

Blueprint 2000 TCC Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2002

AmTrak Station

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by Tony Park, Chairperson.

Attendees:

Bruce Barrett

Kathy Baughman

John Buss

Jim Davis

Shelonda Gay

Edgar Grant

Dinah Hart

Theresa Heiker

Val Hubbard

Jack Kostrzewa

Gabriel Menendez

Anne Nelson

Anil Paniker

Tony Park

Debra Schiro

Sandi Williams

Michael Wright

Bill Woolery

Agenda Modifications

Mr. Davis stated that Item # 3: Capital Cascades Trail, Trust for Public Lands contract had been moved to the informational items. He further stated that Item # 4, Capital Cascade Trail, Stormwater study and Item C, Draft September 23, 2002 Intergovernmental Agency Agenda, had been removed from the agenda. He mentioned that at a later date the October Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting would be postponed because many of the members of the committee would be traveling to Raleigh, NC for the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council tour of Raleigh's Centennial Park.

Informational Items

Mr. Parks asked if there were any questions regarding the informational items that were provided (Item #A: June 17, 2002 Intergovernmental Agency follow-up report and Item #B: Future Intergovernmental Agency and Blueprint TCC meeting dates). There were no questions.

Ms. Heiker stated that there was an error on the Intergovernmental Agency follow-up report. She stated that Item #7, Action Taken was copied from item #6, and that the Financial Advisory Services had been approved by the Intergovernmental Agency. She further stated that she was present at the June 3, 2002 TCC meeting. Mr. John Buss stated that he was also present for this meeting.

Item #3: Capital Cascades Trail, Trust for Public Lands Contract

Mr. Davis presented information regarding the Capital Cascades Trail project. He stated that there had been discussions of methods of implementing the Capital Cascades project at minimal costs to Blueprint 2000. He stated that The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) had proposed to work with Blueprint to expedite the development of a design for the Capital Cascades Trail through private fund raising. He stated that TPL proposed to pay half of the costs to hire Greenways, Inc. to plan for and implement the greenways, water quality, flood control and projects for the Trail. He stated that the cost for Blueprint would not exceed \$50,000.

Ms. Kathy Baughman provided the committee with an overview of TPL's role in the implementation of the Capital Cascades Trail plans. She stated that TPL would involve citizen groups and provide feedback to Blueprint.

Mr. Davis stated that a decision was made to have Mr. John Buss to continue to develop the scope of services for the stormwater study and that upon completion Blueprint go through the RFP process and award the stormwater study. He stated that the technical data from the stormwater study was needed prior to Greenways, Inc moving forward with the design of the system. Mr. Davis stated that many items remained to be worked out before Blueprint would be able to enter into a contract with TPL.

There was further discussion of the how the Gaines Street plans would affect the overall Comp. Plan.

Consent Items

The minutes for the June 3, 2002 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting will be corrected to reflect the above-mentioned changes.

Presentations/Action

Item #2: Add MPO Director to TCC as Voting Member

Mr. Davis stated that this item requests that the Director of the MPO be included as a voting member of the Blueprint 2000 Technical Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Wright moved staff's recommendation. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5: Capital Circle NW ROW increase- Grant Request (informational only)

Mr. Davis provided the members of the committee with a copy of a grant request to the Federal Government for the funding of Capital Circle Northwest. Mr. Davis stated that he recommended that Blueprint move forward to lobby the Federal Government for a grant for funding of the widening of Capital Circle NW.

Item #6: Staff Organization and Request to issue RFP for GEC

Mr. Davis stated that Blueprint 2000 would have a small staff and that he was requesting that the Intergovernmental Agency authorize staff to move forward with issuing a RFP for a General Engineering Consultant. He stated that the General Engineering Consultant would augment the Blueprint staff and provide technical services as requested on a non-exclusive basis for individual projects. Mr. Davis stated that the consultant would not design projects or conduct major studies, but would develop scope of services for these activities.

Mr. Wright moved staff's recommendation. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9: Northwest Florida Water Management District partnership for Headwaters of the St. Marks River

Mr. Davis stated that he was requesting authorization from the Intergovernmental Agency to move forward to enter into negotiations with the Northwest Florida Management District to equally share the acquisition costs for properties located within the headwaters of the St. Marks River. Mr. Davis stated that there were issues such as ownership and management of the properties acquired that needed to be worked out during the negotiations.

Mr. Buss moved conceptual approval. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10: Water Quality criteria modification

Mr. Davis stated that this issue addressed the revision of the water quality criteria to include geography. He stated that a second phase of the project evaluation that would include a map that identified, by quadrant, the location of the previously approved projects and the location of new projects being submitted for approval. He stated that this will allow members of the IA to consider location in their final decision for project approval.

Mr. Davis moved approval of the new two stage water quality criteria. Mr. Grant seconded the motion for discussion. The motion failed. The TCC members stated that they voted against this change because they are a technical coordinating committee and they believed that their decisions should be based on technical data.

Item #7: LiDAR Funding

Mr. Davis stated that this issue requested that the Intergovernmental Agency fund 1/3 of the total cost for the Light Detection and Ranging, LiDAR, GIS upgrade. The cost to Blueprint would be \$350,000 and COT and Leon County will fund equal amounts. He stated that this technology has an accuracy of approximately 2 feet contours and that it could penetrate dense foliage.

Me. Lee Hartsfield, County GIS, did a presentation of the LiDAR system. He stated that the present system was accurate up to 4 feet contours but accuracy is substantially less and it will not penetrate foliage. He further stated that the LiDAR system is more accurate and it is a critical technology that will be used to support the engineering of future projects. This will offset the cost of the preliminary design phase of the blueprint projects. There was further discussion and a presentation of the product was shown.

Mr. Wright moved staff's recommendation. Ms. Heiker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8: Operating Budget

Ms. Dinah Hart presented the proposed 2003 Operating Budget for Blueprint 2000. The committee members asked for clarity regarding the stormwater study.

Mr. Wright moved staff's recommendation. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unagendaed Items

The committee discussed a proposed apartment complex that will be located on Capital Circle (near Datamax and Southwood). Southwood had initially agreed to donate equal amounts of right of way for roadway expansion; however, they have decided to donate property from only one side of the road. This will result in two parcels within the apartment complex being affected in the future when Capital Circle is widened in this area. The developer has proposed to place 3 apartment buildings, a clubhouse and a church within the proposed right of way. The Committee discussed developing an interim ordinance that would prevent this type of development.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.