

Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 17, 2021
To: Citizens Advisory Committee
From: Benjamin H. Pingree, PLACE Director
Subject: Summary Minutes for September 9, 2021 CAC Meeting

Committee Members present:

Jim McShane, Chair	Kathy Bell
Peter Okonkwo, Vice-Chair	Rod McQueen
Chris Daniels	Hugh Tomlinson
Mary Glowacki	Daniel Petronio
Linda Vaughn*	Claudette Cromartie
Mandy Bianchi*	Sean McGlynn*

**virtual participant*

Committee Members absent:

Allen Stucks	Elva Peppers
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I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There was one agenda modification, the addition of the Office of Economic Vitality Status Update presentation to the meeting outline.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency offered three alternatives for citizen comment, by email, through virtual participation, or in person. There were no comments received by email and no in-person or virtual speakers.

III. PRESENTATION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Appointment of the Planning Commission Representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Jim McShane introduced Rod McQueen.

- Presentation on the Proposed Concept for the Orange Avenue Community Park

Autumn Calder introduced the proposed design concept for the community park, part of the Orange-Meridian Placemaking project. She provided an

overview of the history, purpose, and community engagement for the project and introduced the consultant design team from Halff Associates.

Mark Llewellyn provided a brief update on the proposed design concept for the community park in the Orange-Meridian Placemaking project including stormwater use and constraints, park location, and community engagement and park components and elements that reflect the highest ranked aspects from the resident survey. Concepts include shade, parking, playground and exercise equipment that are ADA accessible, restroom, and space for food trucks and pop-up performance areas. A copy of the presentation is on file at Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency.

- Office of Economic Vitality Status Update

Cristina Paredes provided a brief update on the activities within OEV, including project activities and an overview of Project Mango. This project is a 600,000 square foot Amazon Fulfillment Center that would create 3,000 direct, indirect, and construction jobs for a total economic impact of \$451 million.

Dan Lucas presented on OEV's Economic Indicator trends including growth in employment, housing sales, airport passengers, and US Census Bureau data on new business utility applications.

Darryl Jones provided an update on the MWSBE Division highlighting that the Division reached 300 MWSBE certifications, which also increased utilization and total amounts spent across the three local governments.

Cristina Paredes concluded the presentation giving an overview of information that will feature in the OEV Annual Report. A copy of the presentation is on file at Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency.

IV. CONSENT

Rod McQueen moved, seconded by Hugh Tomlinson, to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed 12-0.

1. Approval of the May 12, 2021 Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Option #1: Approve the May 12, 2021, Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

2. Recommendation of Acceptance of a Status Report on the College Avenue Placemaking Project

Recommend the IA Board accept the status report on the College Avenue Placemaking Project.

3. Recommendation of Acceptance of the FY 2021 Office of Economic Vitality Annual Report

Recommend the IA Board accept the FY21 OEV Annual Report.

4. Approval of the 2022 Blueprint Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Approve the proposed 2022 Blueprint Citizens Advisory Committee meeting schedule.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

5. Recommendation of Approval of Appointments to the Blueprint Citizens Advisory Committee

Tatiana Daguillard provided a brief presentation on the consideration of three appointments to the Blueprint CAC including information from the CAC By-laws on the process. The nominees were Adner Marcelin for the Civil Rights Community, Leroy Peck for the Council of Neighborhood Associations, and Ashley Leggett, the singular applicant for the Financial Expert position.

Hugh Tomlinson moved, seconded by Rod McQueen, to recommend approval of Option 1.

Option 1: Recommend the IA Board approve the appointments to the Blueprint Citizens Advisory Committee.

The motion passed 12-0.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

6. First Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget and Fiscal Year 2022 – 2026 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency

Jim McShane opened the public hearing. There were no public speakers in-person or attending virtually, for the hearing.

Tres Long provided an overview of the budget item including community investment dollars and a year by year overview of Blueprint projects and revenue forecasts over the life of the program including bonds and loans, and the implementation plan for capital spending.

Autumn Calder provided an overview of the FY 2022 Infrastructure budget including an increase to the operating budget for a new project manager position and cost of living adjustments. Ms. Calder also provided a summary of the five-year \$284 million capital budget which included reoccurring annual allocations to local governments

and project allocations that funded 31 active projects in the first five years of the 2020 program.

Cristina Paredes provided a presentation on the FY 2022 OEV budget including an increase to the operating budget for a new position in the MWSBE Division, reoccurring annual allocations to local governments, and providing funding for a number of economic development projects such as the Disparity Study and the Incubator at the Leon County Research & Development Authority.

Peter Okonkwo questioned how much funding the Amazon project received, when the Disparity Study would kick off, and about debt services. Cristina Paredes stated that it was anticipated that Amazon would receive \$2 million allocated over six years at 60% of Leon County ad valorem taxes. The allocation was tied to job creation metrics that must be met in order to receive funds. The Disparity Study was underway, and she anticipated an agenda item going to the IA Board and CAC at the December 2021 meetings. Debt service accounted for \$1.1 million of the budget.

Rod McQueen questioned whether the FAMU and FSU projects would be held to the same MWSBE requirements of Blueprint and OEV. Cristina Paredes stated that OEV could not require either entity to meet certain thresholds on MWSBE spending however, they strongly encourage them to do so. OEV included the aspirational goals in the Memorandums of Understanding with FAMU and TCC and provided access to the database of over 500 MWSBE vendors. Should the IA Board elect to enter into an agreement with FSU, she anticipated that it would follow suit.

Kathy Bell requested clarification on the FDOT SIB Loan funding and whether it was project specific and inquired about Capital Circle Southwest funding. Autumn Calder stated that the SIB Loan funding would be allocated to the Northeast Gateway Project and clarified that FDOT would fund and manage the widening of Capital Circle Southwest widening. Kathy Bell questioned if there was reason to worry that future funding for Capital Circle Southwest from Springhill to Crawfordville Road was in jeopardy. Autumn Calder stated that the project was fully designed and noted that FDOT District 3 ranked this segment fourth on their list of priority unfunded projects. She anticipated that the FDOT would fund the construction as revenues become available.

V. ADJOURN

Jim McShane declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.