



Trails and Greenways Committee

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES
4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of 03/12/2024

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 4.a.

Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 4.a.** (Agenda_Report_Number_4.a..pdf)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. ACTION ITEMS
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.a.

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b. MSS Restoration Plan Observations and Concerns

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.b.

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c. Cameron Preserve

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.c.

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- **Agenda Report Number 7.c.** (Agenda_Report_Number_7.c..pdf)

d. Eagles Nest Trailhead

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7.d.

Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 7.d.** (Agenda_Report_Number_7.d..pdf)

e. Next Field Event - TBD

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Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 7.e.** (Agenda_Report_Number_7.e..pdf)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board Member Comments**
- b. Staff Reports**
- c. Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

9. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF MALABAR

TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4.a
Meeting Date: April 8th, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Approve Minutes of 3/12/2024

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. Summary of Actions at the Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting of 3/12/2024

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Draft Minutes of T&GC Meeting of 3/12/2024

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. Request Approval

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 12th, 2024, 6:00 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

Meeting called to order at 6:08 P.M. Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Thompson.

2. ROLL CALL:

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN
BOARD MEMBERS:	BOB WILBUR
	BARBARA CAMERON
	MARK GUNTER
GRANT/VALKARIA LIASON:	CRAIG SMITH
BOARD SECRETARY:	RICHARD KOHLER

3. Additions/Deletions/Changes- None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. Regular Trails and Greenways Committee Mtg Minutes of 2/12/2024.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as corrected by CM Hann/CM Wilbur.

Discussion: CM Cameron noted a few spelling errors.

All Ayes: Carried 5-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

6. ACTION ITEMS: None.

7. DISCUSSION

a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

VC Hann states that Cameron Preserve is currently in good shape. He noted that Jordan Scrub Sanctuary is still very wet. He is also scoping a new trail through the Cameron Preserve. He also found a natural honeybee hive along the new Super-Secret Trail and plans to share its location with the Turkey Creek Sanctuary land Manager.

b. MSS Restoration Plan Observations and Concerns

Chair asks if there are any concerns about the project? VC Hann states that he is concerned that the program has removed trees the agreement said they would keep. He requests staff send him the agreement. He also states his disappointment in the scope and quality of work done in the area, including cutting palm trees into wetlands, and complete removal of shade. CM Cameron expressed disappointment in what the area now looks like. VC Hann showed areas on the map where he feels the Program is working in wetlands. Chair asks if showing this activity to the land manager oversight board would benefit anyone? VC Hann states he feels it would not be useful. Chair states he feels the information should be passed along to the program. VC Hann states he would prefer to survey the land using the map of the agreement to see if they are leaving as many trees as they stated they would. Chair states he fears we are wasting time by reviewing this information if we do not send it along. VC states he would like to do his tree count and bring any issues to their attention at once.

c. Cameron Preserve

VC Hann asks if Staff can get a quote to repaint the Cameron Preserve entrance sign and improve the Trailhead #4 to Swallow Tailed Kite Trailhead.

Chair provided a brief summary of the OGT walk through in our trails. The representatives were very pleased with what we showed them, including the Cameron Trail Shelter, Malabar Park, The Hannway Bridge, Eagles Nest Trailhead, and the Cameron Preserve.

Clerk Kohler states that he has requested the signs be drafted to create a quote from the County Sign shop. The quote will be brought back for Board approval. Also, at a past meeting the Committee discussed the possibility of adding a trash can at the CTS. Park Board Member Thomas stated at the 2/21/2024 meeting that her husband removed about 100 beer bottles from the area and suggested that a trash can be placed there. The site has traditionally been a "Bring out what you bring in" site. Staff opposes adding a trash can at the CTS, as it may encourage people to bring refuse to the area and will be difficult and time consuming to empty. Liaison Smith states he would not like to see a trash can there. CM Wilbur agrees. Chair asks if increased signage will help. Liaison Smith states he doubts it. VC Hann states a trash can made the Kayak Launch worse. CM Gunter states that he also would not like to see one at the CTS. BM Wilbur states he believes it could also be a firepit, and he is against it. VC Hann suggests a small sign stating take out what you bring in. Liaison Smith suggests requesting a group to remove and highlight the litter. CM Wilbur suggests promoting it to the area schools. We could do it like the Adopt a Road program. Chair states he would like to post a sign at the entrances, and at the CTS. VC Hann states he feels the area is in danger of being over signed and would like to limit the signs in the area. CM Gunter states he is afraid the litter is being left by non-civic minded people. He doesn't think that a sign will deter them. VC Hann states he will donate a sign to the CTS.

