

Mayor David Browning, Seat 4
Vice Mayor Ronald D. Jarriel, Seat 1
Councilman Tom Goltzené, Seat 5
Councilman Ryan Liang, Seat 3
Councilman Jim Rockett, Seat 2



Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

At
Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce
13901 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee Groves

Chair Nina Corning
Vice-Chair Kathy Strehlow
Committee Member Keith Harris
Committee Member Jo Siciliano

Town Manager Mark Kutney
Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple

Town Council Liaison Tom Goltzené

MINUTES 04/23/2014

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

Chair Nina Corning called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Present were Chair Nina Corning, Vice-Chair Kathy Strehlow, Committee Members Keith Harris, and Jo Siciliano. Also present were Councilman Tom Goltzené, Town Manager Mark Kutney, and Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple.

b. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Board Member Harris made a motion to approve the Agenda, as presented. Board Member Siciliano seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion passed 4/0.

c. Appointment of Chair.

Board Member Siciliano made a motion to appoint Keith Harris as Chair. Vice-Chair Strehlow seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion passed 4/0.

d. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Vice Chair Strehlow made a motion to appoint Jo Siciliano as Vice-Chair. Board Member Harris seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion passed 4/0.

Former Chair Nina Corning passed the gavel to new Chair Keith Harris, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2. MINUTES – Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2014

Motion: Board Member Strehlow made a motion to postpone approval of the March 26, 2014, RETGAC Meeting Minutes; as not all members received a copy to review prior to the meeting. Vice-Chair Siciliano and Board Member Corning seconded the motion in unison. Upon vote the motion passed 4/0.

3. PRESENTATIONS – None

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Okeechobee crossing via traffic circles, equestrian lights, traffic lights – *(Road Study Provided in Hard Copy with Packet)*.

Town Manager Kutney, responding to the topic of roundabouts brought up by Vice-Chair Siciliano during the last meeting, stated the study referred to Okeechobee Boulevard and B Road, and Okeechobee Boulevard and F Road. He further explained background, and advised the Board of their options for discussion.

Board Members discussed the lack of structure in the packet, and the need for specs, and space needed for the roundabouts.

Town Manager Kutney offered to take the information to the meeting on May 6th in order to get Town Council approval and information on funding.

Motion: Vice-Chair Siciliano made a motion to propose a request for Town Council to authorize a consultant, and staff, explore the feasibility and merits in using roundabouts on Okeechobee Boulevard. Board Member Corning seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion passed 4/0.

The Board discussed and made suggestions to Chair Harris's Master Plan for equestrian trails connecting Loxahatchee Groves with the Acreage and Wellington; the ownership of Okeechobee Boulevard; the

inclusion of Hamlin Park in the Plan; and any information that might help sell the Plan to Palm Beach County.

Town Manager Kutney suggested the RETGAC Board meet in a Joint Session with the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board.

Motion: Vice-Chair Siciliano made a motion for the RETGAC and the Planning and Zoning Board to meet in Joint Session to discuss roadway equestrian trails and roundabouts on Okeechobee Boulevard. The meeting would be on May 15th. Board Member Strehlow seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion passed 4/0.

- b. Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Administrative Rule – *(Receive and File with Packet)*.

Board Member Corning noted the Board did not receive the FRDAP Administrative Rule via email. There was nothing to discuss.

- c. Discussion on preliminary drawings for non-motorized access gates.

The Committee discussed the reasons for safety on non-motorized access gates, and how to design the gates that will be equitable for all areas. On some of the gates, original structures should be taken advantage of and suggestions were made for modifications of putting pivot points next to the canal side of the trail. Neighborhood dogs are a concern and it would be good to allow for a little distance from fences. Approximately two hundred (200) gates would be needed and once a rider goes through the gate they can travel anywhere on the trail. The locations of the gates should be recorded, and it was noted there were no locks on the gates at present. Creating an Interlocal Agreement with the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (LGWCD) to provide a trail system was a suggestion; however, funding was a concern. This matter can be brought back for future discussion.

- d. Committee request for Signage Locations

Town Manager Kutney reported that during the April 1, 2014 Town Council Meeting sign locations and costs for seventeen (17) signs at one hundred, forty-four dollars (\$144) each were discussed.

Board Member discussions revolved around a compatible sign shape and size; wordage/design on the sign; whether the Florida Statutes needed to be referenced; having signs sponsored; and considering an alternative to the existing sign and coming back with alternate recommendations to resubmit to Town Council.

It was the consensus of the Board to bring back the discussion during the next meeting after the Joint Workshop with the Planning and Zoning Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - Town Manager Kutney

Town Manager Kutney reported that, at this time, Mayor Browning had not received any applications for the new Board Member position available, and for the Board to recommend anyone they feel might be a good fit. He also reported on the \$40,000 grant funding.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

- a. Public

None

- b. Committee Members

Vice-Chair Siciliano had no further comments.

Board Member Corning noted the Board tends to complicate some items and not address others as needed.

Board Member Strehlow suggested that if the Board is to make a decision on signage they should come to the meeting with the mindset that they are actually going to choose something.

Chair Harris made an adjustment to the RETGAC Vision Statement and noted he was already practicing the requirement in the new Livestock Waste Ordinance.

- c. Concluding Administrative Remarks

Councilman Goltzené extended his appreciation to the outgoing officers for their contributions, and welcomed the new appointed officers.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk

Keith Harris, Chair

These minutes were approved during the August 27, 2014 RETGAC Meeting.