

**MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 11th, 2022, 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 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Thompson.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN - EXCUSED
BOARD MEMBERS:	ANNELIE HARVEY
	BOB WILBUR
	DANIEL WAITE
ALTERNATES:	MARK BRITT
	MIKE SCHOOLFIELD - EXCUSED
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 6/13/2022**  
**Motion to accept 06/13/2022 as presented by Waite/Harvey**

**All Ayes: Carried 5-0.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**6. ACTION ITEMS: NONE**

**7. DISCUSSION**

**a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions**

Secretary Kohler shared his recent experiences in the trail system. The trails are smooth and mostly dry, with no major obstructions. Liaison Smith stated the trails looked great after the last workday. Even though there were only a few people who made it to the event, a lot was done. CM Harvey informed the Committee that the EELs program performed a controlled burn in the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary. CM Harvey and the Chair discussed the percentage of the land that was burned. CM Harvey stated she rides out there regularly and sees very little wildlife.

**b. Trail Accelerator Grant**

Chair began by stating he believes the Committee may want to expand their idea to include more trail expansion beyond the "Zig-Zag" Trail. Focus on the Zig Zag as a way for non-trail users to experience the trail system. There are several areas in the Cameron Preserve that can be enhanced. VC Hann had sent a few ideas to the BMBA of additional enhancements. A side goal of this project should be to limit trail crossings. ADA Trail enhances safety as well as accessibility to the area.

Chair then began discussing the requirements of the Grant. We should focus on projects only inside the Cameron Preserve. Parking and a sidewalk could be accomplished in a future project. Chair displayed and discussed 2 options provided by VC Hann for a redistribution of the trails. Chair states he sees at least two portion of the trail requiring an elevated boardwalk.

What will we be asking for?

Liaison Smith states that the BMBA can and will provide lots of help and equipment. IMBA will have better resources for trail cutting equipment. The focus of the project will be to reevaluate the existing trail and adding the "Zig-Zag" Trail. The paved portion of the trail will help bring in more people to the trail system. Chair states the beauty of the proposal is that we already have a great trail system, and a great set of people who help develop them. This project is a chance to improve every aspect of the system.

CM Wilbur states his belief that we should limit this Grant application to the "Zig-Zag" Trail. We can cut new trail as we see fit. Design and implementation of a paved path is out of our comfort zone. Chair suggests focusing on the "Zig-Zag" while also working on the rest of the projects in the background. When cutting new trails, we can attempt to add diversity in trail intensity.

CM Waite suggested getting more information from the IMBA about the award process. This grant application appears that we would have to send a check to the IMBA, and that is unusual for standard grants. As a backup plan, maybe just ADA accessible grants can be helpful.

Chair Thompson asks what next steps should we take? Secretary Kohler states he will work on sections 1 & 2 if the committee can work on the rest.

**c. Eagles Nest Trailhead Update**

Secretary Kohler informed the Committee that Town Staff has placed an order for a sifter, and upon delivery, the Public Works Staff will distribute "clean" dirt into the ENT for the fence line and driveway. CM Wilbur states his excitement for getting back to work on this project. Chair states we have been lucky that it is still dry out there and stresses the importance of getting that project started before it begins raining regularly. CM Wilbur states his belief that some road base will be needed before completion. Chair then discussed the Brazilian Peppers growing along the southern border. He has contacted KBB multiple times and received no response. He will continue to pursue it but is open to other suggestions. Chair suggests replicating the type of sign already made in the past. Chair then discussed the addition of a pavilion to the Cameron Preserve. The P&RB has agreed to allow the T&GC to set the placement of the pavilion in Cameron. We should be planning on this and try to incorporate the "Zig-Zag" Trail. Chair suggests a "Camouflaged" earthy tone, as well as Simpson supports.

**d. Next Field Event - TBD**

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Board Member Comments:**

- Liaison Smith stated that the Grant/Valkaria T&GC have been discussing the outfall of the South Brevard Linear Trail. They are also looking into turning Valley Rd into a trail.

**b. Staff Reports:**

- Multiple CMs stated their excitement to begin work on the ENT.
- Chair suggests having CM Waite talk to CM Sherman in Palm Bay about bringing a T&GC into Palm Bay.

**c. New Business:**

- Next Regular Meeting- August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss;

**MOTION WILBUR/WAITE to adjourn.** Vote: All Ayes. The meeting adjourned 7:59 PM.

BY:

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Drew Thompson Chair

8/8/2022

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Date Approved: as presented:

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Richard W. Kohler, Board Secretary