

Meeting Minutes
FLORIDA HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL
June 7, 2005
City of Maitland
Council Chambers, City Hall

- Welcome and roll call of members and guests
 - Call to order: 9:00 by Council Chair, David Johnston
 - Members present Dave Johnston, Susanne Karr, Alan Shapiro, Marsha Levy, Marion Hilliard, Charlie Marcus
 - Guests on sign in sheet: Elisabeth Hassett, Susanna Thompson, Bryan Dennis, Dennis Murray, Susan Preil, Chris Webb, Willson McBurney, Dick Bush, Craig James, Guy Murtonen, Bruce Mantell, Bonnita Faye Skipper, Loren Rapport, Barbara Fisher, Brian S. Dick, Kevin Jameson, Christy Sanford, Shawn Kalbli, Jeff Caster,
- Charlie Marcus, DOF, FDACS nominee for permanent replacement for Joann Phillips. Appointment pending in Governor's office.
- Welcome and presentation by Joan Randolph, former City Councilwoman and Dave Tomek, City of Maitland Community Development Director.
- District Reports: Brief oral reports were given by each of the FDOT districts
- Update on status of grant funding for 2005-2006
 - \$3 million as budgeted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor
- 2006 Grants: Discussion. Council members request that applicants:
 - Indicate population of community.
 - Provide anticipated plant list. List could indicate that plants will be selected from the list provided with the application. Where possible, provide anticipated unit prices and size of plants. Percent turf, trees, ground cover, annuals, etc. Percent native.
 - Identify water source
 - Indicate if wildflowers will be part of project
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- Council members suggested that FDOT website have examples of successful grant applications from previous years.
- Council members request that FDOT staff be specific when completing the Comment section of the application
- Council members suggested use of understory plantings, avoiding lined up "totem poles", and beautification of FDOT stormwater treatment facilities. Maintenance can be minimized with use of some dwarf species varieties.
- Council members clarified that matching funds are not required by statute or rule. Percent match may be considered by council members as evidence of level of community support for the project.
- Rule Chapter 14-40. There have been no changes since last meeting. None are proposed at this time.
- Election of Council Officers
 - Motion by Susanne Karr to keep the same officers; seconded by Marion Hilliard. Motion passed unanimously. David Johnston remains as Council Chair. Marsha Levy remains as Council Vice Chair.
- FHBC Meeting Schedule:
 - October 14, 10:00 am Teleconference
 - January 24 Ranking meeting in Orlando vicinity. Possibly at the Turnpike HQ
- New Business:
 - Chairman Johnston express appreciation to the City of Maitland for hosting the FHBC.
 - Motion by Marsha Levy, second by Susanne Karr to ask FDOT Secretary for permission to "...review and make recommendations on highway beautification matters relating to the State Highway System." Per Section 339.2405(7)(b), F.S. Motion passed unanimously. David Johnston to work with Jeff Caster to draft request to Secretary.
- Meeting adjourned 2:36 pm