

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S
TRAILS, BLUEWAYS & BIKE PATHS SUBCOMMITTEE
September 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Barbara Whittier, Mike Williams, Robert Bowden, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Mark Brandenburg

Members Absent: N/A

Winter Springs Present: Eloise Sahlstrom

Staff Present: Bryan Nipe

LOCATION: City of Winter Springs
1126 East State Road 434
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Bob Goff called the meeting to order at 7:10am

Bob- Thank you to the City of winter Springs for hosting the Trails Subcommittee this morning

Bob has been in contact with Mayor Andrews of the City of Oviedo and is awaiting a response for the next meeting.

Bryan was requested by Barbara to provide an overview of the conceptals that were created for a trail connection through downtown Oviedo as part of redevelopment. Bryan provided overview and It was agreed that in the meeting with Oviedo, the conceptual will be discussed in more detail.

Bob recommended that following the Oviedo meeting, the group should meet at the Softball Complex to go over the existing Master Plan for the County and how it relates to what has been seen in Casselberry and Winter Springs. **Bryan will provide maps.**

Mike Williams suggested that we look into overlaying our findings with the City Master Plans and County.

Staff will reach out to remaining City's for any Master Plans they have. Bob stated he would contact Oviedo to see if they had any Plans/Exhibits they could provide for the next meeting.

Overview of Winter Springs Trail Master Planning-Eloise Sahlstrom, City of Winter Springs

The current conceptual tie into the City Comp plan and they are working towards creating Trails and Parks committees.

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The City is looking into a Blueways Program in addition to the Trails Program. An idea for this Program is to connect the planned commercial tract at 417 and 434 on lake Jesup via a water taxi to the town center. There may be other possibilities for Blueway connections to other city and County locations on the St John's and Jesup.

Discussion ensued concerning possible trail connections south to Casselberry via a powerline easement.

Eloise was asked if the City had definitions for various trails it will be using. She stated they did not yet have any they just have the connections/linkages.

Bob stated that definitions for types of trails may help the City move in the right direction.

Mark questioned why the need for the definitions so early in the process.

Bob-The County has broad expanses and area for trail systems, the City is limited. Definitions would provide them a starting point.

Mike Williams-Does funding hinge on the type of trail?

Bob-Ultimately the funding comes from a Referendum.

Bryan-Funding can also come from the State or Federal and depends on the types of trails, project and need.

Bryan will provide trail definitions from Metroplan, OGT and others.

Bob stated that Winter Springs is ahead of many other Cities with defined linkages. He also stated that Marketing to the public is important for support and for trail projects to survive the next round of cuts.

Mike Williams-Stated that prior to finalizing linkages, a focus should be made on sustainability.

Bob- Prior to our next meeting, everyone should put some thought into definitions.

Bryan then provided an overview of the Trail Gateway initiative. Eloise stated that this was on the September agenda for City Council.

Mike Williams voted in as Chair of the Subcommittee.