

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: Kenneth Fields, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Nanek, Special Projects Manager

RE: New name recommendation for the Lake Wales Trailway to be the People's Initiative Trail

SYNOPSIS: The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission recommends as a name for the Rails-to-Trails from Scenic Highway to Buck Moore Road the "People's Initiative Trail" in honor of the 2005 referendum on the trail.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission review the request by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission to rename the Lake Wales Trailway as the "People's Initiative Trail."

BACKGROUND

Due to possible confusion over the names of the two trails, the Lake Wales Trailway and the Lake Wailes Trail, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission recommended at its May 1, 2014 meeting to recommend to the City Commission the name People's Initiative Trail or if preferred the Citizen's Initiative Trail to commemorate the 2005 referendum vote for the Trail.

The Lake Wales Rails-to-Trails project was endorsed by the Lake Wales City Commission by the adoption of two resolutions in 1999 and 2000, respectively. In 2004, the project was opposed by a group of local citizens, and the resolutions were rescinded by the City Commission. In 2005, there was a citizen petition drive to put the trail issue on a City election ballot. The referendum passed. This is the only trail nationwide to be approved via referendum.

OTHER OPTIONS

Choose another name or do not rename the trail.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current fiscal impact, although new signs might be purchased in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None