Clerk Kohler states he plans to begin the review of the Cameron Preserve Management Plan at an upcoming meeting, with specific sections to review. VC Hann indicated he intends to work on the Forestry request before the next meeting.

d. Eagles Nest Trailhead

Clerk states that the Fire Department has been in contact with Heidekruger Well Drillers and have confirmed the connection scope and size. They stated they would have the quote prepared by Wednesday. Staff will bring the quote to Council for approval if it is in the range of the first quote, or back to the Committee if it is priced higher. The Committee was also able to host its fence building workday. Most of the vertical fence posts have been installed. Chair shared photos from the fence installation day. VC Hann states we need to decide how we want to finish the fence line. Chair states he would like to install the horizontal boards to keep the posts from wobbling. CM Wilbur states he feels we should get fill first. Chair states he feels we should get the well installed, then worry about the other issues. He also feels if we can get water and a trough, we could have a soft launch this summer. VC Hann suggests leaving a 30' entrance and running the fence due south into the berm. CM Wilbur suggests expanding the entrance, with trailer parking on the edge, and cars in the center. He volunteers to bring his truck and trailer to do a work through. He also believes we could expand east if needed. CM Wilbur suggests putting up the horizontal boards before placing the southern verticals. Chair states he would like to finish the fence before summer weather rolls in. CM Wilbur requests the telephone poles be removed by Public Works. Chair suggests in the future adding a corral in the northwest corner of the property. CM Cameron states a corral is not required for a equestrian trailhead, as all trailers can act as a corral. VC Hann suggests selecting the area where we plan to enter the sanctuary and suggests utilizing the northeast corner. CM Wilbur states he feels the southeast corner may be better, as it is higher land and less wet. He also hopes to have the elevations for the culvert.

e. South Brevard Trail Master Plan Group Meeting Review.

Clerk Kohler states that Staff reviewed the agenda and provided the TPO with the 10 notations included in the agenda packet. VC Hann provided additional insight into the meeting, including improved north-south connectivity, and the EELs programs disposition to avoid paved trails in their sanctuary. He also notated that EELs employee Brad Manley was allowed to stay at the meeting, even though Ms. Cameron was asked to leave, and neither was on the working group roster. Chair suggests utilizing the Vision Zero agenda to promote internal trails and get the trails away from the roads. Getting travelers off roads and away from cars will help the vision zero image. VC Hann states he entered an email exchange with the EEL Program Director discussing paved paths into the sanctuary. He feels that this may be a good opportunity to highlight our position. He is thinking about requesting the St. Johns, Melbourne Tillman, and EELs to adopt vision zero resolution, and become supportive assets in the quest for zero traffic injuries or fatalities. He understands that Melbourne Tillman's job is to move water. If their governing board adopts the vision zero program and directs them to include more trails, that would be a large benefit. CM Gunter suggests using the St. Johns Heritage Trail as an example of a successful project of this type.

MOTION: CM Hann/CM Cameron that the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee is very impressed that the Space Coast TPO was able achieve adoption by all municipalities of Brevard County onto the vision zero program, and seeks to recommend that the EELs Program, Melbourne Tillman, and St. Johns water Management District adopt a vision zero resolution to become full partners for the Southern Brevard Trail Master Plan process.

VC Hann hopes that with direction from their governing board, the groups will be more supportive of these projects.

