



Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway
Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room, 14579 Southern Blvd, Suite 2

Committee Member Nina Corning
Committee Member Kathy Strehlow
Committee Member Dr. Bill Louda
Committee Member Patrick Painter
Committee Member David Miles

Town Manager Mark Kutney
Town Clerk Janice M. Moore
Town Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE/AGENDA

*Vision: To Development a Recreational Greenways and Equestrian
Trail Network for the Rural Town of Loxahatchee Groves.*

1. OPENING

- a. Call to Order & Roll Call
- b. Approval of Agenda

2. MINUTES - None

3. PRESENTATIONS - None

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Town Council Direction from 2/7/12 – Chair Corning
- b. Signage & Non-Motorized Access to Trails
- c. Signage & Non-Motorized Access to Trails & Bridge Connection for 6th Court N.
- d. Replacement of Lost “Slow for Horses” Signs
- e. Signage for Greenway Parks

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - Town Manager Kutney

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

- a. Public

- b. Committee Members
- c. Concluding Administrative Remarks

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2012.

Comments Cards: Anyone from the public wishing to address this Committee must complete a Comment Card before speaking. This must be filled out completely with your full name and address and given to the Town Clerk. During the meeting, before public comments, you may only address the item on the agenda in which is being discussed at the time of your comment. During public comments, you may address any item you desire. Please remember that there is a three (3) minute time limit on all public comment. Any person who decides to appeal any decision of this Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which included testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office (561-793-2418), at least 48 hours in advance to request such accommodation.

RETGAC Greenway Committee Meeting Report 1/10 and 1/24/12

Staff Grant Writer attended the meetings
Approved minutes are not available at this time

1. Creation of a Vision Statement

We recommend a motion to accept the creation of the following Vision Statement as created by the RETGAC:

Development of a Recreational Greenways and Equestrian Trail Network for the Rural Town of Loxahatchee Groves.

2. Easement Recommendation

a. We recommend that the town preserve and enhance all possible existing and available easements in Loxahatchee Groves.

b. Future development should provide easements for trails and Greenways. Planning and Zoning Committee will need council's direction to assure provision of such easements for the Greenways and Trails.

3. Grants

We met with the staff's grant writer twice and are getting to know what is needed for the grants. The Town Manager will report further.

4. Trail Identification

Most North-South and some East-West Trails are identifiable. However, the East-West connectivity tends to need more creativity. A committee member has volunteered to obtain the necessary maps from LGWCD. Any assistance is appreciated and committee will advice council if any further assistance will be needed.

5. Priority

- a. Motion recommended to recognize and support F Rd. upgrades a priority to allow an effective trail from the Loxahatchee Groves Park to the Royal Palm Pines Natural Area and possibly with County's help, horse trailer parking in those parks. The effective trail from park to park will include improvements to the existing trail and a continuation of the existing trail across Collecting Canal and along F Rd. to the Loxahatchee Groves Park. Please consider the importance of the park to park connection.

- b. The RETGAC Committee has voted to supports the "Southern Greenway" AKA Linear Park. A better easement from B Rd. to D Rd. using 6th Court North has been discussed. The Committee supports the 6th St. Culvert Connection just East of C Rd and the use of 6th Court North from B to D Road. Council may wish to coordinate with Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (LGWCD) to obtain more easement from the developer on 6th Court North from C to B Rd. (A continued easement width of up to 30' and clearing of the invasive plants in the easement was discussed. A better easement is encouraged prior to development, not waiting for what may potentially take years to develop, while not limiting the future width of the Southern Greenway and Buffer, AKA Linear Park.)

6. Signage

Signage is being studied for the town's greenways and trails, including but not limited to 6th Court North. Replacements for lost signs "Slow For Horses" is also being looked into.