

Florida Scenic Highways Program

Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC)

Application Review Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes

When: Wednesday, July 11th, 2012 - 1:30 to 3:30pm

Where: Room 479 of the Haydon Burns Building,
605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399

A Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting was held on Wednesday July 11th, 2012 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm at the Burns Building in Tallahassee, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to review and provide a recommendation regarding the **Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway Eligibility Application**.

INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened with the members of the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee (SHAC) introducing themselves:

- Robin Birdsong, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Jeannette Hallock-Solomon, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- David Dodd, Visit Florida
- Bob Jones, Florida Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation
- Anne Glick, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Brian Telfair, Federal Highway Administration (via teleconference)

Others in attendance or via tele-conference:

- Jeff Caster, State Scenic Highways Coordinator
- Garry Balogh, FDOT District 5 District Scenic Highways Coordinator
- Diane Boorum, Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway
- Bob Finck, Atkins
- J. Travis Johnson, TranSystems
- Nancy Lee, FDOT
- Dan McCormick, Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway
- Andy Nicol, TranSystems
- Mike Palozzi, Shaw Group

Mr. Caster thanked the attendees for coming to the meeting and gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Caster led a group conversation about the possibility of adding a tiered program to the Florida Scenic Highway Program Work Plan. To help guide the conversation Garry Balogh described his accreditation program that he created in FDOT District 5 (http://corridorsolutions.net/AE_FDOT5/1-7.htm) for an example of adding extra requirements on Florida Scenic Highways. The conversation continued with each member expressing their ideas for a tiered program. No decision was made and it was decided to continue the discussion at future SHAC meetings.

Action Items: Information concerning the accreditation program in District 5 will be distributed to the SHAC. The discussion of the tiered program will continue at a later date.

DISCUSSION OF THE SCENIC SUMTER HERITAGE BYWAY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

The proposed Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway (Byway) corridor is located in central Sumter County and extends through the cities of Bushnell and Webster and the communities of Linden, Tarrytown, St. Catherine, Lake Panasoffkee, Sumterville and Rutland. The corridor is approximately 62 miles (mi) in length. Like many of the designated scenic highway corridors around the state, this scenic highway is comprised of a network of state and local roadways that interconnect the communities it passes through. The roadways and associated communities are depicted on **Figure I, the Corridor Map**. The following roads are included in the Byway corridor:

State Highways

- SR 50 from the General James A. Van Fleet Trail State Park to CR 478A
- SR 471/South Market Boulevard from CR 478A to CR 48 (east side of Webster Loop)
- US 301 from CR 478 to CR 673
- US 301/South & North Main Street from CR 476 to CR 470
- SR 44 from CR 470 to the Withlacoochee River (Sumter/Citrus County line)

County Roads

- CR 478A from SR 50 to SR 471/South Market Street
- CR 478 from SR 471/South Market Street to US 301
- CR 673 from US 301 to CR 476B
- CR 476B from CR 673 to CR 476
- CR 476 from CR 476B to US 301/South Main Street
- CR 470 from US 301 to SR 44
- CR 48 from SR 471 to CR 747/Shoe Factory Road (north side of Webster Loop)
- CR 747/Shoe Factory Road from CR 48 to CR 478 (west side of Webster Loop)

The comments/recommendations provided by the SHAC in regards to their review of the Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway Eligibility Application review forms are available upon request and will be transmitted to the CME for inclusion into the Designation Application.

1. Robin Birdsong
 - a. Approved Eligibility
2. Jeannette Hallock-Solomon
 - a. Approved Eligibility
3. Anne Glick
 - a. Approved Eligibility
4. Brian Telfair
 - a. Approved Eligibility
5. David Dodd
 - a. Approved Eligibility
6. Bob Jones
 - a. Approved Eligibility
7. Keith Bettcher
 - a. Denied Eligibility

The SHAC voted 6-1 to approve the Eligibility Application.

Jeff Caster led a discussion of the FSHP 2012 Work Plan. He discussed the current goals and objectives of what the Work Plan will address. A draft copy of the Work Plan is available upon request. The Work Plan will continue to be in the review phase until approximately September 2012 when it will be present to the FDOT Executive Committee for review and discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

A discussion of the newly authorized Federal Transportation Bill (MAP-21) and the development of a Florida Scenic Highways Foundation followed the original agenda.

NEXT SHAC MEETING

The next SHAC meeting will be held on 10/10/2012 at 1:30 pm at the Burns Building in Tallahassee, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 3:30 pm.

Figure 1

