

Grant-Valkaria Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.
Town Hall Building, 1449 Valkaria Road,
Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950

Vice Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and roll call as follows:

Roll Call (Town Clerk):

Jane Martin, Chairperson – Present

Ashlyn Crotty, Vice Chairperson – Present/arrived 5:13pm

Walter Whybrew – Present

Craig Smith, – Present

Don Kinney – Absent

Motion by Committee Member Smith, second by Committee Member Whybrew, and vote unanimous to excuse Committee Member Kinney absence from the meeting.

Changes to the agenda

Committee Member Smith asked if Town Administrator Mahaney was available to discuss South Brevard Linear trail meeting. Topic added as New Business #1 South Brevard Linear Trail meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Unfinished Business

1. Draft Trails Map – Update

Committee Member Martin explained the map delivered by Don Kinney was good for the Committee to review during meetings for future planning. Administrative Assistant Mrs. Birenbaum gave the Committee a Town roads map with Town limits as of last year. Committee Member Smith was working on a basemap for future trail mapping.

Town Administrator Mr. Mahaney joined the meeting at this time 5:09pm and the Committee discussed New Business item 1. South Brevard Linear Trail.

New Business

1. South Brevard Linear Trail Meeting

Town Administrator Mr. Mahaney briefly discussed the South Linear Trail meeting was only a kickoff meeting for the jurisdictions and showed the Committee the map that was discussed. He explained some of the corrections he had given for future trails at that meeting including the gas line area, the wide span of Environmental Endangered Land (EEL) areas, and areas of the Town's

interest areas in future trails. Mr. Mahaney noted that Brevard County preferred paved trails and that may require future discussion with the Town's many unpaved roads.

Committee Member Crotty joined the meeting at 5:13pm.

Committee Member Smith explained that the Town of Malabar would like to explore the use of Harris owned property to connect at Brevard County Park land to come south and more discussion was planned. Chairperson Martin asked if raised berm area on Vally Road could be discussed and asked about parking in Town. Mr. Mahaney said yes, the berm could be utilized, and parking varied throughout the Town as some areas had concerns and some discussion with EELs has been made about future parking.

Committee returned to Unfinished Business 1. Draft Trails Map – Update, at this time.

Committee Member Smith stated he would work on the map and the Committee may decide to reach out to Town staff to contract with the Town's engineer for mapping. Chairperson Martin stated they would like to have different versions of trails, one for public and one for Committee, on mapping including current trails, recreation areas, and navigable boat/kayak trails.

2. Improvements to Trails Parking

Chairperson Martin stated that an up-to-date trail map would be useful for this discussion and suggested tabling this item for discussion.

3. Grant-Valkaria Day Activities

Chairperson Martin stated she had scheduled with Eastern Florida University students to come help with Grant-Valkaria day. She reviewed the rolling carts were in and would be able to contain the Committees items in the sheds for events. The Committee reviewed the pinecone bird feeder preparation, scavenger hunt expectation, rock painting, photo contest, main table, and raffle items. Mrs. Birenbaum showed the set-up location for community vendors would be along the path near the playground and said they would request six tables for the Committee use on Grant-Valkaria Day.

Committee Reports

Adjourn

Motions by Vice Chair Crotty, second by Committee Member Smith, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Jane Martin, Chairperson. Signature on file.

Attest:

Mandy Birenbaum, Administrative Assistant. Signature on file.