

BluePrint 2000 - Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2002

Meeting Attendees: Kathy Archibald
Michael Sheridan
Jess Van Dyke
William Smith, Jr.
Burt Davey
Albert Trull
John Hutchinson
Dinah Hart (*City staff*)

Guest(s):

Recording Secretary: Jeanette Lindsey

Meeting called to order at 4:35 P.M.

Kathy Archibald presented a continuation of BluePrint 2000 orientation to the members. (*Questions and discussions of items were addressed throughout the presentation*).

Included in Phase I – Map 3-Segment 2:

- Stormwater conveyance and improvements
- Box culverts
- \$3 million dollars

Phase I includes all of Segment 1, 2, and 3.

Map 3 - Segment 3 goes from St. Augustine Branch to the Regional Stormwater Facility (RSF). Includes a series of retention ponds and greenways.

Question was asked if there had been a discussion on the impact on development/ redevelopment of these areas?

Kathy - In your book, every section has a part to it called Land Use (*this section outlines in specific details the usage of the specified areas -- which was read out loud by Kathy*). I don't know at what point or at what level we will discuss this, but there will be efforts being made through the Gaines Street Revitalization, and it is also supposed to be coordinated with the BluePrint. All of the land use should be discussed during that point; this has been secured through the adoption of the Gaines Street Revitalization. When it comes to the actual restoration process and changing the shapes of the buildings, I don't know what that process will be, or what our involvement will be. Our involvement is more concerned with getting the stormwater done and the greenway done, and making sure that everything is coordinated.

(A brief discussion was held on the role of the committee, which led to a discussion regarding zoning issues, BluePrint director's roles, and implementation of BluePrint 2000).

Question asked in regards to how the committee will handle projects that are going to be built before we really get going with zoning, along with all of the other aspects of the BluePrint 2000? I know of a project on the St. Augustine Branch that has been permitted to student housing.

Kathy - That's the same problem that I think we have with everything. It's just like whenever the comp plan was adopted, there is a period of time when something is proposed and it has to go through all of these steps before it finally get adopted. There will always be that type of situation anytime that you are doing something new like this.

Dinah - This has come up more than one time, and we really don't have legal standing at this point to say, "you can't do this," but we can say, "this is what our plan is, and this is what we intend to do;" and hopefully work with the developer. There should be an understanding of what it is that we are trying to do, and maybe the developer can make some deviation to his site plan that will enable the others to go forward. This is one situation that we were unable to have much of an impact.

Map 3 - Segment 4 *(the central drainage ditch); this is where the St. Augustine Branch and the central drainage ditch come together. (Kathy shared more specifics about the vision of the project, and how it would benefit businesses in the area).*

What is funded in Segment 4 *(this is the part that we had to cut back to secure the ROW):*

- \$5.9M that is funded is out of this section
- Under the greenway section \$1.3M is funded
- Under miscellaneous the trailhead acquisition, the \$900,000 is funded

Basically, the entire ROW, the construction of the greenway, the trail development and the trailheads are funded, but the construction of these stormwater improvements are not funded.

The total for Segment 4 is \$8.1M in Phase I.

MAP 4 *(we have covered this briefly when we talked about Capital Circle – Centerview Drive around to Crawfordville Highway). Discussed street preservations, sinkholes, and urban service areas.*

What is included in Map 4:

- Floods and acquisition is funded \$1M
- Greenway land acquisition is funded \$600,000
- Nothing in the Tram Road section is funded
- Capital Circle SE section, the ROW is funded \$8.1M and construction is funded \$57M

The total for Map 4 is \$81.7M.

Dinah – In order to get to the actual \$81M total, under Tram Road the \$35M set aside for the ROW, \$15M is included.

(After a brief discussion between Dinah and Kathy, consensus was accepted that according to Dinah’s notes, the Interchange at Apalachee Parkway and the Interchange at Crawfordville Road were both deleted, and Tram Road was included for \$15M).

Dinah – In regards to the corridor issue, we will be bringing to you in February’s regular business meeting, a proposal to go ahead with the Corridor Preservation, all of the mapping/implementation for the entirety of Capital Circle that is included in the BluePrint project.

Map 5A is mainly about stormwater. Nothing in 5A has been funded; this is reviewed for information purpose only. Nothing in 5A is included in Phase I.

Map 5B is mainly about stormwater and flood areas. The only thing funded is greenway land acquisition (\$3.1M).

Map 6 – We recommended the greenway connection from the park up to the Miccosukee greenway, and through the floodplain. There is a recommendation for a retrofit facility (Weems Road/Lake Lafayette area).

What is funded:

- \$1.5M for the floodplain acquisition
- No stormwater improvements
- Under greenway the \$2.4M is funded for the greenway land acquisition
- \$600,000 is funded for easement

Total funded is \$4.5M for Phase I.

Map 7 – Relates to St. Marks Floodplain Protection.

What is funded:

- \$8.8M funded for floodplain acquisition
- \$1.2M funded for greenway land acquisition and trail development

Total funded for Phase I is \$10M.

Initiative II (\$50M for stormwater retrofit – the \$50M is split 50/50 between the City and the County).

- Funded for stormwater quality enhancement programs and regional ponds.

Out of these funds, the City identified \$10M that they wanted to use for the Frenchtown area (pond and drainage improvements to address flooding and water quality).

The County is allocating \$5M to address problems with flooding in neighborhoods (treatments, stormwater ponds, etc.).

Question was asked as to what is the committee's responsibility regarding the oversight function, relative to those projects and expenditures?

Kathy – My opinion is that we need to look at what it is that they are doing, and say what it is to be used for (*water quality improvements and retrofits*) as stated under the Stormwater Quality Management Program. To go out and do a project that is not a retrofit project (*flooding is one of the gray areas*) -- sometimes a flooding project will enhance water quality and some times it does not, therefore, it needs to be within the parameters of water quality and retrofit.

What is the general game plan over the next six, eight, or ten months?

Kathy - Our game plan is going to be dictated by the work plan of the IA.

Dinah – Majority of the things that will go before the Intergovernmental Agency will come to this committee for input. The work plan is something that we are working on right now as it relates to the implementation of the projects.

Kathy – I have a schedule of the TCC/IA/CAC meetings; the TCC meetings are open to the public, and if you want to get a deeper understanding of the issues/projects you may want to go sit in on these meetings.

The next meeting for CAC is February 7, 2002

At that meeting we will:

- Adopt our by-laws
- Dinah will be talking more about some of the number crunching that has been going on.
- Review the Corridor Preservation and mapping issues (*this will go to the joint commissions on the 18th*).

Dinah took a few minutes to provide an update on the comprehensive review process. This will be a major function of this group. Discussed changes to revenue projections/cost of financing/information on section of Capital Circle right-of-ways.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

/minutes transcribed by Jeanette Lindsey