

**SUNCOAST PARKWAY SCENIC HIGHWAY
CORRIDOR ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING
MINUTES –March 31, 2006**

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

Present: Steve Diez, Evelyn Klopp, Kathryn Starkey, David Tilki, Kathy Dunkley, Angella Bennett, Rachel Surrency, Elaine Pittman, Dora Bean, Pat Crowley, Joanne Hurley

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

Public Comment:

Kathryn Starkey gave an overview of the Billboard legislation now under consideration by the FL Senate (SB566). She urged members to contact members of the Legislature.

Elaine Pittman recently underwent surgery for Breast Cancer. She reminded the group to support upcoming "Relay for Life" awareness and fundraising events.

Old Business:

1. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting. Kathryn Starkey made a motion to approve the minutes. They were approved.
2. All required signatures were obtained for the Suncoast's Designation application page – Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough MPOs, SWFWMD, CAG Chairman.
3. Each of the above-listed County BOCCs, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, and SWFWMD signed a copy of the CME Agreement.
4. In January 2006, 9 copies of the completed binders (Designation Applications) were delivered to Carter-Burgess in Orlando. Seven copies are distributed to the SHAC, a copy to the State Scenic Highway Coordinator, Mariano Berrios, and a copy to Carter Burgess.

New Business:

1. SHAC review, tentatively scheduled for May 2006, has now been postponed to July 20, 2006. SHAC will meet in Tallahassee. Joanne Hurley will attend or participate via teleconference.

The SHAC will either recommend acceptance or denial of the application, or they may ask for additional information to be considered, as they did with the Suncoast's Eligibility Application. Their recommendation will be sent to FDOT Secretary, Denver Stutler. Sec. Stutler will send this letter of acceptance or denial to Florida's Turnpike. This usually occurs 4-8 weeks following the SHAC review.

2. In hopes that the application will be accepted, CAG began discussion to plan a dedication ceremony and reception. Several sites were mentioned with most favoring the SR 50 Trailhead site.

3. Signage for a Scenic Highway is controlled by the State Scenic Highway Program in accordance with FDOT signage requirements. Signage is commonly provided at starting and ending points, and at intervals throughout the corridor. Joanne Hurley and David Tilki will coordinate with FL Tpk. They will provide a recommendation for the group's approval, pending designation.

4. The Action Plan has a number of items included for 2006. Following designation the CAG will begin work on a website and brochure.

5. The Florida Scenic Highway Program's Statewide District Coordinators' Conference is scheduled for May 10-12, 2006. Any CAG member is welcome to attend.

6. The Suncoast Trail Survey, included in the Action Plan, is ready for distribution.

7. Noted Correspondence and Publicity:

- a. Letter from Earl Burley to Victor Crist
- b. Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail Statewide Enhancement Application
- c. FSHP statewide brochure – Capture a Scenic Highway

Next Meeting: The next CAG meeting is will decided after the comments are returned from FDOT Central Office.

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