

# Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board of Directors Informational Item

May 11, 2023

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## STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The following informational items are being provided to the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board of Directors and have been posted to the [Blueprint website](#).

- Items posted for May 11, 2023
  - Blueprint Infrastructure Community Engagement Update
  - Draft Citizens Advisory Committee April 27, 2023 Minutes



**Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board of Directors Meeting  
Receipt and File: Blueprint Infrastructure Community Engagement Update  
May 11, 2023**

This document provides the IA Board with information regarding recent and upcoming public engagement activities for the Blueprint projects.

### **PROJECT ENGAGEMENT**

Active projects apply a variety of engagement techniques focused on the residents, businesses, homeowner and neighborhood associations, and project working groups. Intentional, timely, and project-focused community engagement remains the most effective way to cultivate positive relationships with community members directly affected by or who have an affiliation with or special interest in the project. This is achieved by connecting with the stakeholders in small groups or individual settings to share information and have conversations related to ideas or concerns associated with the project. Staff attends and provides updates to various special interest and civic organizations via their meetings and informs the community about the Agency and related projects. The Blueprint team also hosts project specific public meetings and maintains an open door for the community to connect with any staff member.

#### ○ [Alternative Sewer Solutions](#)

- This project provides funding for the Alternative Sewer Solutions Study, which seeks to develop effective and cost-efficient options for management alternatives to traditional onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems in unincorporated Leon County. It also seeks to identify preferred options and regulatory measures for responsible management entities of these systems and provide recommendations for financing and management structures. Blueprint has funded, and Leon County has managed, the first phase of this project: the Comprehensive Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan (CWTFP), which began in November 2019. Public meetings were held in August 2021 and again in October 2022 to present the findings of this project and allow for questions and comments. The completed Comprehensive Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan (CWTFP) and a series of recommendations was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on January 24, 2023. The two remaining phases of the Alternative Sewer Solutions Study include a Finance Plan to identify potential funding methods for wastewater facilities recommended by the CWTFP, as appropriate, and a Management and Operations Plan to review strategies for ensuring the performance of wastewater treatment systems. The remaining phases will be implemented by Leon County.

#### ○ [Capital Cascades Trail Segment 4](#)

- Segment 4 of the Capital Cascades Trail, currently in the planning and preliminary engineering phase, will complete the Capital Cascades Trail

network that provides stormwater quality improvements and connectivity from Leon High School to Lake Henrietta. As part of the preliminary engineering, meetings were held with community and regulatory stakeholders to inform them about the project and collect available data on the project area. A preliminary engineering report analyzing innovative stormwater technologies and their applicability to the project was developed, that report is available on the project [webpage](#). In conjunction with the development of the preliminary stormwater concept, an amenities and trail connectivity concept was also developed. The various elements were assembled into the Capital Cascades Trail Segment 4 Draft Master Plan. An open house was hosted on February 2, 2023 to share and solicit feedback from the public on the draft master plan. Approximately 200 residents attended the event and provided feedback on the Draft Master Plan. The project will continue to final design and permitting which is anticipated to last approximately one year. Upon the completion of final design, Blueprint will seek IA Board authorization for construction procurement. The Capital Cascades Trail Segment 4 Draft Master Plan can be found on the project webpage.

- [Capital Circle Southwest Greenway](#)

- The Capital Circle SW Greenway includes trails and shared use paths for bicyclists, hikers, and other non-motorized users which will connect neighborhoods in south and southwest Tallahassee to several parks and greenways and the Apalachicola National Forest. The IA Board authorized construction procurement for this project on July 15, 2021. A component of this Greenway, currently under construction, is the Debbie Lightsey Nature Park which is a 113-acre nature park that includes approximately 1.6 miles of multiuse paths and boardwalks, and a 2.2 mile single-track mountain bike trail and approximately 6.6 miles of greenway trails in the Capital Circle Southwest (CCSW) corridor. The Debbie Lightsey Nature Park is anticipated to be completed in late summer of 2023 with public announcements made once the park is opened.

- [History and Culture Trail](#)

- The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board approved the History and Culture Trail (HCT) project and budget at the September 20, 2018 IA Board meeting. The goal of the History and Culture Trail is to honor and celebrate the African American heritage of the neighborhoods, businesses, and people living in the areas surrounding the Capital Cascades Trail at FAMU Way. The anticipated grand opening for CCT3 is at the end of the year once the History and Culture Trail is complete. The entire project includes three components: 1) Interpretive History Stations, 2) Public Art Installations, and 3) a new Community Gathering Space. The HCT will span 1.5 miles along the existing FAMU Way and Capital Cascades Trail corridor, and will celebrate the rich African American history and culture of some of the neighborhoods,

businesses, and people who exist within the corridor. Since the Artful Celebration kickoff in October 2022, three murals and one sculpture have been completed as part of the project. More artworks and the history monuments will be installed over summer 2023 with public announcements as they are installed.

The status of all projects is updated regularly and appears on their respective web pages.

- [Airport Gateway](#)
- [Alternative Sewer Solutions](#)
- [Animal Service Center](#)
- [Bike Route System](#)
- [Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3](#)
- [Capital Cascades Trail Amenities](#) (Coal Chute Pond, Skateable Art, FAMU Restroom, and Van Buren Street)
- [Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 – Capital Cascades Trail Restroom](#)
- [Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 – Coal Chute Pond](#)
- [Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 – History Culture Trail](#)
- [Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 – Skateable Art Project](#)
- [Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 – Van-Buren Street](#)
- [Capital Cascades Trail \(Segment 4\)](#)
- [Capital Circle SW](#)
- [Cascades Park Amphitheater Weatherization](#)
- [Debbie Lightsey Nature Park](#)
- [Fairgrounds Beautification and Improvement](#)
- [Florida A&M Entry Points](#)
- [Greenways Master Plan Implementation](#)
- [History and Culture Trail \(Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3\)](#)
- [Lake Jackson Greenway](#)
- [Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park](#)
- [Magnolia Drive Trail](#)
- [Market District Placemaking](#)
- [Midtown Placemaking Project](#)
- [Monroe Adams Corridor Placemaking](#)

- [North Monroe Gateway](#)
- [Northeast Corridor Connector: Bannerman Road](#)
- [Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Boulevard](#)
- [Northeast Park](#)
- [Northeast Connector: Tharpe Street](#)
- [Orange Avenue Widening](#)
- [Orange Meridian Placemaking](#)
- [Southside Gateway](#)
- [Westside Student Gateway](#)

#### **WEB-BASED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The number of followers on all social media accounts has steadily increased since they were launched. Since March 2023, Facebook followers have increased by 5.1% with over 864 followers, Instagram has increased by 3.2% with over 647 followers, Twitter has increased by 1.7% with over 223 followers and LinkedIn has increased by 6.4% with over 356 followers. Since March 2023, the best performing posts across all platforms featured the Skateable Art Park APWA Award garnering over 2,212 impressions, 1,100 reach and 493 engagements.

# Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 31, 2023  
**To:** Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)  
**From:** Autumn Calder, Blueprint Director  
**Subject:** Approval of the April 27, 2023 Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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## Committee Members present:

Elva Peppers	Rod McQueen, Chair
Jim McShane	Leroy Peck
Peter Okonkwo	Adner Marcelin
Fred Varn	Ashley Leggett, Vice Chair
Whitney Doyle (virtual)	Sean McGlynn
Mary Glowacki	

## Committee Members absent:

Chris Daniels	Hollie Myers
Kathy Bell	

## I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no agenda modifications.

## II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

## PRESENTATION / INFORMATION ITEMS

### *Blueprint Infrastructure Project Snapshots, Quarterly Status Reports, and Project Information Map*

Mike Alfano presented the CAC with information about the Project Snapshots that are developed by Agency staff. The Project Snapshots are available on the Blueprint website and are updated monthly. Mr. Alfano explained that the Snapshots provide current status and timeline updates about each project. Mr. Alfano then discussed the Quarterly Status Reports that are also produced by Blueprint made available on the Blueprint website each quarter. The Quarterly Status Reports provide updates on project milestones, metrics, and includes all the current Snapshots. Lastly, Mr. Alfano discussed the interactive Project Information Map and demonstrated to CAC members how to use the map to identify current and completed projects. The Project Information Map is also available on the Blueprint website.

CAC member, Jim McShane, asked if the information is shareable on Facebook and Mr. Alfano replied the links included on the Project Snapshot webpage are shareable. CAC Chair, Rod McQueen asked if all of the projects included are active. Mr. Alfano replied that the materials are for active projects.

#### *Northeast Park*

Eric Mason, project manager for the Northeast Park Project, provided a status update and project overview for the project. The presentation outlined the timeline for the project from inception to present and discussed the next steps. Design is anticipated to begin in Quarter 2 2023 with the goal of construction beginning in Quarter 3 2024. It is anticipated that project construction will be complete by Quarter 3 2026. Mr. Mason presented a bubble diagram depicting the preliminary design layout for the Northeast Park based on information collected through needs assessments, community engagement, and consultation with Leon County Government.

CAC Chair McQueen asked about walking paths on the east corner of the concept bubble diagram and Mr. Mason said that there will be walking paths there.

### **III. CONSENT**

#### **1. Approval of the February 23, 2023 Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Approval of a Reappointment to the Blueprint Citizens Advisory Committee**

Adner Marcelin moved to approve the February 23, 2023 Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Leroy Peck. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **2. Review of the Market District Placemaking Project**

Mike Alfano and Susan Tanski presented on the Market District Placemaking Project. The Market District Placemaking Project will include pedestrian safety improvements, streetscaping, interconnected multiuse trails, and the Market District Park. Mr. Alfano began the presentation with an overview on the Placemaking project timeline, beginning with the Action Plan that was approved in 2011 through the current intersection improvement that began in 2021. Susan Tanski, the project manager for the Market District Park, presented the final park design which will include covered shade structures, pickleball courts, a water play area, sidewalks and shared use trails, and family style restrooms. Mr. Alfano concluded the presentation with an overview of the next steps for the project.

Chair McQueen asked about any sustainability components of this project and the Blueprint team replied that there will be solar panels on the shade structures at the park and an electric vehicle charging areas will be installed on Maclay Commerce Boulevard.

CAC member, Mary Glowacki, asked for clarification regarding the definition of placemaking characteristics. Mr. Alfano gave an overview of the Blueprint placemaking project, including how these types of projects implement adopted local placemaking plans. CAC Member Jim McShane then said that these projects are meant to draw people to do multiple things. Mr. Alfano agreed.

CAC member Peter Okonkwo asked if there are wayfinding locations and Mr. Alfano indicated that through collaboration between the Planning Department and the Market District Merchants Association, wayfinding signage locations have been identified and will be implemented. CAC member Fred Varn inquired about access from the Blueprint Market District Park to the City of Tallahassee's West Stormwater Pond, to which Ms. Tanski noted that the West Pond will be accessible via an access road.

Jim McShane moved to accept the update on the Market District Park and Placemaking projects. It was seconded by Adner Marcelin. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

NEXT CAC Meeting: August 31, 2023 at 4:30pm at the Blueprint Grand Conference Room.