

**TALLAHASSEE – LEON COUNTY
BLUEPRINT 2000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY**

**Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2011**

3:00 pm, City Commission Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

County

Commissioner John Dailey
Commissioner Bryan Desloge, Vice Chair
Commissioner Kristin Dozier
Commissioner Nick Maddox
Commissioner Jane Sauls

City

Commissioner Andrew Gillum
Mayor John Marks
Commissioner Nancy Miller
Commissioner Mark Mustian, Chair
Commissioner Gil Ziffer

CITY/COUNTY STAFF

Dave Bright, Blueprint 2000
Kevin Carey, COT
Lisa Comingore, BOCC
Claire Forbes, Blueprint 2000
Michael Frixen, Blueprint 2000
Cherie Horne, Planning
Phil Maher, Blueprint 2000
Shelonda Meeks, Blueprint 2000
Gabriel Menendez, COT

Tony Park, Leon County
Cristina Paredis, Leon County
George Reynolds, Blueprint 2000
Harry Reed, CRTPA
Angela Richardson, Blueprint 2000
Debra Schiro, Blueprint 2000
Wayne Tedder, Planning
Patrick Twyman, COT
Bill Woolery, COT

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Barr, Kimley-Horn
Caleb Banks
Jim Davis, The LPA Group*
Linda Figg, Figg Engineering Group
Markeshia Harris
Scott Helzer, FSU
Lauren Hite, The LPA Group*
Carlana Hoffman, Quest*
Mark Jones, CRI
Mark Llewellyn, Genesis Group
Maribel Nicholson-Choice, Greenberg Traurig*
Denny Pate, Figg Engineering Group
* Indicates Blueprint 2000 Consultant

Gary Phillips, The LPA Group*
Margie Quillman, The LPA Group*
Marek Romanowski, The LPA Group*
Jim Shepherd, Jacobs Engineering*
Dave Snyder, The LPA Group*
Charles Stratton, Broad & Cassel
Lamar Taylor, Chair, CAC
Frank Terraferma
Latesa Turner, Jacobs Engineering*
Jeff Walters, Figg Engineering Group
Alisha Wetherell, Kimley-Horn
Justin Wood, Student

Commissioner Mark Mustian called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Maher stated that there were no agenda modifications.

II. CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Lamar Taylor, Chairman of the CAC, stated that he had been re-elected as the Chairman of the CAC and Christic Henry had been elected as the Vice-Chairwoman. He stated that the CAC

had recommended the approval of Kent Wimmer, representative of the Big Bend Environmental Forum, as a new member of the CAC to replace Commissioner Nancy Miller. Mr. Taylor stated that the CAC was very concerned about moving the Franklin Boulevard project forward in a timely fashion. He further stated that some of the members were concerned about Capital Cascade Trail Segment 3, specifically the Van Buren Pond. He stated that they wanted this pond to remain wet to add aesthetic value and a sense of place along that corridor.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CAC Meeting Minutes (October 21, 2010, and December 2, 2010)

This item was presented as informational only.

2. Sales Tax Receipts Update

This item was presented as informational only.

3. Capital Cascade Connector Bridge

This item was presented as informational only.

4. Capital Cascade Trail - Segments 3 and 4 Update

This item was presented as informational only.

5. Tentative FDOT FY 2012-FY 2016 Work Program

This item was presented as informational only.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

6. IA Meeting Minutes: September 20, 2010

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve minutes as provided.

7. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Approve the following nomination:

Representative from the Big Bend Environmental forum: Kent Wimmer

8. Capital Circle NW/SW Contract Authority: US 90 to SR 20

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Increase the contract authority limit on the Capital Circle NW/SW project (US 90 to SR 20) from \$40.5 million to \$43.0 million.

9. Capital Circle SE (Woodville to Crawfordville) Contingency

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Increase the Capital Budget and the approved Master Plan by \$272,857 to provide a contingency for Capital Circle Southeast from Woodville Highway to Crawfordville Road.

10. Acceptance of FY 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Appropriation of FY 2010 Operating Fund Balance

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Review and comment on the FY 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and approve additional appropriation to the FY 2011 Operating Budget of \$26,253 for encumbrances and \$55,450,117 for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund.

Commissioner Ziffer moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 10-0.

