

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

**Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2007**

5:00 pm, City Commission Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

County

Commissioner Ed DePuy, Chairman
Commissioner Cliff Thaeff
Commissioner Jane Sauls
Commissioner Bill Proctor
Commissioner Bob Rackleff
Commissioner John Dailey

City

Commissioner Andrew Gillum, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey
Mayor John Marks
Commissioner Mark Mustian
Commissioner Alan Katz

CITY/COUNTY STAFF

Parwez Alam, Leon County Administrator
Joan Brown, Blueprint 2000
Jim Davis, Director, Blueprint 2000
Shelonda Gay, Blueprint 2000
Vince Long, Leon County Administration
Tony Park, Leon County Public Works
Gabriel Menendez, City Public Works
Phil Maher, Blueprint 2000

Harry Reed, CRTPA
Angela Richardson, Blueprint 2000
Jonathan Sanford, City Attorney's Office
Debra Schiro, Blueprint 2000
Rita Stevens, COT
Patrick Twyman, COT
Bill Woolery, City Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT

Raymond Ashe, Kimley Horn*
Paco de la Fuente
Bob Dunlop, Civil Air Patrol
John Forney, Raymond James*
John Gorham, American Consulting
Bryant King, DRMP*
Don Keenan, American Consulting
Bill Little, Jacobs Civil*
Mark Llewellyn, The Genesis Group*
Roxanne Manning, TCRA
Randy Matheny, THC*
David Malcom, WPI

Steve Nichols, The LPA Group*
Maribel Nicholson-Choice*
Bryant Paulk, FDOT District 3
Gary Phillips, The LPA Group*
Bonnie Pfuntner, The LPA Group*
Margie Quillman, The LPA Group*
Edward Ringe, The LPA Group*
Marek Romanowski, The LPA Group*
Gail Stansberry-Ziffer, Ziffer Stansberry*
Ryan Wetherell, Kimley-Horn*
Gil Ziffer, Ziffer Stansberry*

* Indicates Blueprint 2000 Consultant

Chairman Ed DePuy called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Chairman DePuy asked Bob Inzer, Leon County Clerk of Courts and Blueprint 2000 Finance Committee Chairman, to come forward and inform the Board about the issuance of the \$78M bond issuance.

Mr. Inzer stated that he also serves as the Clerk for the Blueprint 2000 organization. He stated that he worked closely with Blueprint 2000 staff and consultants and that during the process the Agency's rating had been upgraded. He further stated that staff represented the Board and the community very well. Mr. Inzer recognized Mr. Davis, Blueprint 2000 Executive Director; Mr. Maher, Blueprint 2000 Finance Manager; Jolinda Herring, Bond Counsel, Bryant Miller and Oliver and John Forney Director of Public Finance, Raymond James and Associates for their efforts in making the transaction extremely successful.

Commissioner Debbie Lightsey stated that in a time of great uncertainty in the markets it was a huge vote of confidence as shown in the favorable interest rate and it was a testimony to the way that Blueprint had conducted itself. She stated that this was a testimony to Jim Davis and his staff.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Davis stated that there were several agenda modifications that had been provided to the Board. He stated that 2 items were added to the agenda, Item #100, Amendment to the 2003 Series Bond Resolution (Consent) and Item #22, Capital Circle SE: Tram to Woodville (E2 Project) Right-of-Way Funding (Discussions). He further stated that supplemental information was provided in the remaining five items; Item #9, Capital Circle NW/SW: Orange Ave to W. Tennessee St.- ROW Acquisition and Resolution; Item #10 Citizen's Advisory Committee Appointment (Wilson Barnes Application); Item #16, Capital Circle NW/SW: US 90 to Orange Ave.- Final Design; Item #18, Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 Supplemental Services Approval; Item #20, FY 2008 Blueprint Operating Budget. He stated that he would make sure to highlight those changes as the items were being reviewed.

Commissioner Sauls moved to accept the agenda modifications. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 11-0.

