



**CITY OF TAMPA
GREENWAYS & TRAILS
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

January 17, 2006 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Kate Jackson Community Center, 821 Rome Avenue, Tampa, FL

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Sandra Strokes, Mary Helen Duke, Nina Mabileau, Will Sutton, Alice Sutton, Stan Kroh, Mike McNabb, Sally Thompson, Ross Ferlita, Doyle Mann, Karla Price.

The meeting was called to order by Sally Thompson, Chair.

- A. Introductions - Chair Thompson asked all in attendance for self introductions.
- B. Public Comments - Chair Thompson was opened the floor for public comments. There were none.
- C. Minutes of November 10, 2005 – Duke stated the minutes were in the meeting packet from the last CAC meeting. As there was no quorum, no action was taken.
- D. 2005 Trail Accomplishment - Duke referred to the handout listing 2005 Trail Accomplishments. She thanked everyone on the CAC and especially Sally Thompson, Karla Price, FDOT, the City Transportation Division and others for all the work that had been accomplished through the years on trail development. Because of this, about 11.59 miles of trail were constructed in 2005.

Presentation

- E. Trail Mileage Marker Survey – Eagle Scout Candidate Will Sutton made a presentation on a survey he conducted at the October 2005 Mayor's Fitness Walk on types, sizes and placement of trail mileage markers at Al Lopez Park. Sutton provided a copy of his study to GTCAC members. He outlined the project scope, survey questions, project execution tasks and approval process. He noted that most respondents liked the marker size to be 2.5' tall, markers at 1/10 mile intervals; trail to run counterclockwise; marker placement on right side of trail; provide distance information; and incorporate knee or waist high markers at a later date. Duke asked the GTCAC for feedback on the project. GTCAC members supported the project concept. Duke stated that for the project to go forward, the project proposal to paint the markers would need:
 - a. Parks & Recreation Department staff approval;
 - b. Review of proposed letter sizes and fonts for distance information;
 - c. Review all types of markings on existing trails.

Mabileau commented that the lettering should be 4" to 6" in height to be readable.

Duke stated she would meet with Sutton within the next week to provide comments and recommendations on the project scope and possible implementation.

Old Business

- F. Tampa Greenways & Trails Master Plan Map Amendment – Review Public Workshop Comments & set Public Hearing date (suggested date: March 21, 2006).

Duke passed out summary of written comments received on the master plan amendments. She stated the information and map is posted on the website. She recommended conducting the public hearing before the March meeting, with the regular meeting to follow. Thompson agreed.

- G. Regional Trails Priority List – Status Report

Duke reviewed the draft regional trails priority listing and explained the process the CCC Multi-Use Regional Trails Committee developed to establish a criteria rank scoring system. Duke explained that different criteria are eligible for various point scores. Thompson asked the benefit of this initiative? Duke responded that statewide transportation enhancement funds might be allocated by FDOT using this system. Duke discussed the Courtney Campbell Causeway Scenic Highway Trail and how it was ranked lower currently than the Upper Tampa Bay Trail and the South Tampa Greenway. However, the state is very interested in the project due to its recent Florida Scenic Highway designation.

- H. FY 06/07 – FY10/11 FDOT Tentative Work Program

Duke provided an update on projects in the new FDOT tentative work program. She explained that the South Tampa Greenway: Friendship Trail Crossing & Trailhead Study and the South Tampa Greenway: Friendship Trail (Manhattan Avenue Connections) projects had achieved candidate status. Staff is providing follow up information to FDOT to move projects to gaming status.

- I. Bayshore Boulevard Bike Trail – Status Report

Nina Mabileau provided a status report on the southbound bike lanes planned for Bayshore Boulevard. Engineering will occur in 2008 and construction in 2009. There is \$2.4 million total in programmed TE funds. There is \$464,000 on 2004 TE “gaming” funds; \$1 million in TE “candidate” funds. The total project cost estimate is \$7 million. There is limited overlap between projects. There is an A scope of work for the TE funding; and a B scope of work for other funding. The plan is to provide a 4-foot southbound designated bike lane and realign the road with 11-foot wide travel lanes. The landscape median will be a minimum of 15.5 feet wide and will serve as a pedestrian haven. Lanes will be restriped and crosswalks installed. She reported that a contract for a signal at Howard Avenue has been given to a contractor to install – probably by summer. Signals were also recommended for Bay to Bay and Platt Street, but these are not funded yet. Ten blocks of sidewalk on the west side have been completed in the last two months at a cost of about \$130,000. There are right-of-way issues in other sections and will need to get easements from property owners. Some medians openings may be closed.

J. Courtney Campbell Causeway Statewide Transportation Enhancement Letter of Support

Duke requested a letter of support for a \$400,000 TE application submitted by Pinellas County on behalf of the Courtney Campbell Causeway Scenic Highway Advisory Group. The GTCAC voted by consensus to support a letter to be approved and signed by the chair.

K. Riverwalk – Status Report

Duke updated the GTCAC on the Riverwalk USF Park opening later this month and encouraged members to attend.

L. Website – Status of Update

Duke reported that the updated trails web pages were very close to being posted. Thompson requested that GTCAC members be emailed the website when it was up and running.

M. I-4 Connector/McKay Bay Nature Park Mitigation

Duke presented the proposed trail alignment as part of the Z Alignment for the I-4 Connector. She outlined the two options presented by FDOT (North Option and South Option). The South option did not include a north/south connection to the northwest side of Adamo Drive at 34th Street or complete trail construction between 34th Street and 50th Street. The North Option places the trail between a major arterial and an expressway. After discussion of the issues related to each option, the GTCAC by consensus agreed that the South Option was preferable.

N. Membership Report

New potential members Sandra Stroka, Doyle Mann and Mike McNabb were introduced to the group. Discussion followed on official representation. It was agreed by consensus that Sandra Stroka will serve as the Disabled community voting member, Doyle Mann will serve as the alternate Disable community voting member and liaison to the Tampa Bay Wheelchair Sports Club. Mike NcNabb will serve as the McKay Bay Greenway representative. Tom Bryan asked about the voting status of the Friendship Trail Bridge Corporation. Duke replied they are a liaison agency.

O. I-4 Connector/McKay Bay Nature Park Mitigation

NEW BUSINESS

P. Safe Routes to School Grant Application

Duke reported that a Safe Routes to School grant application had been submitted to conduct a feasibility study for crosswalks at all trail crossings within the City limits.

OTHER BUSINESS

Q. Other Business: Tom Bryant asked about the status of the Gandy Boulevard Crossing Study.

- R. Next Meeting Date: Chair Thompson announced that the next GTCAC meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at the Kate Jackson Community Center, 821 S. Rome Avenue 6:30pm

ADJOURN

- S. Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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Approved: