Midway Trail Public Meeting

Meeting Date/Time:	Thursday, August 22, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Location:	Midway Community Center, 2251 Jitway Ave, Sanford FL, 32771

Overview

The Midway Trail project involves the design and construction of a one-mile, ten-foot wide asphalt trail in the Midway area of Sanford to address an unmet need for local residents and provide open green space where other local parks are experiencing heavy use. The Midway Trail will originate at Roseland Park and connect to an adjacent 85-acre stormwater pond and surrounding property which is currently inaccessible to the public. There is also an opportunity to connect to Midway Park as well as provide a connection on Brisson Avenue from the Lake Monroe Loop Trail to State Road 46.

As part of the design process, the Seminole County Parks and Recreation Division hosted a public meeting on August 22, 2024 to share the most recent design plans and seek feedback from members of the Midway community.

Meeting Highlights

Number of Attendees: 18
Number of Comment Forms Filled Out: 1

Community Input/Questions

The following is a summary of key statements and questions raised by several community members during the meeting. All questions and concerns were answered by staff.

- How wide and how long will the sidewalk be?
- How frequently will they be doing upkeep of the trail area?
- Will there be an area for public parking?
- Will there be a dedicated dog park or area? I'm worried about when they don't pick up after them.
- When is the connection to the other parks happening?
- When is the completion for this scheduled?
- Will there be parking on the east side? I think there should be.
- What is the American Rescue Plan Act? Exactly how much money do we have allocated to this?
- How much of the 90 million of ARPA in funding was allocated here in Seminole County for this project?
- Will the existing sidewalk on Brisson Ave be expanded upon?
- Will there be restrooms? Did the first plan have restrooms?
- I wish we had the original Master Plans so the community could compare and contrast those original concepts with what is being proposed now.

- Is there an estimated cost to complete the trail to what the original concepts showed?
- We want input on what the County is going to offer us before you show it to us and we haven't had that. We need input on this from the beginning.
- Have the Consultant fees so far been coming out of the ARPA funds? So how much do we have left?
- We don't want the trail to just be asphalt with no edging, etc.

The majority of discussion was held around the following community input, summarized below:

- A lot of the original design has changed dramatically. When I look at the scale of what was proposed before versus what you are showing us now – the percentage of what is being changed I would think is at least 60% different.
- How much County dollars have been allocated towards this project? That's problematic that none have been allocated. We need to have a strong commitment from our County commissioner. It does not serve the community well to just tie into this an existing sidewalk. It needs to be elevated with more amenities to serve the greater Seminole County area needs. We want in writing that the County is committed to use County dollars and to make sure that there are further phases to this project. We are taxpayers. I met with City of Sanford Commissioner from District 2, Kerry Wiggins, who said he would be interested in working with the County on this. I understand we need to spend these ARPA funds or we lose it, but we don't have anything in writing guaranteeing us that you will come back for future phases to resemble what we originally wanted.