



Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway

Corridor Management Entity (CME)

Minutes – May 19, 2015 - 11:00 AM

Webster Community Center

49 SE 1st Street

Webster, FL 33597

- 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); Judie Mueller (Vice Chair and Webster Post Office); Roger and Joanna Jones (Sumter County Historical Society); Steven Rinck (Dade Battlefield Historical Society); Jim Veal, Sr. (Pana-Vista Lodge); Martin Steele (Director); Donna Lester (UF/IFAS Extension); and Paul Remis (City of Webster).
- II. **Review of March 17, 2015 Minutes** – Approved as is.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**-Beginning Balance as of 4/1/15 is \$347.07. Ending balance as of 4/30/15 is \$ 2847.82. No expenditures. Donations of \$1500.00 from SECO; Security Deposit of \$#00.00 from A/V Stage and Media from Antique Appraisal Fair and Income of \$700.75 from Antique Appraisal Fair. Judie Mueller made a motion to approve; Paul Remis seconded.
- IV. **CME Working Committees**–Committee reports are follows:
 - A. Sustainability/Accreditation-Wanda Maloney responded to say that the program has been put on hold pending Garry Balogh’s replacement.
 - B. Coast to Coast Connector Update-Public meeting held on May 7, 2015. There was opposition to the trail running along SR 50. Public favored the northern route through Center Hill and Webster. Next public meeting to be held January 2016 or sooner.
 - C. Webster DEO Stakeholders Meeting-Meeting held on May 7, 2015. Judie reported that it was positive and there was discussion held on the assets that were needed to market the trail through the area.
 - D. Appraisal Fair-Dawn tentatively booked the Lake Panasoffkee Recreation Center for the next Antique Appraisal Fair to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Dawn to check and see if center has WIFI.
 - E. Abraham’s Town Historical Marker-Roger and Joanna Jones were present to discuss the current fundraising for this marker. The SSHB voted and unanimously approved a donation of \$300.00. There was discussion on other expenses, such as wayfinding signs on CR 471 and CR 48 to direct people to the marker. Fundraising will continue.
- V. **Byway Partners/Business Sponsorship Program**
 - A. Kiosks-Further discussion at next month’s marketing meeting.
 - B. Business Sponsors-Possible corporate sponsors discussed were CEMEX, Central Beef, Brighthouse and Heart of Florida Environmental.

C. Baker House Heritage Festival-Saturday, April 25, 2015. Good traffic and good contact made. Dan McCormic, Jim Veal, Sr. and Judie Mueller worked this event.

VI. Media Updates

A. Website-Target date to launch website will be sometime in late May or early June 2015.

B. Newsletter-Dawn presented Spring Edition 2015 for review. Will e-blast out that week.

VII. Florida Scenic Highways Program Report –Mike Palozzi reported that the Annual Report for Byways will be coming out from the FDOT.

VIII. Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup-to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Florida National Cemetery.

IX. Public Comment/Round Table Discussion-There was discussion of two Sumter county students that were to participate in the National History Bee competition May 22-24 in KY. Cameron Evans and Logan Driesenga from the South Sumter Middle School are the students representing our County. There was an interest from the group for these two boys to be possibly recognized at the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce Lunch Exchange. Dawn to contact Samantha.

X. Adjournment-Next Meeting June 16, 2015 at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park.