

Blueprint 2000 CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Blueprint 2000 Office

2727 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 200

Terence Hinson called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Committee Members present:

Terence Hinson	Kent Wimmer
David Jones	Christic Henry
Ron Pease	Chris Klena
Andrew Chin	George Smith

Guests/Presenters/Staff:

Charles Hargraves	Gary Phillips
Dave Snyder	Shelonda Meeks
Autumn Calder	Susan Emmanuel
Angela Ivy	Paco de la Fuente

Agenda Modifications

Information Items

Item #1: Cascades Park Lower Pond Remediation Update

This item was provided as informational only. Bill Jordan gave an in-depth presentation on the remediation efforts in Boca Chuba Pond. Mr. Jordan confirmed that there was no sinkhole however there were “several in the making.” Charles Hargraves stated that Blueprint would continue to monitor the water levels. Dave Snyder stated that approximately one-acre of concrete had been pumped into the anomalies; 18-inches of clay would be installed from elevation 70, at the bottom of the pond, up the sides to elevation 80.

Presentations/Discussion

Item #5: Election of CAC Vice-Chair

Christic Henry nominated Kent Wimmer; Ron Pease seconded the nomination. Mr. Wimmer stated that he would be happy to serve. It passed unanimously.

Item #6: Citizen’s Advisory Committee Appointment

Autumn Calder stated that the EECC nominated Jim Stevenson to fill the Biologist/Environmental Specialist position vacated by Richard Drew. He could attend meetings however would not be official until approved by the IA in February 2014. If approved, his first official CAC meeting would be April 10, 2014.

Christic Henry moved to accept Mr. Stevenson’s nomination; Chris Klena seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Consent Items

Item #4: CAC Meeting Minutes (August 29, 2013)

Chris Klena moved approval of the August 29, 2013 minutes. George Smith seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Information Items - continued

Item #2: Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 Update

Gary Phillips presented the latest on Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 with photos of progress and options available.

Regarding the electric distribution lines Kent Wimmer questioned if they would be put underground. Mr. Phillips stated that most would be.

David Jones confirmed that Blueprint would be funding the playground equipment as part of the construction process. Mr. Phillips confirmed they would. Mr. Jones wanted to be certain that accessibility of the equipment was addressed as well as the route to the equipment. Mr. Phillips agreed and committed to confirming the design through Susan Tanski with the City; who was the lead designer. Autumn Calder suggested sending the design specs to Mr. Jones for feedback as well.

Item #3: Cascades Park Update and Funding Request Information

Gary Phillips and Autumn Calder gave an update of the Park and shared the latest commercial promoting the park. Blueprint and the City anticipated opening the park in March or April of 2014. There would be elements that would be added after the opening though.

Ron Pease requested that as information was shared, that it be a broader approach than strictly social media so the senior segments of the community would have access to it as well. Ms. Calder spoke to informational handouts and community signs that could be displayed in visitor's centers, library, senior center, etc.

Mr. Wimmer questioned what decision was made on the field surface at Centennial Field. David Jones stated that he spoke at the IA who directed that Blueprint and City Parks & Rec work through the issues with Mr. Jones. The outcome of a meeting with Dee Crumpler was that he had no objection to a rubberized surface. Mr. Jones' understanding was therefore, that was what would be constructed. No progress had been made because meeting schedules had been difficult to coordinate.

Mr. Hargraves concurred with Mr. Jones and stated that it seemed that everyone was "on deck." However, in a recent phone call from Ashely Edwards, the interim Director of Parks & Rec, shared that they would not be moving forward with a rubberized surface at Centennial Field because of the working group issues and dealing with what was already on their plate.

Mr. Jones stated that for all the issues that were to be sorted out, Parks & Rec would have no reason to hold up construction of the whole project. There was not even a design concept; it would be less than two months for construction. He felt that the problem came with personal problems with the concept. What he understood from the IA was that they were to move forward. They met with the Friends of Centennial Field who were in complete agreeance on a universal and accessible design.

