

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Ward Trail Public Workshop

April 5, 2022

Present were Town Manager Robert Smith, Council member Molly Rose, Council member Bill Martini, and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter. Also present were Mike Woodard, Frank Chase, Susan Carter, Nora Brophy, John Fitzgibbon, Kim Head, Stephen Withers

Manager Smith called the workshop to order at 6:00pm.

1. Safe Route to School/Ward Trail:

Town Manager Introduction
KHA Presentation
Public Input:

Manager Smith gave a brief introduction of the proposed Ward Trail which included Phase I, II, and III. He stated that the Tree Board will meet to discuss the landscaping of the path. Manager Smith then turned the floor over to Mr. Mike Woodard. Mr. Woodard elaborated on each Phase, the proposed Bridge and landscaping. After the presentation was completed, Manager Smith opened the floor to the public. Comments from the public included Concept 3 and 4, landscaping of the path, golf carts and the bridge color. Bronze was favored 50/50 to the black. Member Martini stated that black was selected by Town Council because it would get hot and keep kids off of it. After some discussion was made, Manager Smith adjourned the workshop at 6:32pm.

00:37:00 Robert Smith: Landscape concepts will be brought to Tree Board for comment as well

00:38:01 susann.carter: Thank you.

00:41:48 Molly Rose: Pine not oak?

00:43:27 susann.carter: I like the mixture of hardwoods and some palms. I would like to see more FL native species-specifically shrubs.

00:45:15 Liz Beavers: Agree with Susann

00:45:40 bonnyelder: We like concept 4 because it provides more buffer between South Lake Butler Blvd and Maguire Rd/Main St.

00:45:45 susann.carter: I agree-most shade. Also, my concern is putting in too many pines. I know some are more susceptible to pine beetles, but a stressed tree if there is no irrigation is more susceptible. They like to be in clumps too.

00:46:02 Carol Willard: I like Concept 4, with variety of trees

00:46:10 Kristen Rumble: I also agree with concept 4

00:46:18 susann.carter: I'd like to see diversity.

00:46:18 Masee Family: More shade trees and flowering trees/shrubs are preferred. Thanks

00:46:42 StephenWithers: like bridge design on planting I would consider not limiting trees to two species

00:47:08 Liz Beavers: Honestly I like concept 3 or 4 but I don't love the purple grasses so much.

00:50:30 bonnyelder: Like the crape myrtles as a look continuous along the path

00:51:33 Kristen Rumble: Where is the planned golf cart off ramp on the old dirt Main side?

00:52:18 susann.carter: I like the linear park idea.

00:53:36 Masee Family: How wide will the path be again?

00:55:04 StephenWithers: when we say multimodal what are we expecting?

00:57:33 Liz Beavers: For the people who live on the end of S Lake Butler Blvd where there is a ditch usually full of water between the street and the new path, how will they be able to access the path or bridge without wading through water?

00:57:59 StephenWithers: south of sixth we will need a turn around at chase - do not think this will every go down chase past Isleworth.

00:58:16 Masee Family: Could you please show the timeline again - joined a few minutes late

00:59:23 bonnyelder: seems less maintenance if not painted

01:02:19 Masee Family: Thx

01:03:09 Carol Willard: thank you for this presentation it was very informative and easy to understand appreciate your asking for in our input

01:03:18 Patrick P: Thank you, great job!

01:03:20 billmartini: Thank you all!

01:03:37 susann.carter: Many thanks!

01:03:42 bonnyelder: Is the dump out on s lake butler set in stone or are their other exit options

01:03:42 Tonya Elliott Moore - Town of Windermere: our pleasure

01:03:42 Sue Ann Reichard: Thank you for all your time and effort!

01:04:00 Kristen Rumble: thank you!

01:04:06 KC 124 Forest: Thanks for the good stuff. Super excited about the improvements

01:04:21
town!

Sue Ann Reichard:

Yes yes, thank you from the "North" end of

Dorothy Burkhalter

From: Jason Roland <jay@bigattack.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Dorothy Burkhalter
Subject: Public Comment - Mutli Modal

Please read the following:

“As a town resident, with children who have to get to school safely, we are in FULL SUPPORT of this project, please do not delay and build the pedestrian / golf cart bridge ASAP!”

Thanks
Jason Roland
1 1st Court.