



## MEETING NOTES

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**City of Tampa Greenways & Trails Citizens Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2006 6:30pm – 9:00pm  
Kate Jackson Community Center  
821 S. Rome Avenue, Tampa, Florida**

**Attendees: Sally Thompson, Sally Flynn, Randy Stribling, Nina Mabileau, Erle Boynton, Samantha Fenger, Michael Moule, Mary Helen Duke, Demian Miller, Jean Dorsback, Stan Kroh, Noah Kroh.**

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The City of Tampa Greenways and Trails Citizens Advisory Committee (GTCAC) typically meets the second (or third) Tuesday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. This month's meeting was held in the Kate Jackson Community Center (821 S. Rome Avenue). The following bullets summarize key issues from the meeting:

### **Introductions/Minutes**

The meeting was called to order and everyone introduced themselves. There was not a quorum so no meeting minutes were approved; they will be provided at a later date.

### **Presentation**

#### **C. South Gandy Transportation Study**

Michael Moule and Demian Miller were on hand to present the status of the South Gandy Transportation Study. Jean Dorsback of City Transportation stated that the Mayor and City Council would conduct a Work Session at 9am at the Tampa Convention Center. She stated that comments from the public would not be allowed. Demian Miller reported that Councilman Dingfelder was on the committee with representatives of the community and no staff served on the committee. Demian went through the powerpoint presentation (see handout) and described the study and findings. He noted that a traffic signal would probably be needed going into the Georgetown development. He noted the MacDill AFB traffic, as well as the four laning of Manhattan Avenue between Gandy Boulevard and Euclid. The concept of light rail was also evaluated, but the study findings were that there was insufficient density to support light rail at this time. A major recommendation of the study would be to improve and open the Tyson Avenue corridor (old CSX railroad corridor with 30' of CSX and 45' of row) between Westshore Boulevard and Manhattan Avenue for roadway purposes. Michael Moule provided an overview of proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Members of the committee expressed concern over the proposed four-lane cross-section that does not include bike lanes for the Tyson Avenue Connector and requested that bike lanes be included in the project. Erle Boynton noted concern for need for on-road bicycle facilities as well. The proposed 2 lane cross section does include bicycle lanes. Micheal noted that he wrote a technical memo that outlined the 4 or 5 options for the Gandy Boulevard trail crossing. He noted that the underpass option was thrown out for consideration by FDOT. The 1<sup>st</sup> choice would be a grad separation. It's physically possible, but expensive. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option would be a crossing at Westshore

(grade separated). This is not desirable due to the high turning volumes. The 4<sup>th</sup> choice was a mid block crossing with a signal.

### Old Business

- D. Trail Mileage Markers/Safety Railings/Gateway Signs/911 Emergency Status Report** – Mary Helen Duke provided a status report and noted progress being made in this area.
- E. Regional Trails Priority List – Status Report** – Duke noted we should know by January 2006 the status of the Courtney Campbell Causeway Statewide Enhancement funding application.
- F. Riverwalk** – Status Report - Duke referred the members to the handout.
- G. Development Review Report** - Duke reported significant development activity and noted work with the Central Park Village project is ongoing. She reported staff is working to connect the Tampa Heights Greenway to Perry Harvey Senior Park.
- H. Membership Report** - Duke referred to handout.
- I. Blueways** - Duke reported significant progress is being made now that the county has agreed to do the mapping required for the project. She referred the members to the draft McKay Bay Greenway/Blueways Map and requested feedback/input.
- J. I-4 Connector (A Alignment) McKay Bay Nature Park Mitigation/McKay Bay Greenway** – Duke reported the status of the Z Alignment negotiations as ongoing with FDOT. City staff is not fully supportive of the proposed mitigation and has requested additional. A response from Karen Palus to the GTCAC letter is pending.
- K. Greenways & Trails Master Plan Map Amendments (review edits)** – Duke provided handouts of the draft document that continues to be refined prior to submittal to City Council for adoption. She noted maps are still in development and unfortunately, this project often takes the back seat to more pending issues. Duke requested feedback and input from GTCAC members on the draft document.
- L. Tampa Heights Greenway** – Duke reported FDOT is working on installing landscaping and the greenway is starting to look great. City staff is still looking for funding for the trail development. Earlier targeted funds have been used for Cyrus Green cost overruns. She encouraged members to go see the progress.
- M. River Tower/Sulphur Springs Trail – Status Report** - Duke reported that the City attorneys are still in negotiations with FDOT attorneys regarding the indemnification clause for the air space agreement.
- N. Hillsborough River Greenway: Blake Trail Status Report** – Duke reported that progress is being made on the Presbyterian Village section and that the Tampa Preparatory School easement agreement has been secured.
- O. MacDill Trail (Bayshore Boulevard to MacDill Avenue)** - Duke reported that staff is evaluating cost estimates from Flexi-Pave. The PD&E costs are too high and the city may reject the estimates.

### New Business

- P. 2007 Meeting Calendar** - Duke presented a proposed meeting calendar for GTCAC consideration. As there was not a quorum, the calendar was endorsed by consensus.
- Q. Bicycle Bash By the Bay** – Duke encouraged GTCAC members to participate in this new bicycling event at the St. Pete Times Forum on October 29, 2006 from 11am – 5pm.
- R. Natural Habitats Corridors & Gaps Committee** - Meeting will be held October 2, 2006 on the 24<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Hillsborough County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

- S. Pops in the Park - Duke announced this upcoming event at River Tower Park and encouraged GTCAC members to attend.

**Other Business**

No other items were introduced for discussion.

**W. Next meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kate Jackson Community Center, (821 S. Rome Avenue, Tampa, Florida).

Submitted by: Mary Helen Duke, AICP

**Adopted on: January 16, 2007**