VOTE: All Ayes (5-0)

f. Next Field Event – TBD

Chair states that the previous workday to install the fence line at ENT was successful. Does the Committee want to meet to install the horizontal fence posts? CM Wilbur states he feels that would be appropriate. Chair suggests 9 AM Friday April 5th to install the horizontal fence posts.

MOTION : CM Cameron/CM Gunter to schedule a work day for 9 AM on Friday April 5th.

Vote: All Ayes (5-0)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

a. Board Member Comments: VC Hann states he was able to meet with the Malabar Harris Site Manager, and expressed the Town's desire to utilize the easement. He would like to set up a meeting with the Site Manager, and Town Manager Morrell. They are very interested in a southern extension, and even more interested in improving Jordan Blvd. They are very interested in creating a safety exit from their plant, and would be likely to assist in the costs, and provide an easement south of their property. The goal would be to have a trail, that is built to support emergency vehicles and emergency exits. CM Wilbur suggests checking the original plans for L3 Harris to see the proposed southern exit.

b. Staff Reports: None.

c. Next Scheduled Meeting: Secretary Kohler informed the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for April 10. VC Hann states he will be unable to attend.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss;

MOTION: HANN/GUNTER to adjourn. Vote: All Ayes. The meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

BY:

Drew Thompson, Chair

Richard W. Kohler, Board Secretary

4/08/2024

Date Approved: as presented:

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TOWN OF MALABAR

TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.a

Meeting Date: April 8, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. Traditionally, members of the Committee share their recent experiences from the trails and at the trailheads.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. None

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. Discussion

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TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.b

Meeting Date: April 8, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: MSS Restoration Project Observations and Concerns

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. Chair Thompson requested this item be added to the monthly reviewed items on the T&GC Agenda. He states his hope is that this will provide a basis for some historical record of the project's impact on T&GC infrastructure as otherwise there exists no permits active to which progress / problems would be recognized by and/or acted upon by TOM.
- b. At the 3/12/2024 TGC Meeting, VC Hann expressed an interest in comparing the final MOU document to the actual work performed. The email exchange with him is included as an attachment to this agenda report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Email exchange between TC Kohler and VC Hann.

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. None.

From: Murray.Hann@L3Harris.com
To: [Richard Kohler](#)
Subject: RE: MOU
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 2:34:42 PM

Richard,

It turns out that the MOU is useless to us – there are no charts showing the actual tree counts per location (i.e. the presentation that Mike went through that showed, for instance, the exact trees at the entrance that would remain). These were not apparently included in the MOU. It's like we dropped the ball in every possible way in dealing with EELs,... so I guess we deserve whatever we get.

Thanks,
Mur

From: Richard Kohler <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:08 AM
To: Hann, Murray (US) - SAS <Murray.Hann@L3Harris.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: MOU

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Good Morning Murray,

That is the color draft of the signed document. I only have a black/white copy of the signed and recorded document (Attached). The earlier presentations included more detail, including specific photos of the entrance from MCP, and the buffer around the Eagles Nest. These items were not included in the final and approved MOU Document. Please let me know if there is anything additional I can provide you.

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From: Murray.Hann@L3Harris.com <Murray.Hann@L3Harris.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:54 AM
To: Richard Kohler <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>
Subject: RE: MOU

Hey Richard,
Is this the actual MOU, or the motion that accepted the MOU. What I mean is, the document that I recall had physical pictures identified of trees being kept per area. This just has 4-5 of the perimeter buffer type views, but not the specific photos and counts of trees being kept per location (like the location near the entrance of the concrete road, where I pointed out that folks take grad pictures, etc).

I was hoping to compare to that more specific document.