Mr. Jones questioned what Parks & Rec need other than time and money for plans to be developed. As he understood it, money was found from the close out of other projects. Mr. Hargraves stated that there was no funding dedicated for Centennial Field. If plans were developed and a cost estimate completed, Mr. Hargraves was confident that funding could be earmarked.

Ron Pease questioned if there was anything the CAC could do to facilitate moving ahead and being supportive as well. He felt that the CAC hear the message however there was conflicting information too. Mr. Hargraves stated that the CAC could make any recommendation they chose too. However, he could not suggest a recommendation that might go against the direction he had been given by City Management. Mr. Pease suggested that the CAC ask Mr. Hargraves or Mr. Tedder to request that City Parks & Rec reconsider their ceasing activity in the planning of it.

Andrew Chin stated that he understood the position of the City in not wanting to add something so close to the completion of the project. He acknowledged that opening day was a big day and he personally feared that if it was set aside there would be no funding for it when timing was better. He suggested that Blueprint encumber the funds for the future construction of Centennial Field. As it stood, there was no commitment to including it in the park. Encumbering funds would be a strong commitment to the effort. Mr. Jones stated that was what he wanted, a commitment to construction.

Terence Hinson stated that the CAC asked Blueprint to review and respond to the issue; what was the response or conclusion to that? Ms. Calder stated that direction from the CAC was to meet with Mr. Jones, the Fans of Centennial Field, Parks & Rec, and other identified stake holders to discuss Mr. Jones' concept. The Fans had no issue with the concept. The next step would have been to present it to the CAC for a discussion on the identification of funding, initiating design.

The fact of the situation was that there were 3.5 months to complete the park. Staff did not have the ability to focus on the concept on top of that. They were under tremendous pressure to have the park completed by March 2014. There were integral pieces that were taking precedent, like signage for example.

Christic Henry questioned if the existing plans could be "tweaked." Mr. Hargraves stated that there were no plans for the design. Ms. Calder stated that the original design was for the parterre or formal garden however, no one liked it.

Mr. Hinson stated that continued discussions and reports back to the CAC were progress however he recognized that they were running out of time to complete all outstanding pieces and

open the park on time. He felt that staff had to be given leeway to accomplish that. He understood that it sounded like a delay, maybe that's what it was. However, he understood that the priority was opening the park. The construction of Centennial Field could come in the future.

Mr. Jones stated that it was a small playground, insignificant in the grand scheme of the overall project. When he received positive feedback from staff and the commissioners he began talking it up throughout the community. The disability community was excited about "their piece of the pie." To say the idea is good and one day it will happen would not be well received by the community. Ms. Henry stated that was the reason behind the commitment to funding. She did not feel like Mr. Jones was asking for construction but commitment to take back to his constituency. It might not be completed by March but it would be a part of the park. Mr. Hargraves stated that the commitment would have to come from City Parks & Rec as the owner. However Blueprint staff could commit to work on it.

Mr. Jones stated that his biggest problem with the process was "pressure from Management, (or) Leadership." After his experience with the IA in September he saw that they only make major decisions. The commitment to this field was a minor decision however. Without resolution and clear direction he would take it to the IA again in February.

Mr. Chin stated that without a quorum they could not make an official motion however he wondered if the CAC could make a formal request of staff. Ms. Calder stated that as the Chair, Mr. Hinson could write a letter on behalf of the CAC, or the members present, to Mr. Hargraves, Mr. Tedder, the City Manager, and County Administrator. Mr. Jones questioned who the Chair and Vice-Chair of the IA were. Mr. Calder stated that it was Kristen Dozier and Scott Maddox respectively.

Mr. Chin questioned what was necessary to get Centennial Field play area on the list of unfinished amenities. Ms. Calder stated that it was already on the list maintained by staff of all unfinished features and amenities. Mr. Chin stated that would help in assigning dollar amounts and priorities.

Mr. Pease asked if funding for the renovation of the Electric building was from Blueprint. Mr. Hargraves confirmed that it was from City funds, not Blueprint.

Citizens To Be Heard

There were none.

Items From Members Of The Committee

There were none.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:15 pm.