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

Mr. Terence Hinson stated that the CAC was excited by the presentation provided by Mr. Gil Ziffer, ZifferStansberry Advertising Public Relations, provided regarding the Capital Cascades Park project. He stated that there were also four CAC appointments to be discussed for approval and that the Capital City Chamber of Commerce would be presenting the name of Hugh Brown for approval. He further stated that the largest part of the discussion had to do with the weighting of the evaluation criteria for the Capital Circle SW PD&E study. He mentioned that there was lengthy discussion of 4 topics of those criteria, (1.) Wetlands, (2.) Vegetation and Wildlife, (3.) Economic Development and (4.) Residential Neighborhoods. He stated that by the end of the discussion the committee's thoughts mirrored those of the Technical Coordinating Committee.

There were no questions for Mr. Hinson.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Capital Circle NW: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

This item was presented as informational only.

2. Blueprint 2000 Legal Support Contract Extension

This item was presented as informational only.

3. Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 Workshop

This item was presented as informational only.

4. Capital Cascade Trail Segment 3 – Acquisition of a Parcel Located at 223 West Van Buren Street

This item was presented as informational only.

5. Series 2007 Bond Sale Update

This item was presented as informational only.

6. Capital Circle NW Regional Pond Snails

This item was presented as informational only.

7. CAC Minutes(May 17, 2007)

This item was presented as informational only.

IV. CONSENT

8. IA Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2007

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve minutes as amended with the correction previously noted.

9. Capital Circle NW/SW: Orange Avenue to West Tennessee Street – Right of Way Acquisition and Resolution (Mitigation Parcels)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Approve the Resolution allowing right of way acquisition of these six (6) parcels on Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest (SR 263) from Orange Avenue to West Tennessee St.

10. CAC Appointments

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Approve the nominations as proposed.

- EECC/Financial Expert: **Lamar Taylor**
- Capital City Chamber of Commerce: NO NOMINATION RECIEVED
- Civil Rights Community: **Wilson Barnes** (NAACP)
- Educational Community: **Scott Balog**

11. 2008 CAC, TCC, and IA Meeting Schedules

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Approve the dates as presented.

12. Capital Circle NW Landscaping and Regional Pond Park Construction Procurement

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1.

- a. Authorize Blueprint to advertise the solicitation and for the Intergovernmental Management Committee to negotiate and award a contract with the bidder to be recommended by the selection committee. If a contract can not be negotiated, the IMC is authorized to move on to the second bidder.
- b. Appropriate a budget of \$1.2 million for the park amenities and landscaping construction.

13. Naming of the Regional Stormwater Pond and Park

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Delegate the naming of the Regional Stormwater Pond and Park to Leon County.

100. Amendment to the 2003 Series Bond Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept the modifications as provided

Commissioner Katz moved to approve the Consent Items. Commissioner Mustian seconded the motion. Mayor Marks asked if Mr. Hugh Brown could be accepted without his application. Mr. Davis stated that they would not be following the normal process if his appointment were approved at this time. Mr. Davis stated that Item #12 mentioned that coordination had been done with the City and the County; he clarified that coordination was on-going and that the plans had not been formally approved by the City. However they would be before moving forward with procurement. **The motion passed unanimously (11-0)**

Commissioner Lightsey asked why there was an item #100. Mr. Davis stated that it was done deliberately to insure that it would not be wrongly associated with any of the other Consent Items.

Commissioner DePuy stated that the Blueprint staff had prepared a 5-minute video presentation of the work that Blueprint was currently doing in the community. The presentation consisted of pictures of on-going projects and Jim Davis provided a narrative of the pictures.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:00 pm

There were no speaker cards submitted for the two public hearings.

20. FY 2008 Blueprint Operating Budget

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt FY 2008 Operating Budget and related Budget Resolution.

