

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2009

TO: Shawn Hartzler, Robert Jones, Jerrie Lindsey, Jo Penrose, Brian Telfair

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

CC: Garry Balogh, Beatriz Caicedo-Maddison, Lynne Marie Whately, Andy Nicol, Clint Eliason

SUBJECT: Florida Scenic Highways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2009
Designation Application Review: Broward County A1A Scenic Highway
Extension Application: Indian River Lagoon (IRL) – Fellsmere Corridor
Extension Application: Indian River Lagoon (IRL) – Pineapple Avenue

A Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm at the Burns Building – Room 479 in Tallahassee, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to review and provide a recommendation regarding the **Broward County A1A Scenic Highway Designation Application, the IRL - Fellsmere Corridor Extension Application, and the IRL – Pineapple Avenue Extension Application.**

INTRODUCTION

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

- Bob Jones, Bureau of Historic Preservation
- Shawn Hartzler, (Absent from meeting – forms sent in), Division of Forestry
- Brian Telfair (Absent from meeting – forms sent in), Federal Highway Administration
- Jo Penrose (Absent from meeting – forms sent in), Department of Community Affairs
- Jerrie Lindsey (Absent from meeting – no response), Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission

Others in attendance or on tele-conference:

- Lynne Marie Whately, TranSystems
- John Rude, Broward County A1A Scenic Highway
- Andy Nicol (tele-conference), TranSystems
- Clint Eliason (tele-conference), TranSystems
- Garry Balogh (tele-conference), FDOT D5 Scenic Highways Coordinator

- Beatriz Caicedo-Maddison (tele-conference), FDOT D4 Scenic Highways Coordinator
- Dan Manley (tele-conference), Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc.
- Mike Palozzi (tele-conference), PBS&J
- Beth Mitchell (tele-conference), Indian River Lagoon Scenic Byway
- Gladys Leeks (tele-conference), Broward County A1A Scenic Highway
- Roberto Gonzalez (tele-conference), FDOT D7
- IRL Corridor Management Entity (CME) Members (tele-conference)
- Broward County A1A CME Members (tele-conference)

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

DISCUSSION OF THE BROWARD COUNTY A1A SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION APPLICATION

The proposed **Broward County A1A Scenic Highway** limits encompass 32 miles along SR A1A from the Palm Beach County/Broward County line to the Miami-Dade/Broward County line. The corridor travels south on SR A1A, then turns west on the 17th St. Causeway, then south on US 1, then turns back east on Dania Beach Boulevard. The corridor then comes to a “T” intersection and turns on SR A1A north to the causeway or south to the county line. (Map Attached)

The following comments/recommendations were provided by the SHAC:

1. Bob Jones – Approved
 - a. The partnership agreements were not signed in the CMP.
 - Response – the group was still getting these together when applications were sent out for review, they have been obtained and are included in the Final CMP.
 - b. Good visitors and convention resources.
 - c. Geographically, there are some holes in the local preservation.
 - d. The CME should have done a historic properties survey.
2. Shawn Hartzer – Approved
 - a. Good, detailed maps in the CMP.
3. Brian Telfair – Approved, no comments
4. Jo Penrose – Approved
 - a. There should be more emphasis on transportation and safety in the goals, objectives and strategies.
 - b. The CME appears to be very active in gaining the designation.
 - c. The corridor story was well-written.
 - d. Right-of-way for bike lanes must be protected, particularly since several segments are planned for resurfacing. The FDOT Design Office has a new policy on bicycle lanes during resurfacing.
5. Jerrie Lindsey – No Response

DISCUSSION OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY – FELLSMERE CORRIDOR EXTENSION APPLICATION

The proposed **IRL – Fellsmere Corridor Extension** travels 27 miles from US 1 west on Micco Road, then south on CR 507, then east on CR 512 back to US 1. This will be an extension off of US 1, which is currently part of the Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway. (Map Attached)

The following comments/recommendations were provided by the SHAC:

1. Bob Jones – Approved
 - a. The vision was very basic and was the same as the overall corridor’s vision.
 - b. There was minimal local support represented in the application.
 - c. What entity within the extension corridor pushed for the extension designation?
 - Response – The City of Fellsmere and the IRL CME.
2. Shawn Hartzer – Approved
 - a. The corridor vision is very basic and could be expanded upon. It does not make me want to travel the corridor.
 - b. Great pictures.
 - c. Could use more letters of support.
 - d. Good use of GIS Maps.
3. Brian Telfair – Approved, no comments
4. Jo Penrose – Approved
 - a. Needs more on economic development and tourism in the goals, objectives and strategies section. How will this scenic highway extension lead to more visitors in the area?
 - b. The local level of support was not clear.
 - c. The environmental conditions do not seem to fit the intent of a scenic highway.
 - d. Future land use should be monitored along the extension.
 - e. Relationship to the Local Government Comprehensive Plan is unclear.
 - f. Not sure on why this roadway should be an extension of the IRL National Scenic Byway, it needs a stronger CMP.
5. Jerrie Lindsey – No Response

DISCUSSION OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY – PINEAPPLE AVENUE EXTENSION

The proposed **IRL – Pineapple Avenue Extension** travels from the north to the south for 2 miles on Pineapple Avenue in Melbourne, Florida. This will be an extension off of US 1, which is currently part of the Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway. (Map Attached)

The following comments/recommendations were provided by the SHAC:

1. Bob Jones – Approved
 - a. Very scenic, good extension.
 - b. Good protection of resources, but more protection will be needed in the future.
 - c. Good use of the state preservation grant program for signage and interpretive information.
 - d. Would like to see more stakeholders for the extension.
 - e. Would like to see the CME broaden the inclusion of resources in the local comprehensive plans.

2. Shawn Hartzer – Approved
 - a. Very descriptive corridor vision, one of the best I have ever read.
 - b. Great maps.
 - c. Very interesting history behind the area.
 - d. Well written corridor extension application.

3. Brian Telfair – Approved, no comments

4. Jo Penrose – Approved
 - a. Good ideas for protecting the character of the corridor in the goals, objectives and strategies.
 - b. Excellent narrative in the corridor story section.

5. Jerrie Lindsey – No Response

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

The SHAC completed their Evaluation of Applicant Corridor forms and voted 4-0 in favor of all three corridors as Designated Florida Scenic Highways.

NEXT SHAC MEETING

The next SHAC meeting will be held on October 14, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Burns Building in Tallahassee, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Eliason thanked everyone for coming and for his/her efforts with the Florida Scenic Highways Program. The meeting concluded at 3:30 pm.