Attendance:
Kurt Ardaman
Lesa Boettcher
Barbara Giles
Emily Hanna
Stephen Koontz

Welcome, Approval of February minutes

Barbara welcomed executive committee members and presented the February 16, 2022, minutes for approval. Under "Steering Committee Agenda," Lesa asked to change "tomorrow" to February 17, 2022. Barbara will make the change and Lesa will post final to the web page.

Orange County Technical College Campus

Emily reported that she has made initial contact with OCPS facilities and requested site plans for the new technical college that will be built adjacent to the West Orange Trail near Ocoee High School. Kurt Ardaman suggested that she follow up with OCPS school board member Melissa Byrd if they don't provide.

Update on resolutions, letters of support

Barbara shared that all requested resolutions or letters of support with the exception of West Orange Chamber of Commerce and FDOT have been received and saved in the HWOTC public folder. Barbara will follow up with Krista Carter again.

Lesa will add the resolutions and letters to link on the HWOTC web page. Lesa also shared that the web page is drafted on the Foundation for a Healthier West Orange web site, and she sent a link to Emily, Barbara and Wendy Jarel with Jarel Communications to review.

HWOTC Prioritization Survey

The executive committee reviewed the prioritization poll sent to steering committee members. Nine members completed it, but all municipalities and Gotha were represented. Questions 1 and 2 asked about unfunded future projects and events, activities or goals for activating parks, trails and open spaces. These replies are the still similar to the Initiative Report.

Question 3 asked which trails/segments would they like to see a safety trail audit. These responses will be shared with the safety working group.

The remaining questions asked to rank initiative report goals for prioritization. They rated as follows:

1. 9.67 rating: Building the regional network of trails

2. 8.67: Creating a coordinated wayfinding system
3. 8.44: Trail advocacy and education of the value of connected trail system
4. 8.22: Developing new activation facilities
5. 8: Enhancing current and future trails to ensure trails are attractive, comfortable and accessible. Developing design/development guidelines and standards.
6. 7.78: Incorporating nature observation areas adjacent to trails
7. 7.44: Highlighting cultural/heritage points of interest
8. 7.44: Increasing trail engagement of current trails through increased programs & events
9. 6.78 Enhancing and adding support facilities

Steering Committee Working Groups

The executive committee discussed the structure of the working groups and who has committed to participate on these groups. Lesa and Kurt suggested asking Richter Rainer or Mike Neff and Kelly Carsen to join the design & connections working group. Barbara and Emily will coordinate the meetings but ask a member of the working group to take the lead.

The working groups currently are as follows:

Communications & Events
Lesa Boettcher
Barbara Giles
Mark Johnson
Elisha Pappacode

Enhancement & Restore
Joe Dunn
Barbara Giles
Nicole Kennedy
Regina Ramos
Steve Koontz

Design & Connections
Ginger Corless
Emily Hanna
Steve Koontz
Sarah Larsone
Cedric Moffet
Jim Ward
Rogers Beckett
Steve Pash

Safety
Emily Hanna

Stephanie Moss
Hanna Gutner

Emily said she will be talking to representatives from Tildenville next week who may also want to be involved. Kurt said that Tucker Ranch Park is right next to Tildenville, as an example of the addition of open space/park that the Tildenville community got behind when presented.

Project long-term timeline

Emily reviewed the timeline to achieve the HWOTC goals over the next few as follows:

2022
- Plan first event
-Work with MetroPlan on network study
- Continue to refine existing activation locations and future opportunities
- Safety Audits – begin working on trail awareness and education campaign.
- Establish general design guidelines

2023
- Refine trail connection priorities. Begin to identify grant opportunities and needs
-Establish "culture trail" through West Orange County (pending)
-Market and get sponsors for continued signature event
- Launch Trail safety and educational campaign

2024
-Finalize Wayfinding plan and develop signage package for implementation
-Continue to grow signature event
- Start Design/Construction of prioritized projects with grant funding and matching support

2025
-Continue to activate and engage the Committee, stakeholders, and the community.
-Continue to pursue grant funding / project design and construction in partnership with Committee
-Continue to monitor trailside development, providing feedback to supporting agencies

Lesa suggested adding a safety audit in 2024 also and a public input component to all of these safety audits.

Public Funding Sources

The executive committee discussed how the HWOTC might advocate for public funding, such as from the Orange County sales tax if passed. Kurt suggested that we make sure Mayor Demings and Commissioners Wilson and Moore know that we can support these if funding will be made available for trails projects in West Orange. The committee also discussed the importance of ensuring projects in West Orange make it

to the top of Metro Plan Orlando priority list. Emily will continue to work with MPO as they complete their feasibility audit and begin to make plans.

Action items

Emily and Barbara will schedule the working group meetings.

Emily will follow up with OCPS about the Technical College plans.

Barbara will send final February minutes to Lesa to post on web site.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.