Mr. Davis stated that there was an agenda modification for the item which was the addition of the budget narrative that was previously provided in Board to the June when the budget was first presented. He pointed out that there was an overall reduction in the budget, however it did include a 5% pay raise for staff and a 2% bonus.

Commissioner Katz stated that the City Commission had not finalized their budget and because of the fiscal constraints they capped the raises for city employees at 2.7% for employees making less than \$50,000 and 2.2% for those making more than \$50,000. He stated that it seemed appropriate to him that it was the same across the board; including Blueprint staff. He stated that although, currently, Blueprint 2000 was not affected by the adverse revenue circumstances that everyone else face related to the property tax reforms it should not necessarily make the Board do anything differently.

Commissioner Lightsey asked what the County would be doing relating to employee raises. Someone answered 2.7%.

Commissioner Proctor moved to accept the staff's recommendation as presented. Commissioner Rackleff seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dailey stated that the County was implementing a 2.7% increase with no bonuses and that consistency would be in order. Commissioner Dailey asked Commissioner Proctor if he would accept an amendment of a \$2.7% increase across the board with no bonuses.

Commissioner Proctor stated that the Blueprint 2000 revenues were from sales tax and bonded money and that the increases for City and County employees were capped based property tax revenues. He stated that both Commissions wanted to do more for their employees and that it would be inconsistent in the Board's thought processes to limit staff that was paid from sales tax. He further stated that there had not been a projection of a loss of the sales tax revenues and that sales tax base was expected to expand and as such he would like to see the employees funded with an appropriate raise.

Commissioner Dailey offered a substitute motion to accept the proposed budget with a 2.7% increase with no bonuses. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Rackleff stated that he would vote against the substitute motion because he looked at the Blueprint staff as an elite unit that had a great deal of successes and was responsible for moving the program forward at a remarkable rate; they deserve to be rewarded. He stated that the City and the County employees' raises were constrained because of financial limitations and that was not the same for Blueprint 2000 staff.

Commissioner Katz stated that limitations on employee raises was not meant to denigrate the efforts or the contributions of individuals involved but to deal with certain fiscal realities that had to be adjusted to. He further stated that while Commissioner Proctor was correct that it was not the same pot of money nor was it generated in the same form, the question of whether or not public employees should have a generic or general constraint within the community made sense. **Commissioner Katz offered another amendment to the motion to keep the raises at 2.7% and include the bonuses.** He further stated that the bonus was a one time payment and that the base would be the consistent.

Commissioner Dailey asked that staff review the structure of the bonuses. Mr. Davis stated that the bonus would be 2% of the base salaries and that he and the 2 managers would allocate the distribution of the bonuses.

Commissioner Proctor asked if the bonus would be calculated before or after the salary increases. Mr. Davis stated that the bonuses would be added after the increases and would be approximately 2.1%. Commissioner DePuy stated for clarification that the proposed budget by the staff was a 5% pay raise and a 2% bonus afterward. He further clarified that the substitute motion was for a 2.7% increase.

Commissioner Thael asked what was done for the CRTPA staff which was a comparable organization. Mr. Harry Reed stated that they had proposed a 3% increase however they would be coming back with an adjustment, after the other departments had adopted their budgets, with a proposal to adopt the City's recommendation.

Commissioner Sauls stated that she supported Commissioner Dailey's motion. She stated that to her, it was a fairness issue.

Commissioner Proctor stated that it would be wrong to marginalize the Blueprint staff when the funding source for the program was not the same as that for City and County employees.

Mr. Davis pointed out that the Blueprint 2000 staff had been able to leverage funds and capture over \$90M in additional funds for the program. He stated that this year, staff was awarded a \$540,000 grant for Regional Stormwater Pond #1 which would cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of the salaries for this year. He further stated that it was unfortunate that the property tax issues had impacted the pay raises for the City and County employees. He mentioned that Blueprint 2000 staff had continued to do the same level of good work and in the past the Board has authorized the 5% raises.

