

**Capital Circle Southwest
Community Representative (CR) Meeting 2
January 11, 2007**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees:

Community Representatives- All present except Darin Taylor (Out of town on business)
Blueprint- Paul Heirs; Carlana Hoffman; Kevin Pope
KHA-Steve Godfrey; Ryan Wetherell
Guests Jeff Courtemanche Curt Mills (CSC)

Welcoming Comments: Steve Godfrey welcomed everyone and introduced Mike Clow, Shauna Smith and Russell Daws to the group (Prior to the meeting these Community Representatives were briefed on the CR 1 meeting).

Schedule: Steve Godfrey reaffirmed that the CR meeting schedule will not change.

Attention was called to two proposed dates for upcoming meetings: Community Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 5 and Concepts Charrette scheduled for Thursday, May 24. The May 24th meeting will be an all day event. Some CRs expressed concern over the April 5th date since Easter is on April 8. The meeting date has been changed to Tuesday April 10 in order to respond to this concern.

Construction Impacts Avoidance Newsletter

Purpose: The newsletter is intended to be widely distributed to citizens in the community. Its purpose is to help citizens understand techniques that are available to protect the environment and what is needed to make sure they work as intended.

Background: KHA talked to selected professionals involved in design, construction and regulation about the application and effectiveness of the protection techniques. The intent was to conduct a review that was representative of these matters but not exhaustive.

Curt Mills shared his experience in implementing construction erosion control techniques. He provided samples of actual materials for review. Curt explained that there are many different techniques available to meet the protective needs in different conditions but that, due to inadequate specifications and cost reducing contracting procedures, the erosion is often not controlled as expected. His point was that it is not a problem of technique; it's a problem of design, funding and management.

Kevin Pope explained that he conducts compliance site inspections for the Department of Environmental Regulation. He pointed out that the law allows NO soil to be discharged from a construction site. He indicated that only 10 percent of all sites inspected are in

compliance. When sites are in compliance, no impacts are observed. Kevin indicated that the big difference is in who owns the project, who the contractor is, and how the contract is written. The Blueprint program and contract needs to make protection important and a priority. There needs to be pay items to maintain new silt fences. Contractors need to be paid to do the right thing, installed and maintained right, and the site inspected regularly. The contractor needs to make sure erosion control is a priority.

Chris Dinklage is involved in construction and stated that, in his experience, once contractors move to the next part of a project, they typically do not go back to the previous part of the project to maintain the fences.

Comments and Concerns:

It would be nice to have statistics on what protection works and what does not. Some statistics were provided by Kevin Pope, based on DEP experience. Systems that are properly designed, implemented and monitored/ maintained do work effectively. The problem is in assurance that the techniques are applied correctly and maintained.

Due to the community focus on this project good community monitoring of environmental protection can be expected during construction.

Given the problems with low price bidding being in conflict with maintenance of protection techniques, a separate contract should be considered for these elements when the project goes to bid.

A penalty clause could be included in the contract to encourage the contractor to properly install and manage/maintain protection techniques.

It is imperative to have the right oversight in place to assure protection techniques are handled properly

This is one of the most environmentally sensitive areas that Blueprint has to deal with.

It was pointed out that the protection system must be designed for what ever can happen during construction. This includes protection from even a hurricane event if construction around sensitive areas occurs during that part of the year. Further discussion pointed to the need for dynamic interaction between the contractor and those overseeing the protection efforts to be sensitive to changing weather conditions through out the project construction.

It was acknowledged that certain contractors are better than others. The control is in the hand of the owner to write the specifications in the contract on how they want the protection. Blueprint needs to specify a higher standard in the contract.

It was reemphasized that high cost should not lead to less than the best techniques in sensitive areas. In fact, in considering alternatives, it is important to reflect the higher

cost of protection for alternatives close to sensitive areas compared to lower costs to build near lands that are not as sensitive

It was suggested that construction might be undertaken in stages to reduce the risk of construction impacts

The ecosystem needs to be put back in place. It needs to be part of the objective. (This is a comment which will be considered in alternative development and evaluation for alternatives.)

Discussion on Techniques to Protect Trees:

There seems to be a conflict in the newsletter in protecting only tree trunk. Root system can be damaged by heavy equipment. Needs clarification.

Root system of trees must be protected.

The enhancement and protection of trees is important.

Suggested Newsletter Revisions:

- Tell it like it is in terms of frequent failures in protection techniques
- Tell why the failures occur
- Acknowledge that the best protection is to stay away from sensitive areas when possible
- Provide a listing of actions that can be attached to certain alternatives to both help assure proper protection and that appropriate costing occurs in alternative evaluation
- Add contact information to the community involvement section
- Clarify tree protection includes avoiding impact to tree roots and protection of tree trunk is a need on an isolated basis in unique conditions where a tree that would otherwise be lost is being saved.

Facilitated District Forums: Carlana went over each of the district meeting dates and locations. Steve Godfrey asked CR members to attend whichever meetings they could but at least attend the one which focuses the most on their interest area.

District 1 - Linda Sims-Davis indicated that few citizens would likely come to a meeting at Tallahassee Community College. The best turn out can be expected if the meeting is in the neighborhood. Carlana will contact her to get a person's name to contact to arrange having it in the Seminole Manor neighborhood.

Forum Flyers

The following modifications have been made

- Increased emphasis on boundaries and limits of districts

- Added location map
- Simplified words on front, what do you think?
- Added community representative

The flyers are going to property owners/occupants in each district

The following additional changes were requested

- “Why are you getting this flyer” needs to be on front, to get people to understand that this is about and for them specifically
- Back of flyer needs to say a presentation on study instead of view
- Some additional words need to be provided to help people understand Project Development and Environment
- CRs listed on flyers were OK except for District 2 – Laurie Thomas wanted to be added, because the FSU Reservation is an FSU property. Alice Simmons wanted to be added because she is part of the Lake Bradford Homeowners Association.

Focus for Upcoming Meeting: Next meeting is going to deal with noise. Noise newsletter nearly drafted. Need to make it as citizen friendly as possible. Please give it a review, like you did the construction newsletter.

Next Meeting is February 8, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Comments from Community Guests:

- Decent data on pollution control measures from Florida Pollution Control Operators Association, University of Florida