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

11. Cascade Park Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action requested; presented for information only.

Mr. Gary Phillips, project manager, provided the Board with an update of the status of the work that was being done in Cascade Park. He referred to the list of project activities that was provided in the Board's agenda package. He mentioned that the work was approximately 30% complete; the box culvert was about 70% complete, and Cascade Park Lane was about 80% complete. Mr. Phillips told the Board about the various finishes on the retaining wall and mentioned that the anti-graffiti coating didn't work very well and that they were still working on a solution to that issue. There was discussion of the locations of retaining walls and the weirs that would direct stormwater flows to various ponds and culverts. Commissioner Dozier asked if the water would flow into the Van Buren Pond to ensure that it stayed wet. Mr. Phillips stated that it would and that there would be pond liners that would ensure that the ponds stayed wet. There was discussion of the completion and relocation of parking lots near the FDOT building and the impacts on traffic in the area. Mr. Phillips stated that the project was on schedule and would be completed in just over a year.

12. Design and Permitting of Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action required, presented as information only.

Mr. Gary Phillips, project manager, stated that the project had been funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a total of \$4.2 million, and that Genesis Group was under contract to do the design for the project. Mayor Marks asked if the funding was affected by the continuing resolution in Congress that could result in federal spending cuts. Mr. Maher stated that the money had already been released and the project was under contract. Mr. Phillips stated that this project would provide a continuous box culvert from Cascade Park to Tennessee Street and that it would meet or exceed the City and County's requirements for stormwater conveyance. He further stated that the hydraulic modeling was underway, but the results weren't available yet. Mr. Phillips mentioned that the project would help relieve the flooding at Leon High and that the School Board has also hired the Genesis Group to model the improvements that they will make at Leon High. He stated that there would still need to be water storage at the north end of the project of approximately 25 acre-feet, because Franklin will not be able to take all the water from the site. Commissioner Ziffer stated that he understood that the flooding would go from two feet deep to approximately 7 inches. Mr. Phillips referred the

Board to the schedule provided in the agenda packets. He stated that this was a two-year project, with the design being completed by October 2011 and construction beginning soon after that. Commissioner Ziffer asked what Franklin Boulevard would look like. Mr. Phillips stated that there would be a landscaped median.

Mayor Marks stated that he would like to reiterate that this project wouldn't cure the flooding at Leon High School but it will help mitigate the problem. There was further discussion and staff was directed to notify the School Board that the flooding problem at Leon High School would not be completely cured by this project.

Commissioner Dozier asked if staff had investigated using low maintenance sustainable grasses in the median rather than grass which needs to be mowed. Mr. Maher stated that staff would look into doing that in this area since it has been done on other Blueprint roadway projects. Commissioner Dozier stated that this project leads into the park, and that she favored more sustainable solutions, and that this was a good place to try something different. Mr. Mark Llewellyn, of the Genesis Group, stated that they needed to be careful of over-landscaping because the median would be narrowed when the Capital Cascade Trail Segment 1 segment was finished, the median would be narrowed to provide sidewalks along the edges along Franklin Blvd. He stated that Leon High School was already studying what needs to be done to accommodate the additional water storage on their property. Commissioner Mustian stated that essentially this project will only be filling in the ditch along Franklin Boulevard with a box culvert.

VII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no additional citizens to be heard.

VIII. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Ziffer asked about the status of the hiring of the new Blueprint 2000 Executive Director. Commissioner Mustian stated that that question needs to be addressed by the City Manager and County Administrator, and that he would like to ask that they address the issues with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ziffer asked if Blueprint would be involved with FAMU Way. Mr. Maher stated that a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) was being created describing the City's and Blueprint responsibilities, and that it was in legal for review.

Commissioner Gillum asked about the status of the fundraising activities for the amenities in Cascade Park. Mr. Maher stated that money has been contributed by various groups and individuals. Commissioner Gillum asked that the Board be given an update on the items at a future meeting. Commissioner Ziffer stated that Centennial Field, the shade structure over the Meridian Plaza, the History Fence and Boca Cuba (the big fish) had not been funded. Commissioner Gillum stated that the shade structure will be very important during the summer months. Commissioner Mustian stated that the public needs to be educated on the status of the park in preparation for the extension of the sales tax. Commissioner Ziffer asked Gary Phillips to prepare a presentation for the next Intergovernmental Agency meeting.

Commissioner Dozier stated that she was aware of letters that were sent to Florida State University (FSU) regarding the building that sits next to the Meridian Marker and that they had stated that they had plans for the building. She wanted to know if there had been any further action. She also asked if there had been any decision on the use of the historic electric building. Commissioner Mustian stated that there were additional on-going discussions with FSU, and that they were interested in helping with the project, however, they would need to be paid. He stated that by the next meeting there may be an update on the status. He further stated that there currently were no plans for the electric building, and that by the time the park opens, the building would look exactly as it does today. The City would need to make a decision on the building. Commissioner Dozier stated that the building could be an asset to the park and it could be renovated for use by private parties. Mayor Marks stated that the building's restoration could be considered by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Mustian adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mark Mustian
Chairman of Blueprint 2000 IA

Shelonda Meeks
Secretary to Blueprint 2000 IA