMOND SCENIC LOOP & TRAIL
CORRIDOR ADVOCACY GROUP
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**Chair – Joe Jaynes
Vice Chair – Laura Bamberger
Secretary – Paula Wehr**

CALL TO ORDER – May 30, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Joe Jaynes in the Auditorium of the OB Library. Due to scheduling conflict, the May meeting was held on the fifth Wednesday rather than the normally scheduled fourth Wednesday.

ATTENDEES

Garry Balogh (FDOT,) Rob Bird, Richard Gardner, Joe & Karon Jaynes, Lauren Kornel (County Planner), Elizabeth Matej (OB City Planner,) Dorothy & Dick Pflieger, Rita and Marty Press, Marty Price, Paula Wehr, Ginger & Bill Young

MINUTES

Misspelling of the word “bureaucracy” was corrected on page 2, paragraph 3. Marty Press moved to approve the minutes with corrected spelling. Rich Gardner seconded. All members present voted to approve.

UPDATES from FDOT/County/City

Lauren Kornel distributed four copies of the “final” CMP to CAG Chair (Joe Jaynes), Secretary (Paula Wehr), Secretary, City of Ormond Beach (given to Elizabeth Matej) and the Library. Lauren noted that page ii – to be signed by the Secretary of FDOT – is missing and will be provided as soon as the signature is received. A second document containing all the appendices was provided to SHAC but no copies were available for CAG members.

Lauren reported no funds remain from the grant for the consultant charged with creating the CMP.

Paula sent an e-mail notice to all CAG members providing a copy of the June 14 SHAC agenda and the call-in phone number to listen to the SHAC discussion.

CAG ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Scenic Highway Sign Placement on Corridor: Garry Balogh and Joe Jaynes drove the entire loop to select the sites for FSH signs. A map of the route, with location and types of signs was distributed to all members. Florida Traffic Operations Dept. will review and approve the locations and size of signs. To minimize signage along the route, FSH signs will be co-located with existing traffic signs, where possible. A1A and Granada Blvd. are under FDOT jurisdiction. County and City authorities will be contacted regarding roads under their responsibility. Paula made a motion to accept the map with recommended sign locations/types so Garry can submit the plan to Traffic Operations Dept. and contact the City/County and obtain all required approvals. Marty Press seconded. All members present approved the motion. *NOTE: An e-mail from Garry Balogh on 6/11/07 states that the map is no longer correct. Signs cannot legally be placed in several locations recommended on our map. FDOT Traffic Operations is working on a revised signing plan. Garry will let us know when he receives a revised plan. Additionally, Michelle Gallagher said the City of OB does not need to approve placement of FSH signs.*

Vic Spruill, Engineer with FP&L made a short presentation about funding procedures for burying electrical utilities, Public Services Commission requirements, new technology for manufacture of more wind-resistant concrete poles, FP&L policies to strengthen their infrastructure which will decrease outage time for restoration of

power, pole inspection schedules, tree trimming requirements and trimming cycles. He then answered specific questions from CAG members and explained pros and cons of burying utilities, impacts on vegetation where lines will be buried, easements which are needed for conversion to underground utilities and coordination with other utilities (i.e.: cable TV, telephone) when overhead electric wires are buried. He also spoke about the cost to city/county for conversion as well as the cost to individual residential/business customers when utilities are converted to underground. City/County governments set standards for new construction – much of which is required to be underground. FP&L met with Volusia County during May to discuss underground initiatives. FP&L has no specific policy for tree trimming on designated scenic highways. The National Electrical Safety Code governs their trimming policies, but they can make exceptions on canopy roads when healthy tree limbs hang over lines but do not have vegetation which interferes with the wires. FP&L notifies City and County governments before trimming and can notify the CAG as well. **Action: OSLT will send a written request to be notified before tree trimming is done on OSLT roadways. Joe suggests the letter include OSLT's vision and goals with a recommendation that FP&L develop a policy specific to trimming on FSH designated roadways.** Vic distributed informational packets about FP&L programs to all members in attendance.

Rob Bird attended **The Friends of A1A Meeting**. He reported the 501(c)(3) paperwork was mailed today. When they attain 501(c)(3) status they will be able to more aggressively raise funds. Budget discussion included upgrading their website. Board members will make a decision during the summer months.

Maggie Sacks, Executive Director of **Ormond MainStreet, Inc.** will make a presentation at the June 27 OSLT meeting.

Joe reported that John Noble, Deputy City Engineer, talked about the two **John Anderson Drive alternatives** at the June 5 City Commission meeting. Details of each alternative can be found on the City website (see: <http://www.ormondbeach.org/JohnAndersonDr/JohnAndersonDr.htm>.) Budget will be a major consideration in the decision which will ultimately be made by City Commissioners.

An article in the May 30 News-Journal reported that Granvil Tracy obtained a county building permit earlier this month to build a two-story, \$1.4 million home on the 15-acre parcel he owns at the southwest corner of John Anderson and Highbridge Road. The same article reported that “Tracy said he’s retained environmental consultants to make sure his home will blend into the landscape unobtrusively.” **Action: OSLT will send a letter to Mr. Tracy to invite him to attend our meetings and work with us to preserve and protect the environment surrounding his new home.**

Laura Bamberger, who could not attend the meeting, reported via e-mail that she spoke with Garry Balogh and Kristee Booth regarding funding sources for a traffic calming study as discussed at our April meeting. OSLT is not currently eligible for DOT funds but we can check on funding from the Traffic Operations Safety Fund and/or the Traffic Engineering fund. Traffic Engineering funds work through MPO; we would need to be on the funding priority list, which may mean a considerable wait time. Garry also suggested that we check with the Safety category of National Scenic Byway grants after we receive certification. *NOTE: This e-mail was not discussed at the meeting due to lack of time before the Library closed.*

Submitted by Paula Wehr, Secretary