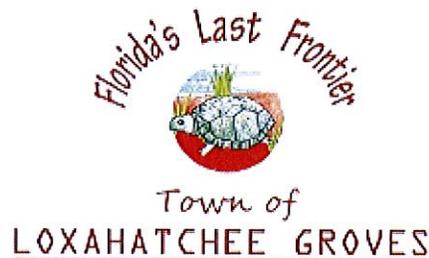


Mayor David Browning, Seat 4
Vice Mayor Jim Rockett, Seat 2
Councilman Tom Goltzené, Seat 5
Councilman Ronald. D. Jarriel, Seat 1
Councilman Ryan Liang, Seat 3



Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

At
Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce
13901 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee Groves

Chair Nina Corning
Vice Chair Kathy Strehlow
Committee Member Dr. Bill Louda
Committee Member Patrick Painter
Committee Member David Miles
Town Council Liaison Tom Goltzené

Town Manager Mark Kutney
Town Clerk Susan Eichhorn
Town Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.

MINUTES

1. OPENING

a. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chair Nina Corning. Present were Chair Corning, Vice Chair Strehlow, Committee Member Dr. Bill Louda, Town Council Liaison Tom Goltzené, Town Manager Mark Kutney, Town Planning Technician Braeden Garrett, and Town Clerk Susan Eichhorn. Committee Member Painter and Committee Member Miles were not in attendance.

b. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Committee Member Louda moved to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Strehlow. The motion passed 3/0.

2. **MINUTES** - *None*

3. **PRESENTATIONS** - *None*

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Review of 2014 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Town Manager Kutney reviewed the 2014 Proposed budget and Capital Improvement Program, noting that the biggest change related to the traffic signal at Okeechobee and “D” Road. the Town Council had decided to put \$250,000 in FY 2014, and deleted the funds for the remaining fiscal years in the proposed budget.

Discussion took place regarding the “Town Road Survey” project. Mr. Goltzené explained that the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (LGWCD) was in the process of doing surveys on the roads and easements, and there is an additional budget for the Town to survey mostly Town roads.

Discussion took place regarding the paving of Collecting Canal. It was suggested that the horse trails should be opened once Collecting Canal was paved. Town Manager Kutney explained that part of the Collecting Canal project would be the surveying of 6th Court and the horse trails.

Motion: Committee Member Louda made a motion for RETGAC Chair Nina Corning to go to the LGWCD meeting and then the Intergovernmental (IGC) meeting and speak with them regarding opening up the horse trails. Vice Chair Kathy Strehlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Public Comment:

Maria Benito, Wellington: Related her experience riding along Collecting Canal.

Keith Harris, 2580 C Rd.: Commented that he had walked the two trails in Loxahatchee Park and that there are maybe a half dozen large stumps adjacent to the perimeter lines of the trail and some of them have roots that go across the trails. He suggested that the County should be notified that they should clear safe passage for the trail.

Town Manager Kutney responded that staff would take a look at that and make the County aware of it.

Discussion took place regarding the Town Road OGEM Projects. Mr. Goltzené clarified that the budgeted funds were for the trail that runs from Southern Blvd. up and around the west side of Palm Beach State College property and back to 6th Court North, between “C” and “D”.

Discussion takes place regarding obtaining a conservation easement from Solar Sports. Mr. Goltzené stated that the easement would allow for public access and preservation.

Discussion took place regarding paving of “F” road by the property developer and the role of the LGWCD, and the need for a greenway and equestrian trail to connect to the County park from the existing equestrian trail on “F” Road.

*****A brief recess was taken at 7:59 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.*****

Motion: At this time, Vice Chair Strehlow made a motion to move Agenda Item 5.a. to be heard before Agenda Item 4.b. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Louda. The motion passed 3/0.

5. NEW BUSINESS *(moved to be heard before Item 4.b.)*

- a. Presentation Regarding Riding Trail Connection Across Southern Blvd. *(Maria R. Garcia Benito)*

Maria Garcia Benito provided a presentation regarding a riding trail connection across Southern Boulevard. She noted that she had discussed having a bridge across Southern Blvd. with Mike O’Dell, of Wellington. She was also in touch with the engineers who are working on Southern Blvd. At this very moment they are now designing it, so it is extremely important to get involved.

Chair Corning suggested getting all three entities, Palm Beach County, Wellington and Loxahatchee Groves together to get a connection going to the horse trails, and to convince the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that crossings and connections are desired.

Public Comment:

Keith Harris, 2580 C Rd: Commented that crossing Southern Blvd. is an adventure for an equestrian. FDOT is planning to widen the road to six lanes and he understands that there is

state and county funding for interconnecting – perhaps an alternative would be to put in a huddle – a tunnel going from one side to the other, which would take the horses out of harms way and there may be state, county, and FDOT money to do that.

Phyllis Maniglia, 359 West D Rd: Related her experience at Binks Forest and Southern Blvd., and thought Mr. Harris' idea is fabulous. She reminded everyone that disabled people also ride and they do not have the luxury of getting off and on the horses.

