

**SUNCOAST PARKWAY SCENIC HIGHWAY
CORRIDOR ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING
MINUTES –February 23, 2007**

**6638 Suncoast Parkway
Land O'Lakes, FL 34639**

Present: Steve Diez, Chair, Rick Buckman, David Tilki, Elaine Pittman, Pat Crowley, Joanne Hurley, Lyn Shipman, Lottie Kelley, Deborah Swann, Eric Keaton, , Susan Rupe, Rachel Surrency, Angella Bennett, Kathy Dunkley.

Meeting was called to order by Steve Diez at 10:10 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

1. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
2. The group reviewed the Designation Celebration that was held on Friday, November 3 at Anderson Snow Park in Hernando County. This was a very successful event that included a BBQ lunch and concert, vendor area, designation ceremony, and bike ride.

New Business:

1. FTE's Landscape Program – As a result of the FSHP designation FTE will implement a wildflower project from SR 50 to US 98. The planting will occur in fall 2007.

The group discussed the need to track the counties' landscape ordinances to ensure buffering along the trail and roadway.

2. Suncoast Trail Ride – The next scheduled night ride is April 27. Joanne will send flyers to Pasco and Hernando Counties for their websites.
3. ITS – The Turnpike is installing poles and equipment along the parkway for the new Intelligent Transportation System project to provide traffic counters, overhead electronic message signs and highway monitoring cameras. Work should be complete at the end of this year. All new poles will be dark brown to meet the aesthetic design guidelines.

Some of the poles that were placed at the edge of the Suncoast Trail will be moved 6 feet or more from the edge of the trail pavement.

4. Community Involvement – The CAG will need to promote the Scenic Highway designation to the communities through events such as a “Trail Day”, cooperation with county-sponsored or community events.

Next Meeting: The next meeting date will be in late May 2007. Joanne will send invitations.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.