

Blueprint 2000 CAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 30, 2013

Blueprint 2000 Office

2727 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 200

Richard Drew called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm.

Committee Members present:

Richard Drew	Kent Wimmer
David Jones	Henree Martin

Guests/Presenters/Staff:

Wayne Tedder	Shawn Kalbli
Charles Hargraves	Patrice Hanulak
Dave Snyder	Cameron Snipes
Autumn Calder	Theresa Heiker
Angela Ivy	Harry Reed
Ray Youmans	Rita Stevens
Shelonda Meeks	Patrick Twyman
Margie Quillman	Brian McDonald
Debra Schiro	Lee Daniels
Marek Romanowski	

Agenda Modifications

M1: Cascades Park Amphitheater Interlocal Agreement Update

Lee Daniel with the Tourist Development Council gave a brief update on the status of the Interlocal Agreement. There would be ten, regional, ticketed events coordinated by his office. All other events would be run by the City Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs (COT PRNA) department. There would be a Stage Committee for input on the ten regional events. There would be members of the neighborhood associations represented on that committee as well as KCCI, FAMU Museum Series, and Seven Days of Opening Nights.

Richard Drew questioned what constituted an event. Mr. Lee stated that the goal of the ten regional events was to promote economic development through tourism. The name that had been used in meetings, to represent a level of notoriety and capability to create a draw, was The Doobie Brothers. It would draw visitors from around the region that would also stay in hotels, dine out, etc. "Local" events such as the Tallahassee Symphony or a return of the Southern Shakespeare Festival would be run by COT PRNA. Kent Wimmer questioned if the neighborhoods would distinguish between such events, because of the potential to draw several thousand attendees to a "local" event. He compared it to the Memorial Day event downtown earlier that week; which Tallahassee Police Department estimated had 8k people in attendance.

Mr. Drew questioned if the events would be evening or night time events. Mr. Daniel stated that was yet to be determined. Also, there were efforts afoot to partner with other Amphitheatres in the southeast (St. Augustine to Pensacola) to collectively develop a multi-location scheduling opportunity for potential performers.

It was an ongoing process with questions that were still outstanding. Multi-day events may or may not be considered "one" event. The current goal for weekend events would be to have them end at 10:30 with the area clear by 11:00 pm. However, 11:00 pm would probably be the time listed in the Agreement.

Wayne Tedder stated that the City was in the process of developing a noise ordinance based on actual data collected in town. The City Attorney's office was tasked with completing that by the end of 2013. He felt it would be controversial and polarizing with between neighborhoods and businesses. Local venues would not have to live up to the sound standard for regional events.

#4: New Option 1 and Recommended Action

This update was informational only.

Information Items

Item #1: Leon County Sales Tax Committee Update

Henree Martin gave a brief update on the status of the committee. She stated that the committee was at the point of reviewing how the proposed projects were geographically distributed across the county. There were some unresolved controversial issues on certain proposed projects. She felt that after the next meeting on June 13, 2013 the Committee would be able to further narrow the list. One thing she was encouraging was a dedicated allocation of money for water quality, to include stormwater and sewer, issues. The IA could determine which projects were funded from it based on recommendations by staff that was more qualified than committee members on the technical aspects of the projects. Also, the Committee set aside 15% of future sales tax funds for projects that could potentially come out of the Imagine Tallahassee community forums if they merited funding. If not the allocation would revert to other projects. She estimated that list would not be available until the ended of the year.

Kent Wimmer questioned what the role of the CAC would be moving forward. He noted the changes and limits to the committee since he joined. Wayne Tedder stated that the CAC would not have a role in the choosing the list of projects. The CAC would be given a role once the projects were delivered in a referendum. It could be defining priorities; along the lines of what Ms. Martin discussed.

Mr. Tedder stated that the Sales Tax Committee has also discussed a 20 year, versus 15 year collection period. Ms. Martin stated that there was considerable discussion of Springhill Road as the official, beautified gateway to Tallahassee.

Item #2: Project Updates

This item was informational only.

Richard Drew asked about the anomaly in Boca Chuba Pond. Charles Hargraves stated that in the area of excavation for the remediation work, what was now Boca Chuba Pond was lined with gravel and boulders. Beneath that however was a fissure in the limestone that was acting as an under drain. As the water leached through, it was eroding the soil and causing problems with sheet pile walls, etc. Staff was working with consultants to find a solution.

Henree Martin asked if it would be possible to rename Coal Chute Pond. Mr. Tedder stated that it was the historical name of the area; however it could be presented to the FAMU CAC for input.

David Jones asked about the inclusion of Centennial Field. Mr. Tedder stated that the controlling factors of completing the park, which were not determined at that point, was the Discovery Garden, Smokey Hollow Commemoration, and Amphitheater. He felt it would be six-months out before the completion. Blueprint received a cost proposal on Smokey Hollow from the contractor; they were working through a few issues with it before issuing a Notice to Proceed.

Mr. Drew questioned what type of maintenance would be required on the Mobile Chitosan-Enhanced Sand Filtration System. Mr. Hargraves stated that it was temporary for construction purposes only.

Autumn Calder updated the CAC on the status of the Riley House Sidewalk project and stated that concepts would be ready to share by the August meeting. She stated that the County donated right of way. Also, the Riley House agreed to an easement for it.

Mr. Jones asked about the status of the façade on the Meridian Point Building. Mr. Tedder stated that the City and FSU were still in negotiations for the trade. The site of interest was the O'Connell site, south of the Civic Center. However on the façade itself, Blueprint met with the FSU Aesthetics Committee to pitch ideas for painting it. Also, Ms. Calder and Dave Snyder were working with the Dean of the Art School at FSU to create two large murals based on the history of Cascades Park. They would be panels that could be removed from the building should it be demolished in the future.

Consent Items

Item #3: CAC Meeting Minutes (January 22, 2013 & February 7, 2013)

There were no comments on the minutes, however, without a quorum present the committee could not vote to approve them. The item was continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Item #4: Acceptance of FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) & Appropriation of FY 2012 Operating Fund Balance

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Item #5: IRS Audit Results of 2007 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Presentations/Discussion

Item #6: Lake Jackson Basin Water Quality Project

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Item #7: Capital Circle Southwest (W1) Right of Way Adjustment

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Item #8: Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 Update and Authorization to Increase Construction Budget

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Item #9: Proposed Revisions to the IA, CAC, and TCC Rules, Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Public Hearing – 5:30 PM

Item #10: Proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Item #11: Fiscal year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan and Fiscal Year 2013-2020 Net Sales Tax Allocation Plan

Continued to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

Citizens To Be Heard

There were none.

Items From Members Of The Committee

Kent Wimmer spoke about the efforts to add a constitutional amendment to the ballot and shared a petition regarding Water and Land Conservation to dedicate funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands. It offered an opportunity for a potential funding source for Blueprint projects. He hoped that receive an endorsement from Blueprint 2000 for the amendment. Wayne Tedder stated that it would be best served at the City and County Commissions with the recommendation for endorsement.

Adjourn

Richard Drew stated that due to a lack of quorum and the resulting inability of the CAC to perform their duty, the meeting would be continued on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 4:30 PM. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:23 pm.