Commissioner Mustian stated that he would vote against the amendment and that he agreed with Commissioner Katz's motion. He stated that out of fairness to other City and County employees he agreed with the 2.7% increase. However due to the outstanding work of the staff he thought that the bonuses would be appropriate.

Commissioner Katz stated that there were a number of groups within the City and the County that had done extraordinary jobs and that City had not granted 5% raises since he has been on the Commission. He stated that he was more comfortable with a base increase of 2.7% and the bonuses.

Commissioner Gillum stated that he didn't diminish the work of any department and that the work of Blueprint was unique and outcome oriented. He stated that he would vote against the amendment and hoped to come back to the 2.7% with the bonus for Mr. Davis and the two managers to disseminate.

Commissioner Lightsey stated that she would not support the amendment and that she would like to cap the pool of funds. She further stated that she was not on board with either motion but that there should be a mid-level that was along the lines of Commissioner Katz's motion.

Commissioner DePuy stated that the substitute motion by **Commissioner Dailey was to accept the proposed budget with a 2.7% increase with no bonuses. Commissioner Dailey stated that he would accept the amendment by Commissioner Katz to also include the 2% bonuses to be disseminated by Mr. Davis and the two managers.** Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Commissioner Proctor stated that for the record, he was not opposed to the raise however he supported the 5% raises because the staff deserves what had been requested. **The motion carried 8-2** with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Rackleff casting the dissenting votes. (Mayor Marks was not present at the time.)

Commissioner Lightsey moved to accept the Blueprint 2000 operating budget as amended. Commissioner Gillum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 10-0. (Mayor Marks was not present at the time.)

21. FY 2008-FY 2012 Blueprint Capital Budget

Phil Maher stated that the Board reviewed the proposed Capital Budget in June and there was a public hearing at the CAC in May and that there were no comments at either meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the FY 2008-2012 Capital Budget as presented, and appropriate Fiscal Year 2008 of the Capital Budget and related Budget Resolution.

Commissioner Mustian moved to accept the FY 2008-FY 2012 Blueprint Capital Budget. Commissioner Gillum seconded the motion. Commissioner Proctor asked if \$121M was the total capital budget for fiscal year 2008. Mr. Davis stated that it was the budget for fiscal year 2008 and that it implemented the approved overall master plan. Commissioner Proctor stated that he wanted to make sure that local preference would be used as well as the MBE standards. Mr. Davis stated that Blueprint was above the mandatory requirements on the MBE standards for Blueprint 2000 projects and that local preference was evaluated in every solicitation. **The motion carried unanimously 10-0.** (Mayor Marks was not present at the time.)

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

14. Introduction of New Blueprint Program Manager

Mr. Davis introduced Steve Nichols, The LPA Group, as the new Blueprint 2000 General Engineering Consultant Program Manager. He reiterated the information outlined in the agenda item regarding his background.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action required

Mr. Nichols stated that he had been on Board with Blueprint 2000 for approximately one month and that he enjoyed the work and the team. Commissioner DePuy welcomed him to the staff.

15. Capital Circle SW PD&E Study: Weighting of Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Davis stated that during the numerous public hearings and charrettes the public provided input on the alignment. They drew lines on a map to show alternative routes and then they were narrowed to a corridor that would be studied for the PD& E study. He further stated that staff needed the Board to provide guidance on the relative value of the each of the evaluation criteria for the weighting of the data. Mr. Davis pointed out that the TCC and the CAC asked that criteria # 3- Vegetation and Wildlife and criteria #4- Wetlands be elevated from a weighted value of 2 to a weighted value of 3. He stated that when the data is gathered each category will have a score that will be multiplied by weight and a numerical score for the various routes and that

those scored routes would be brought back to the Board to make the final determination of the route.

Commissioner Proctor stated that he was disappointed that the criteria #13-Business Community and criteria #8-Economic Development received scores of 1 and 2 respectively. He further stated that he would support any criteria that placed these categories any less than a 3 for importance.