Motion: Committee Member Louda made a motion that the Committee send a memo to the Town Council to send a letter to FDOT, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation and the Palm Beach County Commission to request the land bridge at Flying Cow. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Strehlow.

Town Manager Kutney explained that the town engineers will be ready by December. The Town is holding a workshop on September 5, 2013, to discuss development along Southern Blvd. The FDOT design engineers will be attending the meeting, and that is the time to bring it up and see what kind of reaction you get.

Committee Member Louda stated that he wanted the Town Council to bring it forward.

Mr. Goltzené commented that somebody ought to informally discuss this at the Southern Blvd. meeting, speaking to the FDOT engineers on an individual basis.

Committee Member Louda then suggested that RETGAC send a letter to the FDOT engineers letting them know that the Committee members would like to discuss this and would they be ready to talk about it at the workshop meeting. Town Manager Kutney noted that he would get in touch with the FDOT engineers and let them know of the issue.

Committee Member Louda withdrew his motion.

Vice Chair Strehlow commented that right now we cannot even get our one trail mowed. There are other priorities, and although the vision is wonderful, we are not anywhere near attaining that.

Mark suggests Motion: you are in concert with the idea and ask TC to work on it with Wellington if it even remotely comes up.

Louda: motion that we sent it to the TC that they work as much as possible towards some interconnectivity towards Wellington.

Nina: what this committee can give you tonight is to reiterate the fact that we have already wanted a connection, and it was brought up at our committee meetings in the past.

Public Comment:

Keith Harris, 2580 C Rd: Commented that in the 2007 Town Council minutes Mr. Schiola had someone come over and make a presentation regarding an equestrian bridge.

Phyllis Maniglia, 359 West D Rd.: Questioned if Wellington received federal money for their trails. Mr. Harris responded that three of their trails were from the federal government funds, but the other trails were done with matched funds from Wellington and the federal government.

Motion: Committee Member Louda made a motion to pass on to the Town Council our support of looking at different ways to connect with Wellington. He then withdrew the motion.

4. OLD BUSINESS

b. Status of Roadway Issues *(To be addressed verbally by Town Manager Kutney)*

Town Manager Kutney reported that the Town did receive Quit Claim deeds for Compton and Marcella. As they were being recorded the county had an issue with the legal description that was drafted by the LGWCD attorneys and they are trying to sort that out. The letter roads would be addressed by LGWCD at their September meeting.

The Town was waiting for a ruling on the college, and the college and the two developers are working towards a pro-ration of who is going to pay for improvements on “B” Rd. to Collecting Canal, paving and OGEMing up to Okeechobee.

The Town has a draft letter and a legal instrument to provide to people who want their roads paved. Then the Town Council could consider it as an improvement.

The Town went through the bid process, and the LGWCD will do road grading, rock fill, road repair and emergency call outs. Sirdar Trucking would be doing mowing and hedging.

The Town now has three agreements with engineering firms and they are starting to work.

Motion: Motion made by Vice Chair Strehlow that RETGAC supports that in future OGEM and maintenance of current OGEM, the Town Council consider reducing the size and number of speed bumps. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Louda. The motion passed 3/0.

Town Manager Kutney continued with his report.

Regarding a traffic signal at Southern and “D” Rd., FDOT has been somewhat supportive, but right now does not see the necessity. FDOT is working with us, and they will do traffic counts in November.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing golf carts on town roads. Mr. Goltzené explained that there have been people who have been pulled over by police and state law says you cannot drive a golf cart on the roads, but the Town can say that you can allow golf carts on the road.

Committee Member Louda suggested that golf carts not be allowed on “D” Rd., “F” Rd., and Folsom Rd.

Chair Corning commented that the golf carts could help us to facilitate crossing Okeechobee. It could be helpful for us to allow the golf carts, and that any signage on the roads should be very specific.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Maniglia, 359 West “D Rd.: Suggested golf cart users buy a decal and when they get the decal they would say who is going to drive that vehicle.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE – Town Manager Kutney

Town Manager Kutney noted that representatives from Cotleur & Hearing, Landscape Architects, and Minto Communities had contacted him, and had requested meetings with the Town Council members regarding the Callery Judge project.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

a. Public

Keith Harris, 2580 C Rd.: Commented regarding the following:

- Problems with litter and potential dangerous objects on our trails. Our Town Council has been very generous in giving back to the community and perhaps that may be a way to motivate service groups to come in and take assignment of a certain area to get compensation for their cause.
- Greenways: Palm Beach County has been offering to give up properties to the Town. That might be a way to establish greenways in the town.

- Concern about equestrian trail connection between Town Road 40th St. N. and “E” Rd. canal easement. He came up with a conceptual idea and made a scaled drawing of “E” Rd. canal easement and North Rd. and 40th St. N. It would make part of 40th St. N, by Sunsport Gardens, accessible to make the connection between E Rd. canal easement and 40th St. N with solar lights, equestrian crossing, then we would have 3 points with activator buttons for traffic crossings. He was bringing it forward for consideration of the Committee.
- Is interested in working with the Town on the RETGAC Advisory Committee, and offered his services.

RETGAC members missing meetings will have this on the TC agenda under Manager’s report.

b. Committee Members:

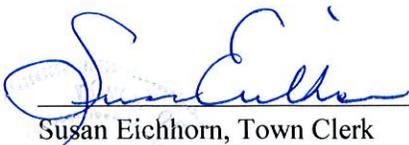
Chair Nina Corning: Thanked everyone.

c. Concluding Administrative Remarks

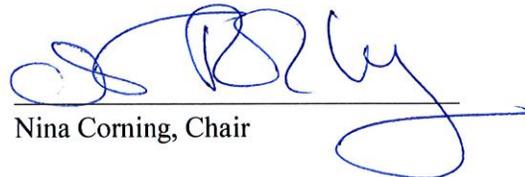
Town Manager Kutney remarked that he would have the issue of RETGAC member missing meetings on the upcoming Town Council agenda, under the Town Manager’s report. He reminded all of the Southern Blvd. workshop to be held on September 5, 2013.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway Advisory Committee meeting of August 28, 2013, was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



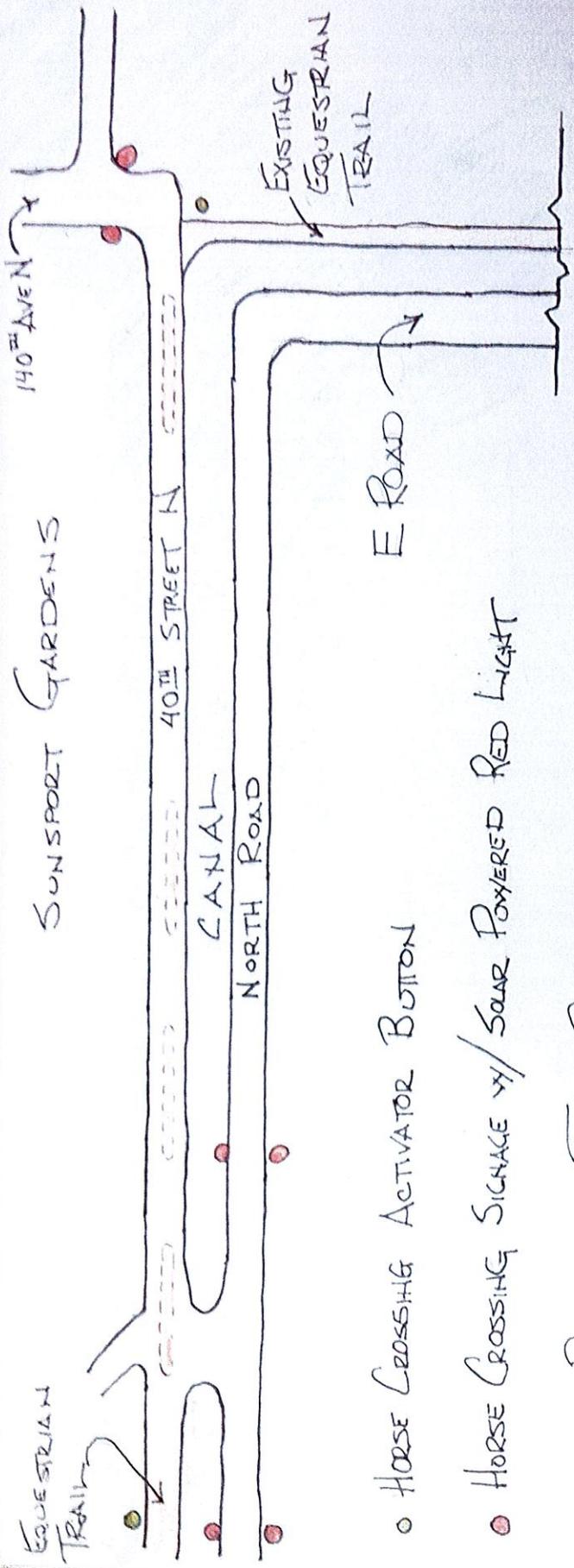
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Nina Corning, Chair

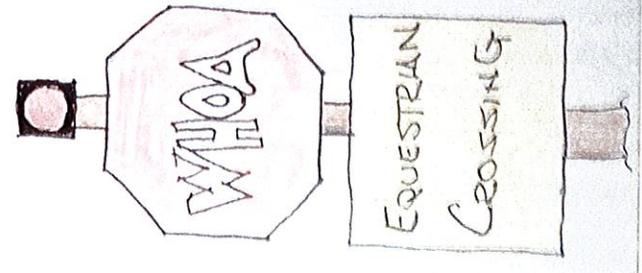
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These minutes were approved at the September 25, 2013 RETGAC meeting



- HORSE CROSSING ACTIVATOR BUTTON
- HORSE CROSSING SIGNAGE w/ SOLAR POWERED RED LIGHT
- PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTE

SCALE : 1" = 60'-0"



PROPOSED "E ROAD - 40TH STREET
EQUESTRIAN TRAIL CONNECTION

KEITH HARRIS AUG 2013