

Chattahoochee Main Street – Monthly Meeting
August 25, 2014
6:30 pm

Executive Director’s Report

1. Wounded Warrior Project – Charitable giving from the 4th of July Celebration through the month of July: From donations from citizens, contribution from The Grocery Store of 100% of their proceeds from the sale of hamburgers and hotdogs, and an additional contribution from Chattahoochee Main Street, \$1,000 was given to the Wounded Warrior Project.
2. August 4 - 2nd Community Visioning Workshop at the FSH Chapel. A workshop summary report is being prepared.
3. August 6 - Corps of Engineers River Snagging Demonstration
4. August 8 – Exploratory meeting to discuss the reorganization of the Quincy Main Street program.
5. August 12 – Presentation to the GCDC to provide an update on what CMS is doing.
6. August 13 – Received email notification from Mark Yelland (Planning Analyst – DEO) that Chattahoochee “will receive **\$18,500** to continue its large-scale visioning process to develop a Strategic Community Vision Plan to guide future development and revitalization planning efforts by emphasizing the City’s heritage, recreational resources, and economic opportunities.” The letters are being prepared to notify applicants of the status of their requests.
7. August 18 – TDC Business meeting (Next Meeting is Oct. 20)
8. The Historic Preservation Grant Review Panel met last week (August 19-20) to rank the small matching grant applications for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Two Florida Main Street communities were eligible for **\$10,000** start-up grants. The preliminary rankings were as follows:
 - #1 - Chattahoochee Main Street
 - #2 - City of Tallahassee (Downtown Improvement Authority)These rankings go to the Secretary of State for approval. After that they would go to the legislature for approval in the spring and then it would go to the governor when he signs the budget in early June. We would not receive any of the funding until after the end of the 1st quarter of next fiscal year (Sept. 2015)
9. August 19 – GCDC Workshop (GCDC & BOCC members)

10. August 20 – CRTPA Meeting with Artie White (KHA) & Lee Garner
 - a. CRTPA – transportation improvements
 - b. Ex. City Code for Crawfordville developed by KHA
11. August 21 – Go-Gadsden (New Goodwill Center / Training Center in the old IGA in Quincy)
12. August 21 – BOCC Budget Workshop
 - a. Preliminary approval to receive **\$5,000** each year for the next 3 years
 - b. Public hearings Sept. 11 & 22
13. August 28 – Rural Economic Development Boot Camp (Greenville, FL @ Honey Lake Plantation)
 - a. The boot camp is intended to compliment the activities undertaken by local and regional economic development organizations. It is for economic development professionals, elected officials, volunteers, or anyone interested in helping to grow their community and region.
 - b. Topics include: “How Rural Communities Can Become More Competitive”
14. September 9-11 – Florida Main Street Annual Conference in Stuart, FL
15. North Florida Economic Development Academy (Sept. 15-16 & Oct. 9-10)
 - a. Designed to provide a basic understanding of the concepts and methods of EcDev and to help local communities build a stronger team that is able to recognize, prepare for, and respond to opportunities.
16. National Recreation Trails designated the Apalachicola River as a National Blueway Trail on June 7, 2014

Apalachicola River Blueway

This water trail stretches 106 miles from the dam in Chattahoochee to Apalachicola Bay. The majestic Apalachicola River flows through one of the nation’s richest hotspots of biodiversity and is bordered by large tracts of pristine, undeveloped land, home to many threatened and rare species of plants and animals. The river meanders through the heart of "Old Florida," a vibrant tapestry of wild landscapes and vanishing cultures – a rare gem in the Florida Panhandle.

The National Trail System Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-543) authorized creation of a national trail system comprised of National Recreation Trails, National Scenic Trails and National Historic Trails. While National Scenic Trails and National Historic Trails may only be designated by an act of Congress, National Recreation Trails may be designated by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize exemplary trails of local and regional significance in response to an application from the trail's managing agency or organization. Through designation, these trails are recognized as part of America's national system of trails.

The National Recreation Trails Program supports designated NRT's with an array of benefits, including promotion, technical assistance, networking and access to funding.

It is the only trail in Florida and the only waterway in the United States to receive the designation this year!