

Blueprint 2000 TCC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2008
Ellis Building – Koger Center

Attendees: (TCC Members in Bold) (TCC Member Substitutes In Bold Italics)

Vince Long	Phil Maher	Wayne Toothman
John Kraynak	Dave Bright	Echo Gates
Tony Park	Angela Richardson	Mark Thomasson
John Buss	Dave Snyder	Ward Miller
Wayne Tedder	Gary Phillips	Ryan Wetherall
Harry Reed	Margie Quillman	Meredith Hurd
Jim Davis	Ed Ringe	

Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

I. Agenda Modifications

Phil Maher noted that Mark Thomason and Ed Ringe would make a presentation on Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 Master Plan.

II. Information Items

Item #1: Capital Circle NW/SW Erosion Control Plan

John Kraynak stated that as improvements were made to the County's Erosion Control Plan they would probably be added to what was distributed. Dave Bright stated that the details would be discussed in the Scope for the CEI and Contract. Wayne Toothman could be involved in the review of those documents for the County. Jim Davis stated that Blueprint had participated in extensive research and training on the subject and the basic premise of it all was redundancy. Also, the CEI in their Scope of Services would be responsible for constant monitoring of erosion control and the disturbance of any kind of properties. It also listed penalties for the CEI for non-compliance.

Item #2: Capital Circle NW Landscaping and Regional Stormwater Pond 1 Landscaping/Park

This item was informational only.

Item #3: Regional Stormwater Pond 1 Snail Update

This item was informational only.

Item #4: Capital Circle SW PD&E Study – Update on Alignments, Evaluations and Upcoming Alternatives Public Meetings

This item was informational only.

Item #5: Capital Circle NW/SW: US 90 to Orange Avenue – Design Supplemental

Tony Park stated that he recalled requesting the extension of the sidewalk to the Transfer Station entrance but not the Geo-Technical testing talked about in Supplemental

Agreement #9. Jim Shepherd stated that it was base on conversations with Theresa Hiker and EGS in regard to the problems Blueprint experienced on E2 with the karst features. It was for Electro-Resistivity for Broadmore and deep borings for the Orange Avenue Pond. Both were to elevate any concerns regarding karst features and to design to minimize impacts or risks.

III. Consent

Item #6: May 15, 2008 TCC Meeting Minutes

There were no comments regarding the May minutes.

IV. Presentations/Discussions

Item #10: Scope of Services for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Services for Capital Circle NW/SW (SR 263)

Tony Park questioned what “innovative contracting methods” were. Jim Davis stated that staff did not feel there was enough money in Construction to build to the point south of Orange Avenue. Blueprint was crafting the contract to say basically, “how far can you get for the amount of money available” with, of course, the inclusion of explicit specifications regarding mandatory components i.e. erosion control, ponds, etc. They were following an extremely productive example set by South Carolina. Mr. Davis clarified that the County was “okay” with the Scope as proposed but Blueprint still needed feedback from the City following their review.

Agenda Modification: Stormwater Analyses and Design of Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2

Mark Thomason and Ed Ringe updated the TCC on the latest stormwater analyses and design of Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2. John Buss stated that the application form had been changed to read that all improvements shown on the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) had been properly permitted, etc. Everyone knew that was not the case with Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 because it was an EPA mitigation remediation site and according to the City Attorney’s office they were not required to obtain permits. The problem became however, in that the application form required the City Manager’s signature and she would be attesting to something that was not accurate. Gary Phillips clarified that the application asked for all “necessary” permits. Permits were not necessary in that situation because of the Consent Order. Ultimately it would be at the discretion of the City Manager. The LOMR would include a copy of the Consent Order for FEMA’s review.

Mr. Davis requested clarification of the flooding in the park. The general concept had always been that they would flood the lower pond which would back up to flood the stream. What he understood Mr. Thomasson to say in the presentation was that the upstream portion would be flooded in two segments. One north of the plaza because of

the restriction there; the water would back up independently from the water backing up in the main pool. Mr. Thomason stated that he was correct however the restriction north of the Meridian Plaza was for smaller, everyday storms. On major rain events the majority of the flooding would occur in the lower pond.

John Buss questioned what size flow would the restriction at the Plaza pass. Mr. Thomason confirmed that it would pass a flow of 60 cfs. The stream flow, outside of the 20-foot dimension, was 165 cfs. Genesis was looking to reduce that number to approximately 100 cfs; equivalent to a 25-year rain event.

Jim Davis stated that with approximately \$20M coming out of the \$80M for Capital Cascade Trail because of budget reductions, the Board asked staff to look at interim improvement that had the highest payoff. There was no money available for anything except Segment 2 until 2013; consequently staff was instructed to do a cost benefit analysis at a macro level.

