



Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway

Corridor Management Entity (CME)

Minutes – April 21, 2015 - 11:00 AM

IFAS/UF Extension

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- I. Call to Order and introduction of guests:** Meeting was called to order by Dan McCormic, CME Chair (Explore Sumter). Others in attendance included: Dawn Cary (CME Secretary/Treasurer); Mike Palozzi (CB&I); Kelly Williams (City of Webster); Judie Mueller (Vice Chair and Webster Post Office); Steven Rinck (Dade Battlefield Historical Society); Joan Carter (FDOT); Jim Veal, Sr.(Pana-Vista Lodge); Martin Steele (Director); and Garry Balogh (FDOT).

- II. Review of March 17, 2015 Minutes** – Approved as is.

- III. Treasurer’s Report**-Beginning Balance as of 3/1/15 is \$1,149.05. Ending balance as of 3/31/15 is \$ 401.77. Expenditures of \$400.00 A/V Stage and Media for Fairgrounds Rental; \$300.00 A/V Stage & Media for Security Deposit; \$61.25 FL Dept. of State Corporate Filing; \$27.35 Walmart for Antique Fair Supplies; \$28.88 Publix for Appraiser Food. Donations of \$15.50 for T-Shirt. Approved as is.

- IV. CME Working Committees**–Committee reports are follows:
 - A. Sustainability/Accreditation**-Email was sent to Wanda Maloney requesting updated requirements for Level 1 Accreditation. Waiting on response.
 - B. Special Projects-Historical Markers.** Will discuss in more detail next meeting. Jon Yeager from the Hernando Historical Society is put together a day trip to the old Abram’s Town in earlier in the month and Dan McCormic attended as a representative for the byway. Mike Palozzi informed us of a matching grant for historical markers. Steven Rinck to get with the Sumter Historical Society to see if there is an interest in applying.
 - C. Antique Road Show** Antique Road Show, March 31, 2015 Recap-After room rental, we netted \$205.00 from the Appraisal fees. We brought in \$84.00 for the Bake Sale. 50/50 Raffle still on going and will take donations at the Baker House Historical Festival. Spoke of Chris Dudley’s participation going above and beyond, along with the appraisers she got to donate their time.

- V. Byway Partners/Business Sponsorship Program**
 - A. Kiosks**-Dan gave Dawn some pictures of kiosks that are found in Citrus County. Has been put on hold with the Appraisal Fair taking up so much time to plan.

- B. Business Sponsors-Received a check for \$1500.00 from SECO as an Osprey sponsor. Some other possible corporate sponsors discussed were CEMEX, Central Beef, Brighthouse and Good Fella's Sanitation.
- C. Future Events-Baker House Historic Festival, Saturday, April 25, 2015. Dan and Jim Veal, Sr. committed to work with Dawn setting up and tearing down. Judie Mueller also mentioned she would come at some point of the day. Joan Carter donated blinking lights for bikers and walkers from the DOT.
- D. Webster DEO Stakeholders Meeting, April 20, 2015-Kelly mentioned that there was a good turn out and that this grant will wrap up in June. The consultants will also be at the upcoming C2C Connector public meeting in May, following their next Stakeholder meeting on May 7, 2015.

VI. Media Updates

- A. Website-Target date to release the website is by the end of April 2015. Doug waiting on more content. Mike and Karen to email to him this week. Discussed paypal as the merchant services for the store on the website. They do not require a monthly sales amount.
- B. Newsletter-Dawn is working on the Spring edition and has requested copy and photos. Dawn suggested having a contest to name the newsletter. Spring edition set to launch in May 2015.

VII. C2C Trail Study Agency Public Meeting-set for Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Florida Grand RV Park in Center Hill.

VIII. Florida Scenic Highways Program Report –Garry Balogh announced his retirement in July of 2015. He will be missed and appreciate all he has done for us and District 5. Mentioned to Garry that Wanda has not replied to our email regarding accreditation and he will check into it.

IX. Public Comment/Round Table Discussion-Mike Palozzi brought to our attention another grant opportunities. The Humanities Heritage Grant focuses on recording history in communities via today's technology in computers and cameras, through small groups such as county reunions, community get togethers, where history would be gathered and compiled. This grant is due June 26, 2015. Dan and Dawn to research further.

X. Adjournment-Next Meeting May 19, 2015 at Webster Community Center in Webster. Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Florida National Cemetery.