Thanks,
Mur

From: Richard Kohler <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:36 PM
To: Hann, Murray (US) - SAS <Murray.Hann@L3Harris.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MOU

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MOU Attached

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TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.C
Meeting Date: April 8th, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Cameron Preserve Update

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Cameron Preserve with additional signage and potentially updating the Management Plan.
 - a. Town Staff met with the FCT Administrator for our area to perform a site visit at Cameron Preserve, Eschenberg Preserve, and the Disc Golf Sanctuary.
 - b. On 11.01, Staff and CM Hann met with 3 members of the Florida Forestry Division.
 - i. They indicated an influx of funding will allow them to assist in cutting of firebreaks, mechanical vegetation reduction, and controlled burns.
 - ii. They also indicated that any area the Committee wishes to burn must be bordered on all sides by an effective fire line.
 - iii. Staff has developed a rough draft of proposed fire lines which would integrate the scrub habitat restoration cycle previously discussed.
 - iv. Staff has also communicated to Malabar FD about maintaining the firebreaks once they have been refurbished. If the Town procures the proper equipment, they would be willing to assist regularly.
- b. The Bike repair stand has also been received and is awaiting instillation.
- c. VC Hann stated at the 11/13 meeting he would develop modifications to the firebreak plan and provide specifications for the mechanical reduction of zone 4.
- d. At the 2/12/2024 meeting, the Committee voted on a new sign for Cameron Preserve. Staff has requested a quote from Brevard County Traffic Maintenance. The quote is attached for a final recommendation of approval by Council for an expenditure of \$434.14.
- e. Also at the 2/12/2024 meeting, the Committee discussed briefly the possibility of adding a trash can at the Cameron Trail Shelter (CTS). A member of the Parks and Recreation Board also noted an increase in refuse left at the site. Staff is opposed to this proposition, as it will add considerable time to the Public Works refuse removal schedule. Staff also feels that the inclusion of a trash can at the site will encourage more dumping. The site was intended as a "Bring out what you Bring in" site, and hopefully can be maintained as such.
 - a. At the 3/12/2024 meeting, the Committee agreed to accept a donated sign, which has been placed on site.
- f. The Committee has previously discussed their hopes for including a virtual walk through of the trail system. Town Receptionist, Judy Schultz, has volunteered to do a trial video for this project. Ms. Schultz walked the Green Trail of the Cameron Preserve, from the Swallow Tailed Kite Trailhead, past the Cameron Trail Shelter, and to the Boundary Canal Trail. The first draft is included in this agenda report for Committee discussion and recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Quote for Cameron Preserve Signage.
- b. Cameron Preserve Green Trail Video. (Link provided by Staff, file too large for inclusion in agenda.)

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. Motion to recommend to Council the purchase of \$434.14 of signs for the Cameron Preserve.
- b. Motion to accept the Cameron Preserve Green Trail as the first Video Walkthrough of the Malabar Trail System, and encourage Town Staff to create more.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
580 MANOR DR
MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32952

Inter-Office Memo

DATE: March 13, 2024

TO: Richard Kohler, Town of Malabar

FROM: Tangela Copeland, Secretary

SUBJECT: Quote for sign order

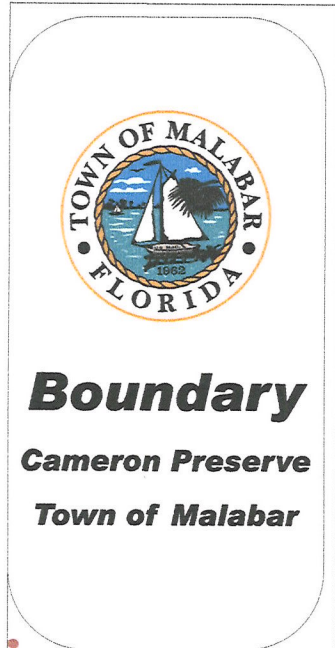
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Total Quote				\$434.14

