

Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History
Corridor Management Entity

MINUTES

June 1, 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, Bob Finck, Angela Hamilton, Mary Ann Ruzecki, Cindy Neal, Ray Stevens, Vivian Richardson, Steven Jones, Garry Balough, Mary Ann Clark, Bruce Piatek, Barb Kelly, David Graeber, Laura Clark

II. Review of May 4, 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/Fund Raising Committee Report

John Seibel discussed the committee structure and discussed the need for separate grant and fund raising committees. Steven Jones moved to keep the committees separate, George Hanns seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Michael Palozzi gave an update on the Bunnell enhancement grants and noted that support letters were needed to support these grant requests. The Heritage Highway Interpretive Center grant needs to be listed by Flagler County as priority for funding as an enhancement project. Steven Jones and Michael Palozzi will meet with County staff and make a presentation to the County Commission to get the grant added to the DOT priority list for the County. John Seibel stated that we will need community support and letters of support for the project. George Hanns stated that support from the County should be strong and that the Commission has been very supportive of these types of projects.

Michael Palozzi discussed the four corners property in Bunnell and the need to acquire the property for development as pocket park. The City of Bunnell and the CRA are hoping to get support from the Florida Community Trust for purchasing the property.

3. Corridor Solutions Meeting Report

Consultants Wanda Maloney and Frances Kidd met with ME members to discuss the sustainability of CME's and the need to develop 10 to 18 Best Management Practices (BMPs). These would be things the CME would need to have and will

make the CME's more creditable. John Seibel stated that we will do what needs to be done. Michael Palozzi stated that he will send out operating budget examples and discussed the need to review the Action Plan in the CME document to assess how we have been doing compared to the goals that were set out.

4. Corridor Itinerary Update Report
Michael Palozzi reported that PBS&J will host the website and that Kelly from PBS&J is working on the site and will make it more direct and easy to use. Steven Jones reported that he had purchased the domain names that were discussed at the last meeting and is donating the first year's cost.
5. 50(c)3 Status - Nothing new to report.
6. Meeting in St. Augustine - National Heritage Area
Barb Kelly reported that she with Glen Hasting and others who discussed St. Johns County's efforts to get Agri-tourism going. St. Johns County is pushing this issue and Barb will keep our interest on their agenda.
7. Bulow Boat Trip
Steven Jones and Barb Kelly reported that the trip was a great and that we need t work to keep the river pristine.

IV. New Business:

1. A1A Scenic & Coastal Byway Report
Mary Ann Ruzecki reported on the Friends on A1A photo of the Matanzas inlet that was used as a fundraiser, and the \$30,000 from the state that was given for an environmental project which was an environmental education fair. She also reported on Flagler Beach's 85th birthday party, anf the removal of invasive plants.
2. Scenic Waterways - Steven Jones reported that here is a effort to get Bulow Creek and Pellicer Creek designed as scenic waterways
3. Florida Ag Museum Safe Crossing Project
David Graeber and Laura Clark, consultants with Inwood Consulting, reported on their project funded by FDOT to propose a safe crossing of Highway US1 at the Ag. Museum site. This study was needed to provide a safe way to move museum visitors from the main museum site to the Hewitt Sawmill property on the west side of the highway. Many options were considered with the best solution being a bridge crossing over US1. This structure would continue the existing trail system west of US 1, provide safe access to the sites of Hewitt's Sawmill, Fort Fulton, and Old Kings Road. David Graeber stated that the bridge would be a "force multiplier" it would provide for the combining of resources to develop a greater good. he stated that this project would: 1. connect the property, 2. increase the trail system, 3. provide safe assess, 4. be a visual marker for entering Flagler County, 5. provide greater public visibility and a visual experience, 6. connect

many historic sites and allow public assess and education, and 7. increase recreational opportunities. The issue is bigger than the Ag, Museum and it will need leadership that is external to all the property owners. David Graeber asked if Heritage Highway would take on the role to achieve this goal? John Seibel stated that he felt it was the role of Heritage Crossroad to take on such projects. Garry Balough said that we will need a partnership to get funding from the two available pots; public land holdings and enhancement. George Hanns stated that the County can provide a letter of support. *Mary Ann Clark moved that Heritage Highway accept responsibility to do the project and take the leadership role. Barb Kelly seconded the motion.* Discussion of the motion: Garry Balough suggested that way finding (signs) begin at the north end of the county and then push south along the highways. John Siebel stated that this is a big undertaking and called the question. *Vote was unanimous and the motion passed.*

4. Brochures: The brochure was discussed and it was stated that membership categories should be added. George Hanns suggested involving volunteers and high school children and use the Legacy program at Princess Place as a model. This might provide a workforce for service projects.
5. 4 Corners (Bunnell) project: (previously discussed)
6. Fund Raiser - June 19th at Thunder Gulch - Barb Kelly passed out tickets to be sold by the members. Discuss took place on what the funds are for: touring kids along the highway, improving the attractiveness of the corridor, a graphics package to help publicize the highway, and involvement with the Future Problem Solvers at the high school were discussed.

Other New Business:

1. Steven Jones moved that the group join the Chamber of Commerce, seconded by George Hanns, passed unanimously.

VI. Adjourn - 10:30 AM