

Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2025
To: Citizens Advisory Committee
From: Artie White, PLACE Director
Subject: Summary CAC Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2025

Committee Members present:

Leroy Peck (virtually via Teams)	Mary Glowacki
Chris Daniels	Deborah Burr
Kathy Bell	William McCloud
Byron Greene	Rod McQueen
Whitney Doyle	

Committee Members absent:

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Chuck Goodheart	Fred Varn

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on January 30, 2025 at the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency by Chair Leroy Peck.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the published agenda.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

PRESENTATION / INFORMATION ITEMS

Welcome New CAC Members

Blueprint Planning Manager, Megan Doherty introduced new CAC members, Deborah Burr and William McCloud, and then each gave a brief background about themselves.

Status Update Presentation: Midtown Placemaking

Blueprint Project Manager, Martha Hodgson gave a status update presentation on the Midtown Placemaking project, which is a collaboration primarily between Blueprint and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). FDOT has funded the planning and design of the project, and Blueprint is contributing construction funding for the streetscaping and pedestrian improvements. Blueprint is also working with the City of Tallahassee to consolidate overhead utilities throughout the corridor. Ms. Hodgson provided an overview of the planned improvements along Thomasville Road between Monroe Street and Seventh Avenue, which include extending the sidewalks on both

sides of the street, adding landscape buffers, and increasing pedestrian access. Ms. Hodgson discussed that the project's next phase is construction, planned to begin later this year, and discussed the multiple phases of construction & specific streets that will be affected. CAC member William McCloud inquired about parking for this project and Ms. Doherty noted that the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department is incorporating a review of parking into their current planning efforts in Midtown. Ms. Hodgson also noted that the City would use the roadwork as an opportunity to upgrade underground utilities, including stormwater improvements as well as water and sewer.

CAC Member Kathy Bell inquired if the lights on the RRFB crossing could be changed to red to improve visibility. Ms. Hodgson noted the RRFB's were installed by FDOT and the light color is unable to be changed on that particular product. Ms. Hodgson noted that the planned improvements would support pedestrian safety which will hopefully address some of the concerns Ms. Bell highlighted.

Ms. Hodgson then discussed the consolidation of overhead electrical lines to one side of Thomasville Road, which is planned for construction following the completion of the FDOT's construction in 2027. CAC Member William McCloud asked if traffic will be redirected when FDOT starts their project and Ms. Hodgson stated that there will be detours. She anticipates the information on detours and alternate routes will be presented by FDOT this spring at a public meeting, along with their current effort to inform area businesses about the project.

Q1 2025 Blueprint Infrastructure Project Status Report

Planning Manager Megan Doherty gave a brief overview of current projects, milestones achieved, beginning & ending dates of projects, and highlights of specific projects. Ms. Doherty highlighted specific projects such as the recent completion of the History and Culture Trail along Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3, Lake Lafayette trail improvements, the start of the Market District Park, and the groundbreaking for the NE Park and gave updates on each of them.

CONSENT

1. Approval of the August 22, 2024 Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

CAC Member Rod McQueen moved to approve the Consent agenda, William McCloud seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Recommendation of an Appointment to the Blueprint Citizens Advisory Committee

Ms. Doherty gave an overview of the current CAC vacancy for the member representing the Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce (BBMCoC). Dr. Elaine Bryant was nominated by the BBMCoC as their representative on the Blueprint CAC.

CAC Member Kathy Bell moved to approve the recommendation and Byron Greene seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Election of a CAC Vice-Chair

CAC Member Rod McQueen nominated CAC Member Chris Daniels. Kathy Bell seconded this nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

NEXT CAC Meeting: April 24, 2025