

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 19, 2009

TO: Shawn Hartzler, Robert Jones, Jerrie Lindsey, Kerri Post, Brian Telfair

FROM: Mariano Berrios, Florida Scenic Highways Program, State Coordinator

CC: Garry Balogh, Lynne Marie Whately, Andy Nicol, Clint Eliason

SUBJECT: Scenic Highways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2009
Designation Application Review: River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway

A Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm at the Burns Building – Lafayette Room in Tallahassee, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to review and provide a recommendation regarding the **River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Designation Application**.

INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened with the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee (SHAC) introducing themselves.

- Bob Jones, Bureau of Historic Preservation
- Shawn Hartzler, Division of Forestry
- Brian Telfair (Absent from meeting – form sent in), Federal Highway Administration
- Jerrie Lindsey (Absent from meeting – form sent in), Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Kerri Post (Absent from meeting – form sent in), VISIT FLORIDA

Others in attendance or on tele-conference:

- Andy Nicol, TranSystems
- Renee Tallevast, River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway
- Jessi Smith, River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway
- Garry Balogh (tele-conference), FDOT D5 Scenic Highways Coordinator
- Kristee Booth (tele-conference), EMS
- Naomi Nichols (tele-conference), River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway
- Kevin Davidson (tele-conference), River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board Member

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

DISCUSSION OF THE RIVER OF LAKES HERITAGE CORRIDOR SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION APPLICATION

The proposed **River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway (ROLHCSH)** limits encompass a 120-mile route throughout Volusia County. The primary roadways that identify the ROLHCSH are US 17 and US 17/92 beginning at the Putnam/Volusia County line and proceeding south through the towns and cities of Seville, Pierson, Barberville, DeLeon Springs, DeLand, Orange City, and DeBary to the bridge crossing the St. Johns River at Lake Monroe. The corridor also includes the cities of Lake Helen and Deltona, and the communities of Cassadaga, Osteen, Samsula, Enterprise and Glenwood. To include valuable intrinsic resources many feeder roadways were included: CR 3 that runs parallel to US 17 from just above Pierson to DeLeon Springs; Grand Avenue (CR 4053) connecting DeLeon Springs through Glenwood to DeLand; New York Avenue (SR 44) from the St. Johns River Bridge to Prevatt Ave. just east of I-4; Summit Avenue (CR 4139) south to Martin Luther King Jr. Beltway (CR 4101); the western segment of West Old New York Avenue (CR 4110) to Hontoon Road (CR 4125); Hontoon Road south to the St. Johns River; Dirksen Drive (CR 4162) from US 17/92 east to Lakeshore Dr. /Enterprise-Osteen Rd. (CR 5758) then south on SR 415 to the St. Johns River; SR 11 from US 17/92 to the north Volusia/Flagler County line where the proposed Scenic Highway meets up with Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Scenic Highway. The corridor also intersects the Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway.

The following comments/recommendations were provided by the SHAC (review the SHAC sheets):

1. Bob Jones – Approved
 - a. Very well put together CMP
 - b. Liked that the name has “heritage” in it. Very nice collection and density of heritage resources.
 - c. Very easy to read document and nice graphics and layout.
 - d. The comprehensive plan relationships were very strong. Good to see that.
 - e. Great local support
 - f. Was not clear where local jurisdictions signed resolutions were located.
 - Response – These are located in the Appendix.
 - g. May need future clarification about the CME Organization.
 - h. Good job with the Protection Ordinances.
2. Shawn Hartzer – Approved
 - a. Good community participation.
 - b. Good partnerships and agreements.
 - c. Need more strength about mitigating growth and development in the area.
 - d. Great corridor story.
 - e. The layout and the maps in the CMP were very easy to read and done really well.
 - f. The protection techniques were strong and detailed.
3. Brian Telfair – Approved, no comments
4. Jerrie Lindsey – Approved
 - a. St. Johns River protection objectives seem slim.
 - b. Given that wildflowers are a focus of experience, the applicant should work to plant and encourage local ecotypes. Great opportunity to connect “butterflying,” a growing pastime amongst wildlife viewing enthusiasts.

- c. Lists Community Participation (CPP), but no documentation (numbers of participants).
 - Response – This is in the Appendix.
 - d. Hopes the group will continue to press or integrate bike/pedestrian trails.
 - e. Given proximity to many natural areas and growth pressure, protection techniques seem to be important. The CMP didn't seem to address protection from growth to a significant or adequate level.
 - f. Doesn't tie protection techniques to corridor protection very well.
 - g. There is a list of potential funding/grants, but no discussion of what they might be used for.
 - h. Didn't see the CMP mentioned in the comprehensive plan elements.
 - Response – There are resolutions from the county and cities to incorporate areas of the CMP into comprehensive plan elements.
5. Kerri Post – Approved
- a. Liked the corridor vision, but would like to see a more futuristic vision.
 - Response – The corridor vision was written as if it is in the future.
 - b. Liked the E-newsletter communication tool.
 - c. Great support for the corridor, but could not find any written agreements.
 - Response – These are in the Appendix.
 - d. Great Florida corridor story.
 - e. Would have liked to see a marketing plan or time table, however, the organization funding sources were viable and appropriate.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

The SHAC completed their Evaluation of Applicant Corridor forms and voted 5-0 in favor of this corridor as a Designated Florida Scenic Highway.

NEXT SHAC MEETING

The next SHAC meeting will be held on June 17, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Burns Building in Tallahassee, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berrios thanked everyone for coming and for his/her efforts with the Florida Scenic Highways Program. The meeting concluded at 3:00 pm.