Commissioner Lightsey stated that the focus on economics is inherent in the road because it is the pathway to the airport. She stated that the focus on the environment had to do with the assets that are along the route and that she suggested that criteria # 11 – Recreation/ Open Space/ Greenways be elevated from a 2 to a 3. She mentioned that stated there should be connectivity between the environmental assets and green spaces or scenic byways.

Commissioner Gillum stated that he supported the suggestion that Commissioner Proctor brought forth because of the enormous amount of money on the project and that it should not be at the exclusion of the business community. He further stated that it did not seem consistent that criteria #10- Mixed Housing was ranked at 1 while criteria #12- Residential Neighborhoods was ranked a 3 and that mixed housing should be the preference around major corridors.

Commissioner DePuy stated that at the end of the day that each category could not be a 3 then how would there be a weighted evaluation and it would be an exercise in futility. He asked Mr. Davis to explain how the recommended weights were arrived at.

Commissioner Gillum asked if any demographics were taken of the participants at the public meetings and charrettes.

Mr. Davis stated that he could not provide the demographics, however he could provide information by neighborhood. Mr. Davis stated that input was provided by citizens who attended the public meetings and charrettes and that the initial recommendations were from this source. The recommendations were then taken to the Community Representatives for input and they recommended upgrading the wetland criteria. He further stated that staff submitted the recommendations to the Blueprint 2000 Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizen's Advisory Committee who concurred with each other that criteria # 3- Vegetation and Wildlife and criteria #4- Wetlands should be elevated from a weighted value of 2 to a weighted value of 3. Mr. Davis stated that staff did try to insure equitable distribution throughout the process because all of the criteria are important, however an order of magnitude needed to be determined.

Commissioner Katz reiterated Commissioner DePuy's statement and said that just as with the budget, if the Board was going to increase an item another item would need to be decreased because there is no criteria that is not important.

Commissioner Thael stated that the citizens, community representatives, TCC and CAC members spent a great deal of time reviewing the criteria and that came up with the same rationale for the weighting of the criteria. He further stated that he respected the opinions of these people.

Commissioner Rackleff stated that there was a good distribution, noting that there were 5 criteria weighted at 3, 4 criteria weighted at 2 and 4 criteria weighted at 1. He further stated that he would recommend weighting Recreations/Open Space/Greenways at a 3 and that the Blueprint 2000 philosophy is to do something different than having 7-lanes of concrete everywhere you go. He further stated that this was a very important part of Capital Circle because of the proximity to the chain of lakes and it deserves every protection that can be provided.

Commissioner Gillum stated that he thought that the Mixed Housing and Residential Neighborhoods criteria should be tied together in order to insure that there is a mix of housing development.

Commissioner Sauls stated that she concurred with Commissioner Thael because each Commissioner could provide input but that the community representatives, TCC and CAC all spent a lot of time in evaluating the criteria and that it was well thought out. She further stated that the decision was not binding and that when the proposals come back to the Board there will be time to opportunity to make changes.

Commissioner Proctor stated asked if Mixed Housing and Residential Neighborhoods could be combined and weight them at a 3 and also combine Business Community and Economic Development and weight them at a 3 as well.

Mr. Davis stated that the descriptions of each of these criteria are different and that staff felt that they would be separate criteria.

Mr. Raymond Ashe, Kimley Horn, stated that for both Residential Neighborhood and Business Community criteria are current existing conditions and a future accommodation. He stated that the purpose is to evaluate an alternative and that for the residential and the business the criteria will evaluate immediate impacts on existing businesses and communities. He further stated that the economic development and mixed housing are future conditions and would the alignment accommodate and support future businesses and new housing. He stated that the criteria would help to evaluate whether it would be more important place the alignment over 2 houses and a business and to determine which is more important to avoid. The weights for each criteria helps in recommending alignments.

Commissioner Mustian stated that the criteria was weighted in the environmental direction and that cost does matter because the program does not have unlimited money.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Approve the list of thirteen evaluation criteria weights presented on the attached table which include four #1 weights, four #2 weights and five #3 weights.

