

**Blueprint 2000 CAC Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, November 17, 2004  
Blueprint 2000 Office – Koger Center  
1311 Executive Center Drive – Suite 109  
4:30 pm

Chairman Bill Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**Committee Members present:**

Jerry Conger	Gregg Patterson
Anita Davis	Charles Pattison
Terence Hinson	Mike Sheridan
Casie Moran	Bill Smith
Dianna Norwood	Jess Van Dyke

**Guests/Presenters/Staff:**

Angel Baratta	Phil Maher
Joanna Booth	Maribel Nicholson-Choice
Dave Bright	Jerry Oshesky
Jim Davis	Steve Urse
Jack Diestelhorst	
Shelonda Gay	

**Agenda Modifications**

Mr. Smith began the meeting by asking if there were any agenda modifications. Mr. Bright inquired if anyone had any problems getting their agenda packages for the November meeting. For the last meeting someone had not received theirs and for this meeting someone else had not received their packet. Mr. Bright passed around the mailing label sheet to verify addresses and he stated that the next few mail outs would be monitored closely to see where the breakdown was occurring in the process. **The suggestion was made that Blueprint duplex the packet in order to save on paper cost and postage.** Mr. Bright said they would do that.

Mr. Bright also handed out a flyer announcing the Capital Cascade Trail, November 30<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

Finally, in conjunction with Item 6, copies of the Interlocal Agreement section on Blueprint projects and the process and a copy of the CAC by-laws were provided.

Mr. Bright also mentioned that Jerry Oshesky was requesting that a CAC member serve on the Capital Circle SE partnering meeting scheduled for December 6 from 9 am to 5 pm, and would like a member with an environmental orientation. They were looking at signing the agreement soon with M Inc., and CW Roberts and get the design/build process underway. Mr. Van Dyke said that since Mr. McGorty was not present, he

wanted to nominate him, but if he were unavailable, he would be willing to fill the position. Dave Bright stated he would call Kevin to see if he could participate.

Mr. Smith requested that the minutes be approved before the rest of the items were presented and he asked for any highlights of the minutes since he was unable to attend the last meeting. Mr. Bright and Mr. Davis did a review of the main points. The Capital Cascade Trail was discussed and **a request was made by Mike Sheridan that staff involve the CAC members in the marketing/promoting of the final plan of the Trail to the IA.**

#### Consent Items

##### **Item #5: Approval of September 2, 2004 Citizen's Advisory Committee Minutes**

Bill Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the September 2 minutes. Terence Hinson moved that they be approved and Gregg Patterson seconded the motion. There was **discussion on having the questions and follow-up answers stated** in the minutes. Mr. Sheridan asked for the chair's permission **to get with staff and comment on items that were in the minutes that were questions posed that he didn't feel were answered and possibly at the next meeting they could bring them back to be answered.** The vote was taken and the minutes passed unanimously.

#### Informational Items

##### **Item #1: Leveraging Update**

Phil Maher stated that since the last meeting, the Blueprint Leveraging Policy was taken to the Board on September 20<sup>th</sup> and it was approved. Blueprint also submitted an application for a State Infrastructure Bank loan to Florida DOT for \$26.7M for the construction of Capital Circle SE from Connie Drive to Tram Road. The notification of award was to be announced by November 12<sup>th</sup> but due to the hurricanes there were some delays and they were still waiting to hear, though they did feel pretty good about our chances of acquiring the SIB loan.

Mr. Maher discussed Strategic Intermodal System funding and Mr. Davis explained what it was and what was being done to pursue those funds for Capital Circle NW/SW. Mr. Maher stated that three FCT grants were approved for, Timberlane Ravine, Patty Sink, and Copeland Sink and when contracts were complete it would total \$1.7M in grants.

In addition, Blueprint 2000 submitted an application to the NFWFMD for construction funds for the Gibby Pond, a stormwater retrofit project located on CCNW south of Tennessee Street for \$732,160. Mr. Davis has met with Paul Bradshaw, the Leon County area representative and briefed him on the project.

##### **Item #2 Blueprint 2000 Accomplishments for 2003-2004**

Mr. Davis presented the item. **A question was asked that even though the information**

**went to Anita Favors and Parwez Alam, could it be sent to the Tallahassee Democrat as well.** Mr. Davis said that initially it would also be sent to the IA.

Mr. Davis stated that there would be a performance and financial audit conducted for the program. He noted that last year the CAC wrote the performance audit. He mentioned that they proposed to do an annual report from the CAC, which would be suitable to put in the Democrat. Mr. Smith stated that last year they had discussed being not quite ready but this year they were more able to tell the story and present accomplishments. A comment was made that the Democrat has made much note of so many "committees" in the community that meet and do not produce, but Blueprint 2000 has done a really great job and has the products to show for it and it needs to be high profile in the community.

**The idea was presented of putting together a report for the citizens with grades and easy to read bullets.** The feeling was that it really needed to be in the Democrat because the City of Tallahassee utility bills did not reach all residents of the county. **It was also recommended that someone work with the Editorial Board so that it comes out as they are envisioning.**

The discussion continued related to the process of performing or preparing the audit and the time frame. Blueprint has drafted information on accomplishments and it will be reviewed by Anita and PA for comments and modification, and then it will be given to MGT America, who is under contract to Blueprint. If the CAC members have specific ideas they would like evaluated, input would be appreciated. The financial audit will be complete prior to the January 2005 IA meeting.

