

Blueprint 2000 CAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 6, 2014
Leroy Collins Public Library, Program Room A

Kent Wimmer called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm.

Committee Members present:

Kent Wimmer	Dale Landry
David Jones	Chris Klena
Tom O'Steen	George Smith
Andrew Chin	Tim Edmonds
Ron Pease	

Guests/Presenters/Staff:

Charles Hargraves	Sean Kalbli
Autumn Calder	Rita Stevens
Dave Snyder	Patrick Twyman
Gary Phillips	Jeff Castor
Angela Ivy	Bonnie Gambu
Shelonda Meeks	Dana Powell
Susan Emmanuel	Jim Stevenson
Marcus Robinson	

Agenda Modifications

Information Items

Item #1: Project Updates

Charles Hargraves gave a synopsis of the agenda item and staff shared current photos as well.

Tom O'Steen questioned if there was additional capacity in the Coal Chute and Van Buren Ponds for private development? Mr. Hargraves stated that Van Buren Pond was for attenuation only. Coal Chute had some reserved capacity for FAMU Way, CRA projects, and water quality retrofit for approximately 50-acres. This included Railroad Square however with no specific attributions.

Ron Pease requested clarification on communication between agencies. Mr. Hargraves stated that the agencies and departments went to great lengths to communicate and coordinate with each other. He cited the City's stormwater improvement project to the Central Drainage Ditch, which crossed Segment 4, as an example of efforts between City departments, Blueprint, and external consultants. Through coordination efforts it became clear that improvements made by the City's project would benefit Segment 4 as well. That freed up Blueprint fund to be used for other elements of Segment 4. Ms. Calder also stated that Blueprint utilized the Technical Coordinating Committee, which was comprised of City and County staff, to review and coordinate on projects.

On the Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest project Kent Wimmer questioned if a curb cut would be constructed for recreational access to the lake. Mr. Hargraves stated that he would check with the project manager and email a response to him.

Regarding Capital Circle Southwest, Mr. Wimmer questioned what kind of mitigation the US Forest Service required. Mr. Hargraves stated that he was not sure. The project was under design by FDOT, who would take it to 60% by late summer. Once that was in place, they would begin the process of identifying what lands would be needed for acquisition. Mr. Wimmer stated that Blueprint would have to compensate the US Forest Service somehow. Mr. Hargraves stated that Blueprint hoped to be able to. The number one project of the Sales Tax Committee was the completion of Capital Circle Southwest. He hoped that would be the dollars that would be necessary to do that. The federal dollars involved could not be used for such.

Item #2: Cascades Connector Bridge Status Update

Charles Hargraves gave a synopsis of the agenda item.

Consent Items

Item #3: CAC Meeting Minutes (December 5, 2013)

Tim Edmond move approval; Ron Pease seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Item #4: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year 2013

Autumn Calder gave a synopsis of the agenda item and introduced the auditors, Bonnie Gandy and Dana Powell with Law, Redd, Crona, and Munroe. As well as City Accounting staff Patrick Twyman and Rita Stevens.

Dana Powell stated that their staff was completing the field work and review process. Once finished they would release their report which would be included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report based on the fairness of the financial statements. Currently though, nothing had been identified any misstatements or adjustments that would need to be made to the draft.

Presentation Items

Item #5: Florida Department of Transportation Bold Landscape Initiative and Adjustment to Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest Landscape

Jeff Castor presented information on the item and the history of the Department. Autumn Calder shared the history of landscape design on the Capital Circle projects. In summary, Blueprint followed specific objectives outlined in the design guidelines that were approved in 2004. She shared that the cost to City Public Works to maintain was approximately \$12K annually to maintain shrub and groundcover areas as compare to \$1200 for grass and tree areas. The goal was to maintain the aesthetic appeal and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Dale Landry was concerned with planting trees along major roadways that could impede traffic

in the event of a natural disaster. Based on his background in disaster planning he stated that with the oak trees in and around Tallahassee, it was estimated that with a major hurricane it would take up to 72 hours to clear roadways to get outside of Capital Circle. If the Department, and Blueprint specifically, pursued the route of installing trees along roadways they needed to be smaller in size so that they did not become a problem.

Tom O'Steen supported the general direction of FDOT in eliminating maintenance costs to simplify busy landscapes, that were often seen at 30-50 mph became a blur. He requested that staff be cognizant of only using palms sporadically and to avoid using crepe myrtles because of the overuse on roadways.

Kent Wimmer was concerned that roadways would not be as attractive and even boring. Mr. O'Steen stated that some of the photographs of Capital Circle Southeast were evidence of what some of the shrubbery selections turned into, brown areas of median that were not aesthetically pleasing; whereas, trees sustained over time.

David Jones supported Mr. Landry's point for safety however he felt that with the wide footprint of Capital Circle larger trees on the perimeter would be fine. Native trees were also important. A south Florida landscape was out of place in north Florida.

Furthermore, Mr. Jones questioned who on staff was responsible for revisions to plans. Was there opportunity to alter them and could the CAC contribute suggestions to that.

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Item #6: Cascades Park Update

Citizens To Be Heard

There were none.

Items From Members Of The Committee

There were none.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by consensus at _____ pm.