Commissioner Thael moved the staff recommendation. Commissioner Sauls seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 10-0. (Mayor Marks was not present at the time.)**

Commissioner Mustian left at this point.

16. Capital Circle NW/SW: US 90 to Orange Avenue – Final Design Services

Mr. Davis stated that this item was a request to fund 100% the Capital Circle NW/SW design project. He pointed out that the item had been amended to lower the contingency amount from \$490,709.10 which exceeded the budget to \$63,684.99. He further stated that the approval of this item would take the design from 50% to 100% from West Tennessee Street to the Orange Avenue intersection.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Authorize a new contractual limit for Contract 772 with H.W. Lochner, Inc. for consultant services for the Capital Circle NW/SW (US 90 to Orange Avenue) in the amount of \$4,970,776 which includes the previous contract amount of \$3,117,016.80 (including Supplemental Agreements Numbers 1 through 5 with Lochner, Inc.), the new Supplemental Agreement No. 6 with Lochner, Inc. in the amount of \$1,790,074.21 and a 10% contingency in the amount of \$63,684.99.

Commissioner Katz moved the staff recommendation. Commissioner Thael seconded the motion. Commissioner Lightsey stated that this was a very small contingency amount and she asked how the contract would be monitored to insure that it stays within budget. Mr. Davis stated that staff would be monitoring the budget to insure that it would not go beyond the budget and that the \$63,684.99 was all that was left in the budget based on the master plan and that he did not want to amend the master plan unnecessarily. **The motion carried unanimously 9-0. (Mayor Marks and Commissioner Mustian were not present at the time.)**

17. Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 Marketing Plan

Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Gil Ziffer, Ziffer Stansberry Public Relations Agency, would be providing an update on the marketing plan for Capital Cascade Park that was presented to the CAC. Mr. Ziffer stated that his purpose was to get awareness of the project through the media and to educate the public and to let them know what the amenities will be and then his company would go into the fundraising drive. He stated that Janet Hinkle and Representative Loranne Ausley have agreed to serve as co-chairs for the project. He suggested that a diorama be placed on the site to allow the public to see what the park might look like. Mr. Ziffer stated that the renovations were almost complete at the waterworks and that it could be used as a preview center. He stated that there would be numerous organizations that would be contacted for donations.

Commissioner Proctor stated that there was no other segment that had a public relations campaign and fundraising efforts and he asked why it was being done on this project. He also asked what the donors would get for the donations.

Mr. Davis stated that the all park amenities were not funded through the Blueprint 2000 program and that an additional \$10M would be needed to complete the amenities. He further stated that he had met with the Southside CRA and they had indicated that they would support the project because it was in line with their charter; however no money had been discussed. He stated that

the marketing plan had not been developed, therefore what the donor would get for their money had not been worked out yet.

Mr. Ziffer pointed out the Blueprint 2000 had not funded any of his company's efforts and that it was funded by the Knight Foundation. He stated that their firm has committed to continue doing the marketing for the project pro bono. He further stated that the park is in the center of the city and that it connects all areas and will promote economic develop.

Commissioner Proctor stated that he there were several projects that were not fully funded and that he had some ideas about having private funds used to fund them as well.

Commissioner Rackleff stated that he would suggest that the top 25 property owners be contacted because of the savings that they would receive from the reduction in county property taxes.

Commissioner Katz stated that he appreciated that Mr. Ziffer would be doing the public relations work on a pro bono basis going forward and that his company was leading by example.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action requested.

18. Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 Supplemental Services Approval

Mr. Davis that this was a request for supplemental funding for the Genesis contract to perform additional design work for Cascade Park. He pointed out that \$547,638 would be going to Carr, Lynch and Sandell so that the marketing firm would have something to present to the potential donors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1:

1. Approve the Supplemental Services Request for up to **\$1,197,000** to fund design additions and amenity construction plans for the Capital Cascade Trail – Segment 2 project.
2. Authorize the IMC to finalize and execute the Supplemental Services Request.