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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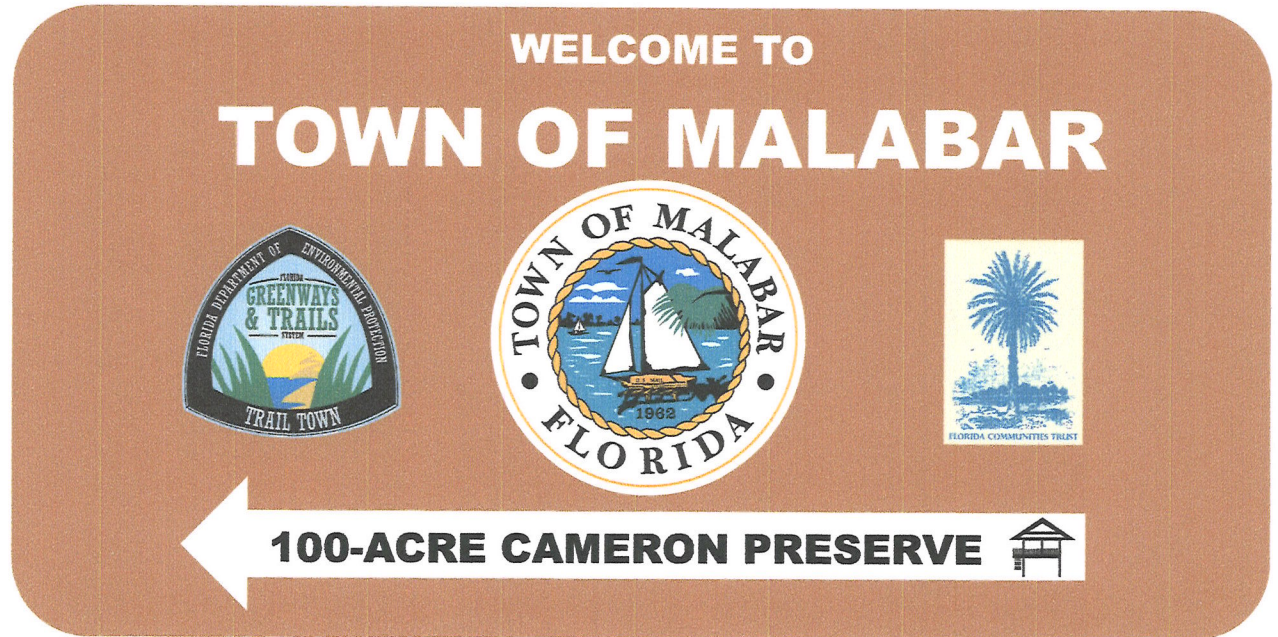
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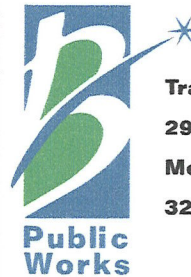
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Proposed Town
Sign with
Cameron Preserve
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TOWN OF MALABAR

TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.d
Meeting Date: April 8th, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Eagles Nest Trailhead

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Eagles Nest Trailhead.
- b. Staff has requested an engineer reviewed drainage plan and filing a permit for the drainage work.
- c. Interim Chief Giantonio of Malabar FD attended the July meeting to discuss the possibility and applicability of a Fire Well at the Trailhead.
 - a. Staff has requested a formal quote from Heidi Kruger Well Drillers (HKWD) for a 4 inch well. The Office Manager of HKWD indicated to Staff that the quote would be ready by Wednesday March 13th. The quote will be brought to Council for final approval.
 - b. As of 4/4/2024, the contractor is still seeking quotes on the connection apparatus for the well. FD Chief Foley has provided additional resources to them. Staff is hoping for a quote before the next TGC Meeting.
- d. The Committee canceled it work day scheduled for 4/5/2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. None

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. None

TOWN OF MALABAR

TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.e.
Meeting Date: April 8th, 2024

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Next Field Event - TBD

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. The Trails and Greenways Committee canceled their April 5th trail day, which was intended to complete the fence line at Eagles Nest Trailhead. The Committee may wish to schedule a workday to complete the fence line, or to install the additional signs requested and the Bike Repair Stand.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. None

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. None