



## Executive Committee Meeting April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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### **Attendance:**

Kurt Ardaman  
Lesa Boettcher  
Barbara Giles  
Emily Hanna  
Erin Hearn  
Stephen Koontz

### **Welcome, Approval of March minutes**

Barbara welcomed executive committee members and presented the March 16, 2022, minutes for approval. Minutes were approved. Steering Committee Working Groups have met and established meeting schedule, and Barbara and Lesa shared the following updates:

### **Safety Working Group**

Stephanie Moss, FDOT, is leading the safety working group. Commissioner Wilson's chief aide Hannah Gutner, Emily and Stephanie are drafting a survey focusing on safety issues along the WOT. Barbara will share the survey with the communication and events working group and discuss next steps. Survey will guide the safety working group prior to its initial safety audit.

### **Communications & Events Working Group**

Lesa shared the updated webpage and explained its evolution. Kurt questioned whether municipalities websites have this info or should link to HWOTC from their sites.

- "Take Over the Trails Day"

Lesa discussed the idea for a "Take Over the Trails Day" event this September or October held in a high traffic area along the trail. The working group proposed keeping the event smaller and at a single location for the first year and to expand next year. Eventually, each municipality will host an event on the same day. As previously discussed in the executive committee, a bicycle event connecting all municipalities, like Bike 5 Cities with events at each municipality is the eventual goal. The goals for this year's event are to share information on safety, trail etiquette and why trail connectivity is vital to our community all while hosting a fun, active event. Kurt suggested that eventually people can enjoy an event with a ride and then ending at location for a meal or celebration.

- Trail etiquette and safety brochure

Lesa shared an initial draft of the safety & trail etiquette brochure with the group. The communications and events working group will review and revise it and present it to the steering committee in May.



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### **Trail Design & Connections Working Group**

Ginger Corless is leading this group. Their first meeting established priorities and next steps. Next meeting April 26, 11 a.m.

### **Trail Restore & Enhancement**

Committee met and discussed the initial projects.

- East of Ocoee-Apopka Rd to 429 south side: CFX property using and impeding on trail – want more buffer. Joe Dunn met with them
- Ingram Road parking/outpost: Commissioner Moore and Mayor Johnson are leading this project with Orange County Parks. The goal is to turn into a more aesthetically pleasing mini-trailhead. Barbara shared OC Parks landscaping plans.
- Southeast of Hennis Road- OC Parks, Winter Garden- empty lot future development - current 10 ft. buffer. Tree donation from Bloom-n-grow to create a tree canopy. Kurt asked who owns property. He will look into it and forward to Barbara.
- Apopka projects: Nicole Kennedy pocket park adjacent to 751 N. Park ave. OC Parks will help with design and City of Apopka will implement and maintain. First joint project of its kind. Nicole will look into a project in the HWO District in South Apopka. Barbara also shared that there was an Apr. 3 neighborhood cleanup along the South Apopka portion of the trail.
- OCPS Technical College: New West Campus Site Plan – OCPS finally shared landscape plan. At the FOLA Restore and Preserve meeting in November 2021, OCPS promised adequate buffer, but it's not in plans. Joe, Emily and Ginger have reached out to OCPS, waiting for next steps politically. Kurt said he is willing to reach out to Theresa Jacobs if needed. Next meeting May 12, 10 a.m.

### **Steering Committee Working Groups**

The executive committee reviewed who has committed to participate on these groups. Since the meeting Linda Sibley has joined the Communication & Events committee. Lesa is following up with someone from Winter Garden to serve.

The working groups currently are as follows:

#### **Communications & Events**

Lesla Boettcher  
Barbara Giles  
Mark Johnson  
Elisha Pappacode  
Linda Sibley

#### **Enhancement & Restore**

Joe Dunn  
Barbara Giles  
Nicole Kennedy



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Regina Ramos  
Steve Koontz  
Commissioner Moore or aide

## **Design & Connections**

Ginger Corless  
Emily Hanna  
Steve Koontz  
Sarah Larsone  
Cedric Moffet  
Jim Ward  
Rogers Beckett  
Steve Pash  
Richter Rainer

## **Safety**

Emily Hanna  
Stephanie Moss  
Hanna Gutner

## **May Steering Committee Meeting**

May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting – working group leads will present updates.

**Action items:** Who owns property Southeast of Hennis Road- OC Parks, Winter Garden

**Next meeting:** Executive Committee Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. (online meeting) and Steering committee – May 19, 2022 (in person)