



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

January 16, 2007 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Kate Jackson Community Center, 821 Rome Avenue, Tampa, FL

Draft MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Erle Boynton, Ross Ferlita, Stan Kroh, Nina Mabillean, Larry Weatherby, Sally Thompson, Randy Stribling, Mary Helen Duke, Sally Flynn, Jim Hartnett, Samantha Fenger, Kevin Dwyer, Jill Buford, Helen Buford.

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

- A. Introductions - Chair Thompson asked all in attendance for self introductions.
- B. Minutes of September 19, 2006 meeting were corrected – “probable” changed to “probably” upon a recommendation by Chair Thompson. The minutes of the July 18 2006, September 18, 2006 and November 21, 2006 GTCAC meetings were adopted, with corrections unanimously.
- C. Public Comments - Chair Thompson was opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Presentation

D. Greenways & Trails Master Plan Map Amendments (review edits) - Mary Helen Duke provided a status report on the Greenways & Trails Master Plan Map Amendments. She reported that refinements to the amendments are being made and maps developed. She reported there had been limited time during the past two months to work on the refinements and maps due to other work obligations. Duke explained that the City wants to get the amendments adopted by City Council prior to the update of the City’s Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Element. The plan is being reconstructed around theme areas, as opposed to separate elements. Elements are not required anymore. Samantha Fenger said the comprehensive plan is updated every 7 years. A flyer was included in the agenda packet for upcoming workshops.

Old Business

- D. Trail Mileage Markers/911 Emergency - Al Lopez Park Plan – Status Report Duke provided an update on implementation of Trail Mileage Markers. She showed the GTCAC the Al Lopez Park Plan. The next step is to review the plan with parks & recreation administration and order markers.
- E. Riverwalk – A status report on the Riverwalk was provided in the packet. Duke reminded everyone of the upcoming ground breaking for Platt Street.

- F. Development Review Report - Duke explained that there was significant activity, with more mileage secured through the development review process to benefit the trails system. One project of concern is Ashton Woods. Wall Street extends south as a maintenance road along "The Big Ditch". Duke reported that the plans depict an existing chain link fence that the developer proposes to move 70 to the east. Duke reported discussions with staff from the City Water Department indicated that the fence could not be relocated due to the monitoring wells within the landfill area to the east on the perimeter of the allium sludge landfill. Duke also reported that the Stormwater Department did not think the ditch could be culverted without providing for a natural water filtration system. It is expected that the developer will have to replan the subdivision. The impact on the planned trail along the east side of Walk Street is undetermined. Staff will continue to monitor. A 5' wide sidewalk is planned on the west side of Wall Street, this cuts through about twenty driveways. Jill Buford noted that the developer made commitments to clean the stormwater ditch/canal along Canal Street to make the water free flowing, clean the path area used for mountain biking and to replace culverts where needed.
- G. Membership Report – None. Blueways – Status Report Duke reported that significant progress is being made on the mapping of Blueways. The Hillsborough County GIS is taking the lead now on mapping efforts. Draft maps have been reviewed and are being refined. Staff is working on a matrix of amenities at Blueways Trailheads.
- H. River Tower/Sulphur Springs Trail/Air Space Agreement - Duke reported that FDOT now only wants a Special Use Permit. Work should begin soon on this project.
- I. Hillsborough River Greenway: Blake Trail Status Report - Duke reported that the easement agreement with Presbyterian Village has been secured and work on this 300 foot trail section should occur soon. Duke reported that the design work on the Tampa Prep section would be done with the redesign of the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park. Negotiations continue with the Hillsborough County School System.
- J. 2007 Meeting Calendar - A 2007 meeting schedule is included in the agenda packet.
- K. 2006 OGT Land Acquisition Grant Application - Duke reported that a land acquisition grant was being applied for four parcels along Interbay Boulevard as part of the MacDill Trail. She had a copy of the application available for review at the meeting.

New Business

- L. 2007 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application - The City is considering applying for an RTP application this year. Staff plans to attend the state RTP grant workshop in a couple of weeks.

Nina Mabileau reported on the Bayshore Transportation Enhancement project funded at \$2.4 million. The first segment will be the road diet section. Future funding of the trail is up in the air.

Nina Mabileau suggested that the City apply for a Safe Routes to Schools grant. Improvements near Robinson High School were recommended for an enhanced crosswalk. Duke stated that an application was submitted last year that was unfunded. Duke plans to apply again.

- M. Courtney Campbell Causeway Scenic Highway Trail – Crosswalks – Duke reported on the two pedestrian fatalities at Bay Harbor Drive. A motion was made to draft a letter to FDOT on the need for enhanced pedestrian crosswalks the Courtney Campbell Causeway
- N. Manhattan Avenue Leg LAP Agreement – Design Services Scope of Work Status – Duke reported that the Scope of Work was being drafted for the Design of the South Tampa Greenway: Friendship Trail - Manhattan Avenue Leg (Tyson Avenue to Interbay Boulevard. This project will be designed in 2007, with construction starting in 2008. Jill Buford discussed the South Gandy Transportation Study and noted that the stakeholder committee also did not like the 4 lane cross section on Tyson Avenue that was presented by the consultants.
- O. Friendship Trail Gandy Crossing/Trailhead Feasibility Study – LAP Agreement – Status - Duke reported that we are waiting on FDOT to forward a draft LAP Agreement for City Council action. This is the \$75,000 study.
- P. Gandy Enhancements Repackaging – Comment Letter – Duke referred to the handout in the agenda packet on the Repackaging of the Gandy Enhancements project. Duke noted that due to the bids coming in at over \$47 million, with only \$25 million budgeted, FDOT has rescoped the project. Part of the repackaging will negatively impact trail width on the north side of Gandy Boulevard between the US Marine Corps Training Center and the Culbreath Key Apartments. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Jill Buford and 2nd by Jim Hartnett to draft a letter, which reiterates the importance of retaining the 12' wide shared use path.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Q. 8 On Your Side Health & Fitness Expo Information Booth – February 1 and 17, 2007, Tampa Convention Center 8am –5:30pm. Please stop by/Volunteers welcome. Mayor Iorio will be on hand to greet visitors and will conduct an interview with Irene Maher between 5pm – 5:30 pm. This was provided as information.
- R. Step Up Florida Walks (information)
 - a. February 16, 2007 Rampello School Downtown Walk
 - b. February 24, 2004 Lowry Park Zoo Walk
- S. TampaBayCycle Month 2007 (May) – Duke explained this upcoming initiative.
- T. Other Business: Jim Hartnett asked about the Coffee Shop on Adamo Drive. Duke reported she had heard about it but had not seen it yet. She will conduct a site visit. This shop compromises the Ybor Bike Trail.
- U. Public Comment: None
- V. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2007 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Kate Jackson Community Center, 821 S. Rome Avenue 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- W. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Thompson.

- W. 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: