

SUNCOAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR
FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION PROCESS

CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP MEETING NOTES
MARCH 26, 2004 @ 9:30 A.M.

Suncoast Operations Office
6638 Suncoast Parkway
Land O'Lakes, FL 34639

Present: Steven Diez, Sue Rupe, Mabel Risner, Jacqueline Morris, David Jay, Joanne Hurley, Kathryn Starkey, Tina Russo, Kathy Dunkley, Steve Luce, Elaine Pittman, Glorinda Tchn, Angella Bennett, Diane W. Jones, Jim D. Slaughter, Delaney Faircloth, David Tilki

The meeting was called to order by Steven Diez, Chairman.

Progress Notes: CAG members are working within Pasco and Hernando Counties' Evaluation and Appraisal Report process to get some corridor protections into their respective Comprehensive Plan revisions. Kathryn Starkey, Mary Jane Stanley, and Joanne Hurley are members of the CAC for Pasco County. Sue Rupe, Steven Diez and Jacqueline Morris will work with Hernando County's BCC and staff.

We received a letters of support from J. B. Starkey, Jr., Flatwoods Adventures and Florida Senator Mike Fasano, 11th. District.

Publicity:

St. Petersburg Times, January 3, 2004, "The Road To Recreation" feature article

Suncoast Parkway received the "President's Award for Excellence" from IBTTA.

The STAG (CAG sub-committee) was named "2003 Trails Manager of the Year" by Florida Bicycle Association.

Florida's Turnpike received the "2003 Supporting Agency of the Year Award" by Florida Bicycle Association.

Suncoast Trail Logo won the "Signs and Trailheads" category of American Trails' 2003 Photo Contest. The trail logo was designed by CAG member, Jim Slaughter.

Eligibility Application:

The committee reviewed five cover designs for the report and selected their favorite. The other designs/collages will be used in the body of the report.

The committee reviewed and approved the application's format for text and appendices. The final draft was approved, subject to any additional comments and corrections provided with the agreed-upon review period.

The committee returned additional Corridor Impressions Surveys and Field Inventories.

The video is in production.

Suncoast Trail maps were distributed to members. Hernando County Tourism and Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce requested electronic versions of the map.

Committee Assignments:

CAG members will continue to monitor Pasco and Hernando Counties' Comprehensive Plan Updates and Evaluation and Appraisal Reports for opportunities to include Scenic Highway corridor protections.

CAG members will also begin the process of getting each County's MPO or BCC signatures for the Eligibility Application.

CAG member, Jo Winton, representing the Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club, is battling cancer. We miss her and send our best wishes for a full recovery.

Steve Luce, representing Wilson Miller, offered to present their plans for the Bexley Ranch development, adjacent to the Suncoast Parkway, at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.