

Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2017
To: Citizens Advisory Committee
From: Benjamin H. Pingree, PLACE Director
Subject: Summary Minutes for December 15, 2016 CAC Meeting

Committee Members present:

Allen Stucks	Jim Stevenson
Chris Klena	Kent Wimmer
Claudette Cromartie	Neil Fleckenstein
Gordon Hansen	Stewart Proctor
Gina Kinchlow	JR Harding

Committee Members absent:

Henree Martin	George Smith
Andrew Chin	

Guests/Presenters/Staff present:

Ben Pingree	Angela Ivy
Charles Hargraves	Susan Emmanuel
Autumn Calder	Rick Jenkins

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

- There were no agenda modifications.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Item #1: Blueprint Project Updates

This item was informational only.

Henree Martin questioned if, when presented to the Board on October 27, 2016, there were any substantive changes to the Strategic Plan for OEV or new business impacting OEV. Ben Pingree stated that there were not any substantial changes to the plan. The big take-away was that previous direction by the Board, not to tap into the \$1 million incentive fund for anything that was operational in nature, was reversed in a motion which included a targeted industry sector study to be funded from that source. Secondly, was the acknowledgment that it was a strategic plan and there would be far more detail and specificity in the forthcoming work plan. Apart from those two, the document was unchanged by the Board and the staff recommendations covered in the prior CAC meeting were generally approved by the IA.

Kent Wimmer questioned if there was any information from the recent Board of County Commissioners Retreat. Mr. Pingree stated that regarding infrastructure and the major investments through Blueprint continued to be boldly targeted by the County; and he anticipated

the same from the City Commission Retreat as well. In terms of economic vitality, it was once again one of the top three themes of the day. He felt that there would be a strong focus on the work of Blueprint and the Office of Economic Vitality prior to 2020. The goal was to be “off and running” by then. However, of all the various sales tax projects, it was determined by the County Commission, that those which were not identified for funding, the Airport and Convention Center, would be cycled back through the OEV in the new processes.

Claudette Cromartie questioned if the warehoused located along Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3, near the intersection of Miles and Gamble Streets, would remain or removed. Autumn Calder stated that some would be acquired but others would not. The closer they were to the pond and roundabout the greater the likelihood that they would be taken.

Regarding the Welaunee project, Mr. Wimmer questioned if the crossing at I-10 would be an overpass or interchange. Ms. Calder and Mr. Pingree confirmed that it would eventually be an interchange but would begin as an overpass.

Item #2: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Fiscal Year 2016 Performance Report

This item was informational only.

Allen Stucks moved to accept the report; Claudette Cromartie seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

III. CONSENT

Item #3: Revised 2017 Meeting Schedule for Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board, CAC, and TCC

Autumn Calder spoke briefly on the revisions to the 2017 meeting schedule and the reasons behind it. The proposed schedule would decrease the amount of time between CAC and IA meetings so that agenda items more closely mirrored those of the IA and to more clearly communicate the actions of the CAC. It increased the IA meeting to four, three-hour meetings per year to allow for the inclusion and discussion of OEV items. If approved, new calendar appointments would be sent follow the meeting.

Item #4: CAC Meeting Minutes (October 13, 2016)

There were no comments on the minutes.

Allen Stucks moved approval of the consent agenda; Hugh Tomlinson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item #5: Election of the CAC Vice-Chair

Claudette Cromartie nominated Henree Martin. Ms. Martin graciously declined because her term would expire prior to her being able to complete the service.

Henree Martin nominated Hugh Tomlinson. He accepted; Ed Murray seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

Speakers: None.

VI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

JR Harding asked if, regarding project updates, the metric of completion could be stated in time versus percentage. He felt that it would be a better benchmark of when the public would receive a return on their investment. Charles Hargraves stated that it was based off standards of the engineering profession and could be challenging to convey in other terms. For example, 60% plans were needed prior to right-of-way acquisition on a project. That did not translate to time though. However, staff would work to use more laymen terms and target dates in the updates moving forward.

Kent Wimmer stated that he was disappointed to learn that the acquisition of the Upper Lake Lafayette track was unsuccessful and wondered what the next step might be. Autumn Calder stated that Blueprint continued to act on the direction of the IA in pursuing cost sharing opportunities for the acquisition of the trail lands. Staff from the Florida Division of State Lands indicated to Blueprint staff that the property was under contract and DSL would approach the new owners in hopes of succeeding with them. Ms. Calder stated that she would email DSL for a status update and report back to the CAC.

VII. ADJOURN

Allen Stucks moved adjournment; Claudette Cromartie seconded the motion; it passed unanimously at 5:48 pm.