Commissioner Katz moved the staff recommendation. **Commissioner Lightsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 9-0. (Mayor Marks and Commissioner Mustian were not present at the time.)**

19. Capital Cascade Trail Authorization to Advertise, Award and Design the Next Segment

Mr. Davis stated that the item was to request Board approval to advertise, award and design segments 3 & 4 of Capital Cascade Trail. He stated that originally the Board had approved to

build sequence of segment 2, 4, 3 and then 1. He further stated that recent discussions of the Gaines Street renovation and FAMU Way extension have made it advantageous to design these segments concurrently with the City. Mr. Davis stated that the TCC had recommended this action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1:

1. Initiate the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposal (RFP) process for selection of a consultant to design the Capital Cascade Trail – Segment 3 and 4 combined from South Monroe Street to Munson Slough. The TCC will review and comment on the Scope of Services.
2. Authorize the design project budget not to exceed \$5,740,320 (including contingency) which is the combined amount contained in the approved Blueprint 2000 Master Plan for Segment 3 and Segment 4 design and permitting phases.
3. Authorize modifications to the Master Plan and Capital Budget to accommodate combining the design and permitting phase for Segment 3 and 4.
4. Authorize the Intergovernmental Management Committee to advertise, select, negotiate and award a contract to the selected firm and if negotiations are unsuccessful to have the authority to select and negotiate with the next firm in sequence.

Commissioner Lightsey moved the staff recommendation. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Proctor asked why segment 3 would be made a priority at this time. Mr. Davis stated that there would be significant advantages to designing both segments at the same time and that it did not mean that Segment 3 would be constructed. He further stated that once the design was completed that staff would come back to the Board with a recommendation for the sequence of the construction.

Commissioner Lightsey asked if the contract would combine the design work into one contract. Mr. Davis confirmed that it would be one contract.

The motion carried unanimously 9-0. (Mayor Marks and Commissioner Mustian were not present at the time.)

22. Capital Circle SE: Tram to Woodville (E2 Project) Right-of-Way Funding

Mr. Davis stated that this was an agenda modification item that requested that the Board authorize the transfer of right-of-way funds from Capital Circle SE (E1(Tram to Connie)) to Capital Circle SE (E2 (Woodville to Tram)).

Commissioner Proctor asked why how much the Jehovah Witness Church would be to purchase and why was it needed to construct this segment of Capital Circle.

Mr. Davis stated that the agenda item requested that the Board move \$4.5M of excess right-of-way dollars from E1 to E2 because of additional expenses. He stated that at a previous meeting the Board directed staff to look for a location to purchase to house the Blueprint 2000 offices. He stated that the cost for the portion of the right-of-way that was needed for the roadway would be \$550,000, however to purchase the entire property which includes a building and 1.3 acres of property would cost \$1.5M. He further stated that an architect had looked at the building to see if it could be renovated, however no decision had been made and that a cost/benefit analysis was being done. Mr. Davis stated that the Shell gas station on the corner of Capital Circle SE and Woodville Highway caused the cost to increase because the original plans called for a partial taking of the property. He stated that in looking at the detail of the placement of the ponds cause the location to be moved due to the discovery of gopher tortoises and high quality successional forest in the parcels. He further stated that the purchase of the property was negotiated, however the worst cost scenario, if property were obtained through taking it would be much more expensive.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Authorize the transfer of right-of-way funds from **E1 Project** to the **E2 Project**.

Commissioner Katz moved the staff recommendation. Commissioner Rackleff seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 10-0. (Commissioner Mustian was not present at the time.)**

VII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no requests by citizens to speak to members of the Board.

VIII. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman DePuy adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ed DePuy
Chairman of Blueprint 2000 IA

Shelonda Gay
Secretary to Blueprint 2000 IA