

**Blueprint 2000 CAC Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, February 6, 2003  
Amtrak Station Conference Room  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 4:40 PM by Kathy Archibald, Chairperson.

**Committee Members present:**

Kathy Archibald, Chairperson  
Anita Davis  
Burt Davy

Charles Pattison  
Mike Sheridan  
Jess Van Dyke

**Staff:**

David Bright  
Jennifer Carver  
Jim Davis  
Craig Diamond  
Harry Farrar  
Shelonda Gay  
Dinah Hart  
Steve Hodges  
Karen Jumonville  
Gabriel Menendez  
Michael Wright  
Bill Woolery

**Guests/Presenters:**

Tommy Barfield  
Paco de la Fuente  
Scott Golden  
Carlana Hoff  
Mary Ann Koos  
Brian Little  
Rob Palmer  
Jimmy Smith  
Steve Urse  
Martha Wellman

**Agenda Modifications**

Mr. Davis stated that the agenda contained a typographical error; the names of the presenters for Item # 3 & 4 are in reverse order. Mr. Davis stated that he had just returned from a trip to New York City, meeting with three bond rating agencies and three bond insurers.

Ms. Gay stated that the Blueprint 2000 website was updated to include the entire Blueprint 2000 Project Definitions report, the bylaws and minutes for all committees and the newly adopted Interlocal Agreement. She further stated that the website is located at [www.salestaxupdate.com](http://www.salestaxupdate.com).

Mr. Davis announced that Ms. Gay had received a Silver Productivity Award from City of Tallahassee/Florida Taxwatch.

## Informational Items

Mr. Davis asked to reverse the order of the presentations of the information items.

### **Item #b: Capital Circle Northwest**

Mr. Brian Little, FDOT, provided the BP2K CAC with a presentation on the progress of the design for the widening of Capital Circle Northwest from I-10 to US-90. He stated that FDOT would need approximately \$25M from Blueprint 2000 for right of way acquisition by March 31, 2003. Mr. Little stated that the land acquisitions could take up to 2 years to finalize. He stated that the FDOT would be submitting 60% design plans by the end of the month, 90% plans by mid summer and 100% plans by early 2004. He further stated that the estimated \$17M construction costs were not funded and construction bids could be submitted by July 2005. Mr. Little stated that there would be a public information meeting on February 11, 2003 and he continued with his presentation and mentioned the placement of holding ponds, landscaping plans and sidewalks. He stated that the landscaping plan/contract would be a separate issue that would be finalized after construction was completed, and after remnant right of way parcels were identified.

Ms. Davis stated that Blueprint 2000 might try to work with the Arbor Day Foundation in order to get trees for the landscaping of this part of the roadway. There was further discussion concerning the width of the median and the need for refuge areas in the median at or near intersections for pedestrians. Mr. Little stated that changes to the design would cause a delay in construction of the roadway. He further stated that a pedestrian refuge area required an 8-foot median adjacent to the turn lane; this would require additional right of way. The committee members expressed disappointment that the Blueprint 2000 design concept would not be fully incorporated into the design of this stretch of roadway. They stated that in the future they would like to be more involved in decisions on the design of roadways.

There was discussion of the design of the stormwater facilities and the landscaping that would be provided in these areas. The ponds included sand filters to allow them to go dry; wet ponds would need to be larger.

Mr. Jim Davis stated that Blueprint 2000 was in the process of selling bonds to raise the money to advance to the FDOT by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **Item #a: Headwaters of the St. Marks River**

Mr. Craig Diamond stated that the Planning Department performed supplemental analysis to define the specific parcels for purchase by Blueprint 2000 for the preservation of the Headwaters of the St. Marks River and the areas west of the Capital Circle Northwest. He stated further that the method of acquisition was also being evaluated (fee simple, conservation easement, etc.). Mr. Diamond showed the committee a GIS map of both areas that identified in detail, the 100-year flood plains, wetlands, hydrography, known

conservation easements, other public lands, etc. He stated that they studied the connectivity to other projects, the size of the parcels, whether the parcels were developed, etc. to determine the feasibility of acquisition. He mentioned that they would rank the parcels in three levels by priority for acquisition. Mr. Diamond continued with his presentation.

Ms. Archibald stated that it should be priority for Blueprint 2000 to create a sensitive lands working group that will create the criteria and standards for the purchase of these sensitive lands. This group, and the criteria, need to be developed prior to buying any more property. Mr. Davis stated that he would like the committee to nominate members for this work group.

There was discussion of the role of the Northwest Florida Water Management District in the acquisition of these sensitive lands, and whether the Trust for Public Land had been contacted to assist in getting some of the land quicker.

#### Consent Items

##### **Item #1: Approval of November 21, 2002 Citizen's Advisory Committee Minutes**

The committee was not able to vote because there was not a quorum of the members.

#### Presentations/Action

##### **Item #2: Election of Officers**

The committee was not able to vote because there was not a quorum of the members.

##### **Item #3: Capital Circle Southeast Update**

Mr. Bill Woolery provided the committee with a presentation on the status of Capital Circle Southeast PD&E Study. He stated that he would be asking the Intergovernmental Agency for conceptual approval and approval of funding for the construction from Connie Drive to Tram Road. He further stated that they were in the process of finalizing right-of-way and stormwater facility locations. The committee reviewed the SouthWood stormwater management plans for this area south to Tram Road. Some concern was noted that the runoff, which was to be conveyed to ponds south of Tram Road, would pollute the aquifer and Wakulla Springs.

Mr. Michael Wright stated that FDOT was in the process of bidding the construction on Capital Circle Southeast from Park Avenue to south of Apalachee Parkway. He further stated that Arvida needed to make certain improvements to Capital Circle in order to keep building housing units. By designing and building the full cross-section now, Mr. Wright stated that the City was trying to avoid having to come in at a later date and reconstruct the roadway after Avida made their required changes to Capital Circle.

The committee was not able to vote because there was not a quorum of the members, however the members present agreed to the conceptual approval and approval of funding for the construction from Connie Drive to Tram Road.

**Item #4: Citizen's Advisory Committee Annual Report (draft)**

Ms. Archibald provided the committee with a draft outline of the CAC annual report on the progress of Blueprint 2000 (A copy of this draft outline is on file with the Blueprint 2000 office). She stated that the members of the CAC needed to e-mail their input to her so that it could be included in the report. There was discussion of the types of items that would be included in the report and the things that the members present saw as concerns in the Program in addition to the items in the outline.

**Unagendaed Items**

The members present expressed their concern that many members were not present and that this caused a problem with attaining a quorum for the meeting. Ms. Archibald asked that this issue be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.