

Jacksonville BPAC Minutes

June 2, 2022

1. Members in Attendance: Chris Burns (Chairman), Peter Borenstein, Don Redman, Monty Selim (Groundworks Jax), Robert Barto (East Coast Greenway Coord.), Lauren Christiansen (COJ Parks), Matt Fall (COJ Bike-Ped Coord.), Linda Bremer

Members Online: Larry Roberts (Vice Chair), Barry Cotter, Len Burroughs, Derek Dixon (FDOT), David Fletcher

2. Introductions

3. Minutes Approved – The minutes from the April 14, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Don Redman, second Chris Burns.

4. East Coast Greenway, Florida Routes – Robert Barto

The East Coast Greenway (ECG) <https://www.greenway.org/> is the most visited park in America. The vision for an urban protected trail from the Canadian border in Maine to Key West in Florida 3000 miles was born in the 1990s. Partnering with local and state governments, national agencies and organizations has helped in its creation. Fifteen states and Washington, DC and 450 communities are involved. The annual report showed an all time high attendance and usage during the last year.

The Florida route <https://www.greenway.org/states/florida> is 30% done with 260 miles completed. Most of the trail follows A-1-A. A section called the River to Sea is a 150 mile link from Debarry to St. Augustine.

Colin Moore, now a Neptune Beach planner, is an active advocate for the ECG planning in Florida.

5. Groundworks Jacksonville – Monte Selim

The Emerald Trail <https://www.groundworkjacksonville.org/emerald-trail/> is 30 mile, multi-use trail, greenway, park connector in the Jacksonville urban neighborhoods.

A major part of the trail will involve the restoration of McCoy's Creek, removing McCoy's Creek Blvd and creating cul-de-sacks to provide landscaping, lighting, and sidewalks and trails.

The LaVilla section will involve the redesign of the bridge from the Prime Osborn Center, landscaping and a road diet.

Hogan Street section – will include a road diet, beautification of the area. FSCJ is assisting in the designs.

6. Update by Matt Fall, COJ Bike-Ped Coordinator

The online maps for bike routes is 90% done. Bike shops will also have maps and information to distribute.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/parks,-recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming/preservation-parks/trail-guides-and-maps>

JaxRacks, free bike racks for businesses wanting to improve safety and provide assistance for bicycle parking can be ordered with an online form on the COJ website <https://www.coj.net/pedbike>