

APPROVED

Pinellas Trails, Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2018 Taylor Park, Largo FL

Meeting called to order by President Jan Hirschfield; 11:45 A.M.

Board Members: J. Hirschfield, Pres., Scott Daniels, V.P., Chip Freeman, Treas. B. Valery, Phyllis & Bill Romanski, Jim Wedlake, Dee Turner, Mark Glendon, G. Hunt, Debra & Dan Kramer, & Aux. Rangers: L. Herring, S. Schwartz, P. Repp, B. Young, M. Donovan, J. Mangene, S. Turner, A. Goldin,, T. Brown, L. Jokinen, F. Jokinen, R. Lyle, M. Rubin, Jr & daughter & Guests, Brian Smith(BPAC), Byron Bogarth & Judy Jaroz (PC Rangers), Becky Afonso(FBA), & Mary Jo Monte(PP).

Reading & Approval of Minutes of Meeting on Dec. 5, '17, Largo Library.

Treasurer's Report; Chip Freeman:

Expenses for '18, Endowment Status, Working Carts Donations; Benches for Park Volunteers Glendon & Valery.

Families, & replacement of damaged J. Halverson, bench & plaque.

Friends' Agreement reviewed & no changes required.

Investment Policy Statement, if needed for Financial Advisor, will be delayed until summer.

Aux. Ranger bike signs purchased by Mark Glendon & taken by J. Wedlake to Carol Gray, PC Parks; Ridgecrest, for distribution.

Report Approved.

Old Business

Benches for above requested and plaques ordered to be picked up Monday.

Thank Bert & Donna Valery for bringing the lunch and all extras. S. Daniels.

Letters of support were sent for the Complete Streets of Largo(vetoed by Gov.!) & Tri-County proposal. J. Hirschfield.

Moment of remembrance silence for Glendon & Valery families losses.

Re-Election of Board Members and new Officers: S. Daniels, Pres.; J.Hirschfield, V.P.; C. Freeman, Treas., R. Valentine, Sec. Approved by vote.

'Friends' Agreement with Pinellas County Revision approved by Board vote.

Sheriff's Dept. asked if we could supply a working cart for their surveillance on the trail. We have not received a formal letter request. B. Valery.

'Complete Streets' Program presented and handout from the City of St. Petersburg. J. Hirschfield.

Bicycle & Ped. Advisory Comm. Meeting Quarterly report. - Brian Smith

Chairman, reviewed the Pinellas Loop Trail plan , funding and work in progress. Trail counters functioning at 8 sites and data reviewed. 80% bikes/20%Ped.

Reviewed Cross Florida Trail connection from Pinellas County/Pasco Cty. Line to Brooksville/Cape Canaveral. 75% complete.

Funding thru Sun Trail/State/County & local communities.

Pinellas County Parks Dept. Report: Byron Bogarth, Ranger.

Orange Ave. Bridge replacement maybe finished by Oct-Dec. '18. Flashing Light Crossing status there and other sites. Style being changed in future. Shoulder repair on various sites on Trail. St. Petersburg section being police patrolled & cameras functioning. Tarpon Springs area repairs being made. The Sheriff's Deputies are patrolling the trail after dusk to look for criminal activity.

Florida Bicycle Association: Becky Afonso, Exec. Director, Oldsmar, FL.

Reviewed the 30 year history of FBA, its activities, function, 'Messenger' quarterly newsletter, website, and membership.

Reviewed the legislative process in House & Senate for passing a bill. FBA's involvement and 'lobbying' for bicycle/pedestrian issues. 'Move Over' for bicycles/motorcycles and 'Texting while Driving' bills not passed.

Encouraged everyone's involvement through their Reps. & Senators.

Path Pedaler: Mary Jo Monte, Exec. Director; Dayton, OH.

Explained thenon-profit's goal of filming bicycle trails across the US and then putting video on their website. She is surveying trail this weekend and will return Apr. 14-16 with her film crew to make the 24 minute video. She requested any Aux. Ranger help for the filming. Bob Young, also from Dayton, will join her on her southern trail visit tomorrow.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 1:10 P.M. Buffet 'Subway' Lunch