



William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway Corridor Management Group

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 19, 2025

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1. **Attendance** – Joe McAnarney, Al Abbatiello, Angie McFarland, Melissa Brunz, Luis and Judy Caballero, Mike Palozzi (via ZOOM)
2. **Administrative**
 - a. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. May 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved.
 - c. Treasurers Report – Angie reported \$7,897.78 in the account. Report was approved.
3. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership Update
 - i. Joe reported that 156 Emails to previous members were sent, but he did not receive any response. It is unclear how many active members we really have.
 - ii. Angie reports that no new memberships or donations were received.
 - iii. Luis encouraged Joe to try sending again but using an application that will monitor receipt and opening of emails.
 - b. Website Update
 - i. Joe indicated that he would like to see our website updated and refreshed.
 - ii. He cites Bartram Trail Society and Scenic A1A as having excellent pages to model after.
 - iii. Melissa is open to suggestions although time is a little limited.
 - iv. No action was scheduled at this time.
 - c. Facebook Update
 - i. Angie reports a good following for our Facebook.
 - ii. She frequently posts new events and announcements from area groups.
4. **Project Ideas and Updates**
 - a. Mandarin Extension of WBS&HH
 - i. Joe had invited Mandarin resident, Renee Slater, to this meeting or by Zoom. Ms. Slater had initiated the discussion of a possible affiliation with the Bartram Scenic Highway as a way to prevent tree cutting on Mandarin Road.
 - ii. Joe and Al will follow-up and stay in touch.
 - b. Wildflowers at Julington Creek Bridge. Other medians? SR13/Duval/Peanut Grass
 - i. Joe had prepared a paper itemizing the total area of grass medians from the Julington Creek Bridge to the Roberts Road split and had suggested that

- peanut frass groundcover (with yellow flowers) could be planted in lieu of the current grass and weeds.
- ii. Amy had reported that she and Cindy Trammel talked about this and a decision is under consideration.
- c. Store Decals Update
 - i. Joe has not followed up and has no other update.
 - ii. As reported last month, Melissa had secured a dozen decals for store windows and Joe has those.
- d. Bartram Trail Library – Education Center?
 - i. Joe reported that the Bartram Trail Library manager has expressed an interest in the concept of an education center and has asked for more information and possible proposed mural design.
 - ii. Al mentioned that several CDs have been produced with school lesson plans and these could be part of regularly scheduled children’s activities at the library.
 - iii. Mike mentioned to consider information about the FDOT Scenic Highway program.
- e. Switzerland Community Center
 - i. Al reported that State funding for preliminary studies as a Veteran’s Service Center was vetoed by the Governor.
 - ii. Erick Saks of Operation Lifeline and the County continue to study ways to fund a renovation project.
- f. County Proclamation
 - i. Joe and Al report that County Commissioners did issue a Proclamation at their June 17th meeting celebrating the 20th anniversary of the William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway.
 - ii. Al and Phyllis, as well as Mary Cornwell’s daughter, Nancy Grogan, received the proclamation at the meeting and said a few words of thanks.
- g. Neighborhood National Parks
 - i. Joe highlighted a program favored by the Audubon Society that would plant native flowers, trees, and shrubs in an effort to re-establish natural habitats.
 - ii. If done as a community one yard at a time, the result would be a “neighborhood national park.”
 - iii. The concept is interesting and thought to be good for our scenic highway and adjoining HOAs and homes.
 - iv. Joe will follow-up with the national program organizers.

5. FDOT / FSHP Updates

- a. Mike Palozzi
 - i. Mike reported that the Scenic Highway’s Fall Program will be coming up. Please send him any agenda ideas.
 - ii. WBS&HH needs to start thinking about its 2026 Work Plan. This is due to the State by November.

6. Public Comments – None

7. Next Meeting Date – September 18, 2025; No Meetings in July or August

8. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.