

South Lake Task Force

Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2016 - 2 p.m.

Clermont City Hall
685 W. Montrose St.
Clermont, Florida

South Lake Task Force Members

Governing Board

*Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Lake County, D1
*Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County, D2
*Councilman Ray Goodgame, City of Clermont
*Council Member Diane Travis, City of Clermont
Mayor Tim Loucks, City of Groveland
*Council Member Dina Sweatt, City of Groveland
*Council Member Sally Rayman, City of Mascotte
Mayor Barbara Krull, City of Mascotte
Mayor Pat Kelley, City of Minneola
*Mayor Joe Wynkoop, Town of Montverde
Council Vice President, Glenn Burns, Town of Montverde
*School Board Member Marc Dodd
School Board Member Bill Mathias

Administrators

David Heath, Lake County
Darren Gray, City of Clermont
*Redmond Jones, City of Groveland
Jim Gleason, City of Mascotte
*Mark Johnson, City of Minneola
Graham Wells, Town of Montverde

TAC (staff)

Chris Schmidt
Fred Schneider
Dottie Keedy
Ryan Berger
*Jim Hitt

CAC (citizens)

*Steve Ferrell
Ben Homan
Susy Gibson
Sam Slaughter

BPAC (bike/ped)

Scot Hartle
Nicholas Sottile
Bryan Davis
Kelly Price

***Members Present**

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor Gail Ash, City of Clermont
Jim Stivender, Lake County
Paul Johns, South Lake Hospital
Shannon Hidalgo BWCP
David Hidalgo, Building Blocks
Michael Woods, Lake~Sumter MPO
Councilman Jim Ley, Town of Montverde
Brandon Matulka, LC BCC
Councilwoman Judy Smith, Town of Montverde
Jim Stivender, Lake County Public Works
T.J. Fish, Lake~Sumter MPO
Francis Franco, Lake~Sumter MPO

OPENING

Commissioner Sean Parks called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm and verified the meeting was properly noticed. Attendees introduced themselves. Commissioner Parks commented on the number of attendees; Councilman Ray Goodgame thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Hidalgo, Building Blocks complimented the new LakeXpress Route 50 service and added it is a benefit to their organization. Discussion continued.

TASK FORCE ITEMS

Dottie Keedy introduced Tomika Monterville who was recently hired to fill the Lake County Transit Manager position. Ms. Monterville commented she is very excited to be here in Lake County and shared her interest and passion in transportation. She added she is familiar with oversight and compliance and plans to work with staff and develop standard operating procedures and protect the county. Mr. Fish commented on the beneficiaries of the transit routes. Sally Rayman commented on the bus service in Mascotte and added a lot of people are taking advantage of the bus service including the City Manager.

I. LakeXpress Route 50 – Rider Survey

Michael Woods provided the rider survey on the screen and discussed each of the questions and the results. Discussion continued.

II. Status of Wellness Way Area Plan

Commissioner Sean Parks

Commissioner Parks provided an update on the Settlement Agreement and the amendment. He added they reached a settlement the early part of December and the Lake County BCC approved the settlement and the amendment. He shared information regarding the leadership team and their engagement in the process. Discussion continued.

III. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27-SR 429 Connector)

MPO Staff

Mr Fish discussed a map that was provided on the screen and shared information regarding the corridor. He provided information on the concept of the road, past history and current discussions taking place.

IV. Minneola Interchange – Construction Status

Mark Johnson provided an update on the work that has started. He shared a meeting with utilities took place this week to discuss coordination. He provided an update on the land development in the area. Jim Stivender provided an update on the roads in the area and discussed the plans for traffic calming.

V. Coast to Coast Connector Trail – Status of Segments and Phases

TJ Fish provided update on the status of segments. Mike Woods shared there will probably be a public meeting in the near future and will provide the information when it is available. Discussion continued regarding cities and counties examining the continuity of speed limit signs because of traffic issues.

VI. Bicycle/Pedestrian Initiatives – Bike-Walk Central Florida

Commissioner Parks provided information on Bike-Walk Central Florida and its mission to promote bicycle and pedestrian friendly communities. He added it is a non-profit corporation. Shannon Hidalgo added the overarching goal is to utilize bicycle and walking as a vehicle for positive economic impact and reducing health equity barriers. She thanked all of the cities, county and school board for their support and commended Mark Johnson. Discussion continued. Commissioner Parks commented on the bike pedestrian versus vehicle interactions that have resulted in transport by EMS and have increased.

VII. Status of State Road Projects and Funding

Mr. Fish provided a status on the following state road projects. Council Member Goodgame voiced his concerns regarding the construction project to build six lanes on US 27 and the traffic. Discussion continued. Redmond Jones clarified recent information on the Groveland SR 50 realignment.

- A. Construction Project to Build to Six Lanes: US 27 from Lake Louisa Road (Clermont) south to Boggy Marsh Road (Four Corners/South Clermont)
- B. Groveland SR 50 Realignment Right-of-Way Funding Request
- C. SR 50 Corridor Analysis – CR 33 (Mascotte) west to US 98 (Hernando County)
- D. Future FDOT Studies: US 27, SR 19, SR 33

VIII. Status of County Road Projects and Funding

Mr. Fish provided a status on the following county road projects. Mark Johnson provided update on Fosgate Road. Jim Hitt provided information on Lakeshore Drive improvements.

- A. North Hancock Road – CR Old 50 to north of Fosgate Road to Minneola Interchange
- B. Citrus Grove Road – US 27 to north Hancock Road and Minneola Interchange
- C. Hooks Street – Hancock Road east to Emil Janna Road
- D. Hartle Road – SR 50 south to Hartwood Marsh Road
- E. Hartwood-Marsh Road
- F. Fosgate Road – US 27 east to North Hancock Road

IX. Task Force Member Reports / Comments

Marc Dodd commented on the Sugarloaf area location and size. Ray Goodgame commented on the young kids without helmets and Jim Stivender reported the county provides helmets every year.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 3