

**SUNCOAST PARKWAY SCENIC HIGHWAY
CORRIDOR ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING
NOTES –September 23, 2005**

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

Present: Steve Diez, Tina A. Russo, Diane Jones, Joanne Hurley, Elaine Pittman, Douglas Uden, Martha Campbell, Evelyn Klopp, Angella Bennett, Dora Bean, Sue Rupe, Pat Crowley, Allan Adderely, Kathryn Starkey

Meeting was called to order by Steve Diez.

Old Business:

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The CAG reviewed the letter to Florida Mining Association. Pat Crowley and Sue Rupe will follow the letter with a personal call to Chamber Representative for Florida Mining Association. Sue told of the "Hernando Rocks" project. The CAG would like to see a painted rock at the US 98 Trailhead.

Pasco and Hernando Counties' proposed changes for Comp Plan Amendment language were included in the agenda packet for information and discussion. The CAG will try to keep the process moving forward in all three counties, timed to coincide with submittal of the Designation Application.

New Business:

The purpose of this meeting was to review and approve contents of the Designation Application (binder) and elect the CME Chair and Vice-Chair.

1. Application format, design and packaging--

Angella Bennett brought 30 full-color copies of the DRAFT Designation Application for the group's review. She produced the cover design, as well as the section inserts.

2. Corridor Management Entity –

The CAG reviewed and approved the Corridor Management Entity description and the Corridor Management Entity Agreement. The group voted to transition from the CAG to the CME, upon endorsement by the Counties, the Turnpike, and SWFWMD. Two committees were discussed and approved.

The CAC committee will include—at a minimum-- representatives from the Tourism offices, the Chambers, the Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club, MPOs, and interested citizens.

The TAC will include—at a minimum-- all members of the Suncoast Trail Advisory Group (STAG) and other interested citizens.

3. Goals, objectives and Strategies, although previously approved, were included in the discussion.

4. Action Plan – The CAG indicated that the Action Plan should include a legend that describes the Potential Funding Partners. This will be included in the final document. The action plan was approved, with the two minor wording changes indicated

5. Election of officers for the CME commenced. The Steve Diez was nominated to become the CME Chairman. No other nominations were submitted and he was elected by unanimous vote.

6. Kathryn Starkey was nominated for CME Vice-Chair. No other nominations were submitted and she was elected by unanimous vote.

7. The DRAFT Designation Application will be submitted in its present form to the Scenic Highway Consultant, Andrew Nicol, on September 25, 2005. All revisions discussed today will be incorporated into the document when Andrew makes additional suggestions/comments.

8. Upon designation, the CME will organize a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Sue Rupe, Diane Jones, and Evelyn Klopp will work with Angella Bennett to plan the ceremony. It was suggested that the Ribbon-cutting occur in Hernando County at SR 50, and the party take place at Flatwoods Adventures, with a BBQ and tour of the backcountry.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

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

The meeting was adjourned.