

Schoodic Byways Corridor Committee Meeting
10/16/2006
Minutes

Attending: Gail Hastings, Peter Drinkwater, Rod and Ruth Franzius, Barbara Shanahan, Jim Fisher, Andrew Sankey

Comments on Interpretive Panels:

General Point – please add photo credits for source whenever possible – e.g. Sullivan Historical Society, MaineDOT

1. Downeast Adventure – overall the panels complement one another
 - a. Can have more than one panel for this
 - b. Map – need one, but not the bike map – see the FHWA Map used on the Schoodic Brochure – need more northern area, scale and compass
 - i. Need to highlight the byway more clearly
 - ii. Need to highlight trails – color coding for different trails
 1. Schoodic Head
 2. Schoodic Mountain
 3. Land Trust
 4. Bike trails – bike tours
 - iii. Points on map – might be historic buildings or unique places
 - iv. **Separate Map** that shows larger downeast region – DART Tour
 1. Hancock – especially Frenchman Bay Conservancy - Tidal Falls
 2. Downeast – to Machias? Calais? Downeast Acadia Tours
 - a. “There’s more to see downeast”
 3. Ice Age Trail
 4. Some pictures aren’t located correctly – e.g. #1, #4 – may not be necessary pin each view shed picture to a particular location.
 - c. All photo panel - Things you can do, not location specific
 - i. like the pictures better on this one
 - ii. fits the 3-30-3 rule
 - iii. more effective if it is next to a map
2. Crossing Through Time
 - a. We have the space and funds – try to have two panels, one on ferry’s and one on bridge.
 - b. Ferry Crossing
 - i. Focus on ferries – not bridges
 - ii. May include discussion about returning to ferries when wooden bridges failed
 - c. Bridges
 - i. Chronicle the unsuccessful efforts to put in wooden bridges
 1. Tree Nail – picture is interesting, but it needs to be tied in better -

- ii. Narrative should not indicate first cars went downeast with the bridge – the ferry shows them crossing
 - iii. Singing bridge is not “permanent” since it is no longer. Might call it durable, long lasting ...
- 3. Granite Wharves
 - a. Like binoculars – don’t need the words, just the symbol – but picture needs to show more of the wharf, help people to see then and now for the sight. Revise text – take out “look carefully” – might start with “See what the wharf is like today.”
 - b. There were eight granite wharfs at one time
 - c. Example of Sullivan Granite – Gateway Sign
 - i. Credit to Sullivan Granite Works for sign?
 - d. Granite quarrying is reviving
- 4. Tidal Falls
 - a. Removed compass –insert map to tidal falls
 - b. Binoculars for the current tidal falls photo – keep information on how to get to tidal falls
 - c. Like falls-308-q8a.pdf
 - d. STORY: Shipwreck - Sullivan Historical Society may have a better shipwreck photos with people being getting off the ship.
- 5. Taunton Bay Banquet
 - a. Great start with the b&w drawing
 - b. Take out raccoon, add clams, worms
 - c. Work with Friends of Frenchman Bay to include narrative
- 6. Railroad – keep both signs, with significant edits
 - a. RAIL-308_Q8A.PDF
 - i. Like this one, but it’s too busy
 - ii. Remove rail station picture – show more of the train
 - iii. Remove the schedule – put it on the other panel
 - iv. Lois Johnson – Historian for Hancock – may have more picture of rail activities (Ruth Franzius will speak with her).
 - v. Story – Pres. McKinley visited Hancock Point
 - b. Wander the old Waukeag RR Tracks
 - i. Remove the birds
 - ii. Insert schedule from other sign
 - iii. We need to erect a fence or something to keep people on the public property
- 7. Hotels - Prefer 3A_FRBay_Hotels_308.PDF
 - a. Remove Cleaves Hotel – show more of the old hotel
 - b. Drop Boisterous -
- 8. Architecture – need some new photographs
 - a. This one should use the historic Sullivan map
 - b. Is it possible to emphasize buildings that are still standing
 - i. Stone House
 - 1. good base shot, but there is no place for people to pull off)
 - 2. (can use a newer picture without power lines)

- ii. Knights of Pythias Hall
 - iii. Baptist Church
 - iv. Mill Pond (Alt_Photo_1)
 - v. Houses on Sullivan Harbor
- 9. Economic Life
 - a. Preferred - 2_FRBay_Map_Economy – The Economic Tides...
 - i. If using photos – make sure the locations are correct
 - ii. E.g. Crabtree and Havey picture
 - b. Take out School
 - c. Add Mill Pond
 - d. Add Blacksmith Shop
 - e. Don't need a description of locations, the Map should be enough
 - f. Take out "Now a Baptist"
- 10. What you see – needs more work
 - a. Title Frenchman Bay (Not Frenchman's Bay): What You See From Here
 - b. Concept is good, but the actual view is very limited.
 - c. Good to tell people what they will see as they drive past this point – but they can't see it here.
 - d. Work with Then and Now theme?
 - e. What can we do to work with the current view?
 - f. Remove the historic drawing
 - g. Add Sargent Memorial and interpretation about the memorial – tell the story
 - h. What you see – Frenchman Bay, Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert, Bar Harbor
 - i. Circle pictures – inconsistent labeling
 - i. Some have adjectives some don't
 - ii. Some are historic, you won't see these

Announcements

- 1. Prospect Harbor Project is progressing.
 - a. Design has been approved by Victor Smith
 - b. Need to encourage Town of Gouldsboro and Bumblebee to work together for a proper easement to move ahead
 - c. Jim will forward the design to the committee when Larry sends it to Jim
- 2. Need to start as soon as possible on the enhanced mapping project
 - a. Jim will approach MaineDOT about a PIN number for the project
 - b. There may be delays in funding at the Federal end
- 3. Scenic easement conference has a lot of interested
 - a. There may be a little external funding available
 - b. Not clear how to coordinate this with MaineDOT, ASBRC and interested attendees.

Next Meeting: Not scheduled, but we might want to consider Monday, Nov. 13th or Nov. 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM