

Grant-Valkaria Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.
Town Hall Building, 1449 Valkaria Road,
Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950

Vice Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 5:06pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and roll call as follows:

Roll Call (Town Clerk):

Jane Martin, Vice Chairperson - Present

Walter Whybrew – Present

Ashlyn Crotty – Absent/Arrived 5:12pm

Craig Smith, – Present

Don Kinney – Present

Changes to the agenda

None.

Consent Agenda

Motions by Committee Member Smith, second by Committee Member Kinney, and vote unanimous to approve the October 3, 2023, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

1. Improvements to trails and education

Committee Member Smith mentioned that the split oak trail needs maintenance and that the committee may want to highlight the split oak trail as a scenic area. Possibly mention it to EELS and have it become part of the South Brevard Plan. Committee Member Whybrew said he did some pepper busting on the Town Connector Trail. There was discussion about scheduling another workday and it was decided to do it individually with the holidays. Chairperson Martin said the Committee will need to continue to look for designated parking near Mulberry. She also mentioned going through the list of projects the Committee decided on from 2014 at the next meeting. Committee Member Smith said that he would take on updating the trail maps to reflect the new sidewalks and trails and he would also replace the bike pump. Committee Member Kinney said he would replace the maps on the Town Connector Trail and the dog bags in the waste stations. The Town Clerk mentioned that the Town had a bat house donated if the committee would like to put it up between the two back lakes; the committee consented. Committee Member Whybrew said he would come by town hall to look at it. The committee went over the measurements of the trails that were prepared by Committee

Member Smith. Chairperson Martin asked if the committee could take one of the benches from the front lake to place on bird island trail; the town clerk said she would ask. Vice Chair Crotty said that the educational bird signs were ready to be picked up and she would drop them by town hall for members to look at for installation. The committee decided to do a species spotlight in the spring newsletter. Each member would work on an article. The Committee discussed exercise equipment along bird island trail and Committee Member Craig said he would look at different parks for options.

2. Christmas Tree Lighting – 11/26/23

After brief discussion of different activities such as ornaments and pinecone bird feeders the Committee decided not to do the tree lighting because of timing and focus on Grant-Valkaria Day.

Committee Reports

Committee Member Smith suggested the Committee come up with a logo; the committee decided to discuss it at the next meeting. Committee Member Kinney said that he retrieved the trail cam and the committee should decide whether or not to keep it out there; the committee consented to keeping it. Committee Member Whybrew said he would take the cam and download the files. Vice Chair Crotty said that she purchased a Horse Parking Only sign that can be installed by the watering stations.

Adjourn

Motions by Committee Member Whybrew, second by Committee Member Smith, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Jane Martin, Chairperson. Signature on file.

Attest:

Jessica Keenan, Town Clerk. Signature on file.