



**Executive Committee Meeting
September 21, 2022 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance

Kurt Ardaman
Lesa Boettcher
Ginger Corless
Emily Hanna
Barbara Giles

Hannah Gutner
Steve Koontz
Sarah Larson
Commissioner Nicole Wilson

Welcome, Approval of August Minutes

Emily welcomed executive committee members and presented the August 10, 2022, minutes for approval. Barbara will remove a highlight from the document and send to executive committee for final approval via email.

Updates

OCPS Technical College and West Orange Trail

Emily explained why the design guideline document is not being sent to OCPS. The document is in development in the design committee. It will take some time to complete as it will be extensive, and there isn't a comparable standard for it anywhere in the country. Ginger had provided the working group some guideline documents, but there isn't a lot out there in this context.

Joe Dunn followed up with OCPS board chair Theresa Jacobs and Orange County Parks and Rec manager Matt Sudemeyer about the OCPS Tech College landscaping plans along the trail. Matt is looking into planting some additional tree canopy, and the OCPS landscape designer will send their revisions to Joe for review.

Ginger also discussed a new Ocoee subdivision that will overlap the WOT. Ocoee is working with their landscape architect. She believes the developer understands the benefits of the trail as an amenity to the community.

Orange County Transportation Sales Tax

Emily gave some clarification of language in the Orange County transportation sales tax initiative regarding funding of multi-use paths next to roadways. If trail is less than 12 feet wide and adjacent to roadway, transportation initiative funding can be used for construction. Otherwise, the path would be considered a signature trail in Orange County and fall under Orange County Parks and Recreation budget.

Implementation Funds Spending & Strategy

Lesa explained how the HWOTC funds and endowment can be used. The initial \$5 million in the implementation fund is currently down significantly (13%) due to stock market.

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Emily reminded the group of the HWOTC mission and goals. She discussed the difference between the facilitation and implementation dollars. The goals of the executive and steering committees at this and the next meeting are how to prioritize and spend implementation dollars.

Emily reviewed the prioritization process for capitol spending. Emily explained the draft ranking system to look at each potential project. The recommendation will keep funding allocation straightforward and transparent. Lesa recommended adding matching funding and Kurt recommended adding mental health for ranking system points. The next executive committee meeting will review the ranking system in more detail. All HWOTC members will again be invited to participate.

Lesla shared the process for administration of projects and final funding approval.

There was discussion of adding an Advocacy working group, understanding that the Design & Connections working group is doing some advocacy and advocacy is part of the responsibility of each of the municipalities. It was suggested that the HWOTC ask for updates on projects that could impact the trail systems well as asking the county and cities to put the HWOTC on a checklist for developers to help keep us more informed of upcoming projects.

A motion was made to hold off on spending implementation funds until 2025, and if the HWOTC did want to spend some of the funding before 2025, they could, so long as the project is greater than \$50,000 funding ask, and meets or exceeds the scoring criteria developed by the HWOTC.

Next Steps and Upcoming Meetings

- Take Over the Trails Day – October 1, 2022
- Next EC Meeting Date: Prioritization Next Steps
 - October 27th at 10:30am (invitation pending)
- Next Steering Committee Meeting
 - November 17, 2022

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