

Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History
Corridor Management Entity

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May 4, 2010, 9:00AM

Meeting Flagler Co. Chamber of Commerce

I. Call to Order

Chairman John Siebel called the meeting to order.

Attendees: John Seibel, George Hanns, Michael Palozzi, Sandra Stubbs, Carl Laundrie, Bob Finck, Bill Ryan, Richard Barnes, Angela Hamilton, Nate McLaughlin, Mary Ann Ruzeki, Wanda Maloney, Frances Kidd, Cindy Neal, Ed Caroe, Ray Stevens, Vivian Richardson, Steven Jones, Garry Balogh, Mary Ann Clark, Bruce Piatek, Barb Kelly

II. Review of March 2, 2010 Minutes:

Chairman Siebel asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none and the minutes were accepted.

III. Old Business:

1. Treasurers Report

Barb Kelly presented the treasurers report.

2. Grant Committee Report

A. Enhancement/NSB: Michael Palozzi reported that the submittal of an "Enhancement Grant" for the Heritage Highway Interpretive Center was well received by District 5 staff and that we have 45 days to prepare the application. He stated that we need to have Flagler County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) add this item to the DOT priority list for the County. John Seibel stated that we should make a presentation to the BCC. George Hanns said that a presentation would be helpful and that the County's lobbyist might be able to help when the issue arrives in Tallahassee. Mr. Hanns suggested contacting County staff to discuss the issue and insure that it gets on the BCC agenda. John Seibel suggested working with both the BCC and County staff to get the job done. Michael Palozzi said that PBS& J would put together the presentation for the BCC. Mr. Seibel and Steven Jones offered to make the presentation to the BCC. Mr. Palozzi suggested that we get letters of support from all the governments and supporting organizations in the county.

B. CRA: Mr. Palozzi stated that the City of Bunnell CRA has applied for grant funds for the 5 entrance features so that they can be landscaped. The state that PBS&J will draft a support letter for the Chairman's signature.

3. Website Update: Bill Ryan reviewed the status of the web site. He stated that he did not have the money for new software. Michael Palozzi offered to have his web site person help Bill get the job done. The need to have own the domain name was

discussed and it was decided that both the dot "com" and dot "org" names should be purchased.

4. 501C.3 Application - Barb Kelly reported that the application was submitted and we are waiting for the determination letter from the IRS.

5. Partner Reports:

A. Ag Museum: Bruce Piatek reported the FDOT and Inwood consulting held a meeting at the Museum to discuss the effort to develop a safe crossing from the Ag. Museum over US#1 to the Hewitt's sawmill, Fort Fulton and Old Kings Road sites west of US#1. The group agreed that the best option was to install a bridge over US#1 that would serve as an entrance feature to Flagler County and provide safe public access to the historic sites and miles of public lands. Bruce circulated the concept plan around the room. He stated that he hoped Heritage Crossroads would help lead the effort to get this improvement funded.

B. Holden House Reception: Mary Ann Clark and Bill Ryan discussed the wonderful addition of historic artifacts and portraits from the Jose Herdandez family. These items are a very special addition to the history of Flagler County. The Historical Society is working with the County to get the portraits on display at the Government Services Building so that more people will be exposed to them.

C. Beautify Bunnell: Angela Hamilton reported on the clean up effort held on April 24th and stated that it was a success. She also reported on the effort to get an Amtrack train stop in Bunnell.

D. National Maritime Heritage Area Project: Mr. Piatek discussed the Nation's Oldest Port meeting he attended in St Augustine. The meeting concerned the effort to create a Heritage Foods Guide Book and Heritage Food Trail Map. Both of the items would be used to market local foods, foods that reflect the areas history and ethnic groups, and planned visits that offer food or farm experiences. This is a beginning effort to develop Agri-Tourism which the St. John's County Commission is supporting.

E. Historical Society Meeting in Korona: Mary Ann Clark reported that the Flagler County Historical Society held their meeting at the Catholic church in Korona and the members were treated to a Polish lunch and tour of the original church.

IV. New Business:

1. One-year Objectives/Goals - Mike Palozzi discussed the need to review the organization's objectives and goals as stated in the CME Plan. Chairman Seibel appointed a committee to work on the goals and objectives with the committee supported by Michael Palozzi.
2. A1A Scenic & Coastal Byway Report - none given

3. Scenic Waterways - Steven Jones reported that there is an effort to get Bulow Creek and Pellicer Creek designated as scenic waterways. Barb Kelly offered the members an opportunity to take a pontoon boat ride on Bulow Creek.
4. Corridor Solutions - Best Management Practices: Frances Kidd and Wanda Maloney of Corridor Solutions discussed how to take the organization to the next level. They discussed forming a membership organization and fund raising. They are working to develop best management practices for a number of FDOT CMEs. They met with several people after the regular meeting ended.

Other New Business:

- A. Bill Ryan Painting discovery - Bill Ryan was commended for his research and work to correctly identify the subject of a painting in the British Museum as Osceola's wife and son.
- B. Ed Caroe informed the group about his project to build the "Children's Memorial Garden" along the river.

VI. Adjourn - 10:15 AM