

Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 2, 2024
To: Citizens Advisory Committee
From: Artie White, PLACE Director
Subject: February 15, 2024 Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members present:

Ashley Leggett, Chair	Chuck Goodheart
Leroy Peck, Vice Chair	Chris Daniels
Hollie Myers	Adner Marcelin
Fred Varn	Jim McShane
Mary Glowacki	Whitney Doyle

Committee Members absent:

Rod McQueen	Sean McGlynn
Kathy Bell	Byron Green

Other attendees: Kyndra Light (Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce)

I. OPENING AND TOUR

Ashley Leggett, Chair for the Citizen Advisory Committee, opened the meeting at 4:31p.m.

Megan Doherty, Planning Manager for the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency, described the purpose of the meeting as providing an opportunity for CAC members and any members of the public in attendance, to tour of some of the Blueprint Projects on the north side of Leon County. She explained that the meeting and tour had been publicly noticed on the Blueprint website. Mrs. Doherty then welcomed Kyndra Light to the CAC Tour. Mrs. Doherty explained that project snapshots for the four projects to be discussed on the tour would be handed out and could also be found on the Blueprint website.

Following Mrs. Doherty's introduction, Sue Tanski, Project Manager for Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency, gave an update on the Market District Placemaking Project. Mrs. Tanski explained that the Market District Project was divided into multiple phases including a park and the placemaking improvements. She explained that the Market District Project would include additional lighting, intersection improvements, and a multiuse trail.

The tour continued from the Market District area and proceeded north through the Meridian Greenway area. Mrs. Doherty discussed the NE Connector Corridor: Bannerman Road project and began explaining the future bike and walking trail improvements for the project along Meridian Road. She explained that the Meridian

Greenway, which is a part of the NE Connector project, will be nearly 4 miles long along the western side of the road. Mrs. Doherty explained that the current intersection at Bannerman Road, Meridian, and Orchard Pond Parkway will be converted to a roundabout to increase visibility and accommodate projected population growth. The tour continued east along Bannerman Road and Mrs. Doherty further explained future road widening, turning lanes, and pedestrian improvements, stating that some elements were anticipated to begin construction this year.

The tour then progressed to the site of the Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Boulevard project where Project Manager Martha Hodgson, explained a future five-leg roundabout, the current construction of Phase 1, and the planning stage for Phase 2. She explained that the Northeast Gateway Project will include a bridge over I-10.

Project Manager Eric Mason then discussed the future Northeast Park, its current location, the completed needs assessment, and the approved park concept. Mr. Mason explained that following the completion of the park, it will be maintained by the County. Mr. Mason further explained that the proposed greenways that will be constructed with the Project will be maintained by the City. Mr. Mason concluded by stating that the Agency is working on the final design plans and anticipates moving to bid for construction in the 3rd Quarter of this year.

The tour concluded at the construction zone for the Welaunee Boulevard project. Martha Hodgson explained that the stormwater ponds for the project were all cleared that the grading for the road was currently underway.

II. ADJOURN

The tour adjourned at 6:15pm

*The next Blueprint Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for **May 2, 2024 at 4:30p.m.***