

William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway
Corridor Management Group
Meeting Notes – Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:30 PM

Informational Meeting Commenced at 6:31pm

1. Introductions of those Present via Zoom: Ann-Marie Evans, Joe McAnarney, Angie McFarland, Mike Palozzi and Amy Roberson.
2. Administrative – Informational Meeting only
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership – Bank account is now linked to website, QR code on website enables users to pay for membership fees and/or donate. Membership letter drafted, needs to be printed and sent.
 - b. Website
 - c. Facebook
4. Project Ideas and Updates
 - a. Bartram Frolic – Luis, Al and Phyllis attended this event in Palatka. Received \$55 in donations, Angie will deposit.
 - b. Wildflowers at Julington Creek Bridge
 - Amy has no new updates but is checking in regularly with DOT to ensure this project moves forward.
 - c. Decals
 - d. Bartram Library
 - Joe reported that the Switzerland Garden Club is excited to work with us. He has been in touch with Amy Koch who is an excellent resource. The hope is to expand relationships to accomplish more.
 - e. Switzerland Community Center
 - Preliminary funding is currently on track.
 - f. County Proclamation
 - Mike sent a draft proclamation to Joe. The plan is to have Al and Phyllis be the recipients. Will try to schedule for June 17, 2025.
 - g. Neighborhood National Parks. We discussed neighborhood national parks. Encouraging families, HOA's, scenic highways to assist with planning indigenous plants that attract insects

that then attract birds to preserve the character of the area. Homegrown national parks would help to get us on the map and we could possibly partner with other organizations. The NE Florida chapter of the Audubon is interested in partnering with us.

h. Other

5. FDOT / FSHP Updates

a. Amy

- Amy will explore to see if she can assist with introductions to the district #2 representative for our area.

b. Mike

- Mike and Amy visited Penny Farms. This retirement community has built a tiny forest through a national program that encourages the use of native plants to attract bees and butterflies. The philosophy is that if you build them tiny, they will come.
- Discussed grants and applying. Good news is preservation, bad news is the amount of work to apply.
- Mike discussed how the County Comprehensive Plan could offer additional protection of the scenic highway.
- The topic of the midyear state workshop will be on sunshine laws. Bi-ways should be keeping minutes and agendas (which we already are doing). DOT attorney will be providing the training.

6. Public Comments

7. Next Meeting Date – May 15, 2025 @ 6:30pm

8. Adjourned at 7:05pm