Chairman Smith asked that the minutes reflect that the CAC said thank you to staff for all the hard work and a good job, though next year should be even better!

#### Presentations/Discussion/Action

#### **Item #4: Appointment to the CAC (Civil Rights representative)**

Dave Bright provided background on the item and stated that Michael Sheridan was reappointed to the CAC by the IA at their meeting in September and that the appointment would be good through November 2007. Dianna Norwood was appointed to the CAC as the planning commission representative and that her term would expire November of 2005. There was one remaining position requiring appointment, the Civil Rights Community, and they had not received any nominations from the appointing groups by the September meeting date. Still as of this date, Blueprint had not heard back from the Tallahassee Interdenominational Ministerial Association or from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, but the NAACP had provided a re-nomination for Anita Davis.

The recommendation was to approve the re-nomination for Anita Davis. A motion was made by Michael Sheridan, and seconded, and it passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the additional authorized representative from the Universities and TCC and how that was going, and Mr. Davis stated that it was being coordinated with Bill Law, but was going slow. **Mr. Sheridan asked that a process be developed**

**regarding the reappointments so that the people whose position is being affected know what is coming up and what their options were. Mr. Smith asked if people could be sent a note on when their terms expire so they would be aware of it before time.**

The CAC asked if they could have another presentation about the Capital Cascade Trail design and Mr. Bright stated that there was another one scheduled by the consultants for January and it would inform the CAC on what came out of the November 30<sup>th</sup> public meeting and would present the staff recommended concept.

#### **Item #5: 2005 CAC Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Bright stated that the IA had approved the 2005 meeting schedule. But at the last CAC meeting, there had been discussion on moving the March 17 CAC meeting due to St. Patrick's Day. The CAC members decided to move the meeting to Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Mr. Bright said they would reproduce the meeting schedule attachment and send out a copy to all members.**

#### **Item #6: Water Quality Program Fund**

Mr. Davis presented this item, which dealt with the Killlearn Lakes septic system problems and action taken by the IA at its September meeting related to the City-County BP2K Water Quality Program. Due to the timing of the submittal of the agenda item the issue did not go to the CAC or TCC prior to review and action by the IA. This item was included in today's agenda for discussion per the request of several CAC members. Mr. Davis reviewed the history and process of the water quality program, and how the decision was made at the September meeting regarding the funds being allocated without the CAC's input. One of the Commissioners had told the Board that it was a pressing issue and it was time sensitive and it needed to be moved forward.

Mr. Smith agreed that it was a pressing issue that had ramifications beyond just the Killlearn septic tanks and would do good for the county and city and it was a water quality issue, it was just not handled in the best way and mistakes were made along the way.

Mr. Sheridan stated that he felt this created a bad precedent and there could always be made an emergency reason for a rushed vote. He felt the process the IA followed wasn't in compliance with what the taxpayers expect, but he did agree that it was used for stormwater and water quality and that is what was voted on. Yet he also believed a position should be taken in the performance audit that states that the IA did not follow the process and they would be concerned if future decisions were made that didn't follow the process, especially since the CAC was mandated to do a review. Mr. Sheridan agreed that they would be remiss if they did not put in the performance audit that while it was not mandated, they did not follow the protocol of coming to the CAC for a recommendation.

Mr. Pattison raised concerns that in reading the agenda document, there was question of whether it would resolve the identified water quality issue and was this issue going to fix the overall problem. Mr. Van Dyke stated that the urgency was fabricated and the problem had been going on for a long time. He stated that the nutrients were coming from the spray field of the wastewater treatment plant which is located on a wet hill. When the subdivision was approved, people in the area had bought into technology that had not been tested and they needed to be helped out. If they had to pay their fair share to hook up to the water and sewer, they would not be able to afford it. Nothing had been proven that bacteria in Lake Ammonia was coming from the spray field or from the septic tanks. He felt the issue was urgent because there was a pot of money.

Mr. Patterson stated for the record that as a member of the CAC, he believes that when the sales tax was campaigned to the citizens, one of the selling points was that there would be an independent citizens advisory council to safeguard the money for the citizens. He stated that he takes the judiciary responsibility of the community very seriously. It is not the result of the item, but the process of bypassing the CAC that was a concern and there was worry about a precedent being set. It needs to be made clear that they have the process where they review things and are accountable to the community or they do not, but they need to be clear. Though in that instance, the outcome and reason were valid, a process needs to be followed.

Mr. Conger agreed with the preceding statements and added that the CAC should forward something to the commissioners reflecting the CAC's concerns. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Davis to draft a letter and then send it to him and then he would edit and forward to the rest of the CAC and if he did not hear back from them, he would assume that they thought that it was all right.

Jess Van Dyke questioned if the proposed sewer system was to connect with the existing Iamonia Treatment Plant or to the City's treatment plant.

Mr. Davis also stated that the CAC as well as the other groups were going to be receiving copies of the monthly progress reports that are being produced by the GEC.

#### **V. Citizens to be Heard**

There were none.

#### **VI. Items From Members of the Committee**

There were none.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.