John Buss stated that regarding the old Electric Building, it might be easier to flood-proof it with an architectural “knee-high” wall with a sum for local drainage, around a patio, certainly if it eventually housed a restaurant. That would keep them from constraining all the acres of storage for one building.

Mr. Davis stated that he had recently seen a FEMA map that placed the Myers Industrial Park outside of the floodplain due to better modeling, LIDAR, etc. Was part of that associated with the improvements that had already been made in Segment 2? Mr. Thomason confirmed. Mr. Davis voiced his concerns over the fact that there was antidotal data that stated Myers Industrial Park flooded and a model that stated it did not. Mr. Thomason stated that the improvements to Segment 2 created some storage it was not as much as was needed. If anything the box culvert was moving water under Monroe Street quicker. Design Team staff had discussed in great detail flooding between South Monroe and Railroad Square area and tweaking the models.

Mr. Davis stated that there were major management decisions to be made shortly. One of the key factors in those decisions and how they approach the potential acquisition of the Myers Industrial Park had to do with whether or not that property was in the floodplain and could be used to support the FAMU Way extension or Gaines Street. If it was still in the floodplain and could not be used until Segment 3 and Segment 4 were completed and the staging was lowered, that opened up options to lease back to the property to reduce costs, etc. If however, the model was accurate and it was no longer in the floodplain it would be available for FAMU Way or Gaines Street, leasing it back would not be an option and Blueprint would need to find other funding options.

Item #7: Capital Cascade Trail: Segment 3 & 4 Phase I Improvements; Segment 1 Interim Improvements

Ed Ringe offered a presentation to the TCC of the recommended improvements to Segments 3 and 4 and interim improvements to Segment 1. He stated that Blueprint was

charged by the Board to carry out cost effectiveness evaluation of interim improvements... Phil Maher interjected that the “interim” improvements were things that could be implemented almost immediately however they would carry the segment through 2019. Mr. Ringe continued discussing the interim improvements. He stated that they would focus on pond sites in areas that Blueprint owned the right of way or ones that could be created with minimal property acquisition. Regarding Myers Industrial Park specifically the watershed areas was large enough to utilize the full storage facility in addition to the treatment available with it as an off-line pond. Jim Davis reminded everyone that the presentation was a macro view and there was no money available until 2012.

John Buss stated that the proposed interim improvements to Segment 1 would only complicate issues in Segment 2. Ed Ringe stated that the interim improvements were included in the original Genesis contract. They were the original modifications from when Blueprint was in active conversations with Leon County School Board. Mr. Phillips stated that the next agenda item would address those issues more fully.

Mr. Buss questioned if “how much water could be safely discharged downstream” was based on current conditions and for what type of event. Mr. Ringe confirmed that and stated that in the modeling they turned a fixed discharge loose and allowed the whole hydrograph of the downstream segments work as they would with a fixed discharge coming from the upper part of the watershed. That allowed them to adjust how much water could be turned loose at the by-ass culvert. Mr. Buss questioned if it currently flooded downstream of Monroe Street. Mr. Ringe confirmed and stated that they were discharging a controlled rate throughout the storm event instead of putting it all into storage. Discharging at a greater rate in the early stages of the storm lowered the peak stages and flooding downstream. Mr. Buss questioned the criteria of the discharge. Mr. Ringe stated that they knew they could not “dry up Monroe Street” however the attempt was to see how much they could discharge and keep it below the critical elevation of Monroe Street; that was their goal. It simulated a 5-10 year condition. The goal was to simulate a 25-year event but that had not been possible.

Following some discussion regarding which streets leading off of Franklin Boulevard were major city streets Mr. Davis stated that greater than 50% of the suggested interim improvements were “throw-aways.” Mr. Ringe stated that it was closer to 90% because even the box culverts, as it was currently designed, would be east of the ditch or under the proposed lane.

Item #9: Revised Master Plan and Proposed FY 2009 – FY 2013 Capital Budget

Phil Maher stated that the consensus of the Board was that although Blueprint had to reduce the Master Plan by \$109M they should fund as much of the “backbone” of Capital Cascade Trail as possible and return in the future with the amenities. In that vein, Mr. Maher stated that he kept the dollars for Segment 1 in 2019-2020 and combined or collapsed Segments 3 and 4 into one. There were no dollars available until 2012 and then it was only \$3.5M and picking up thereafter.

Jim Davis stated that the Operating Budget had also been modified by \$50,000 to hire an associate attorney.

Item #8: Capital Cascade Trail: Segment 2 – Contamination Remediation Authorization

This item was informational only.

V. Citizens to be Heard

There were none.

VI. Items from Members of the Committee

There were none.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.