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**Bannerman/Bull Headley Intersection & Bannerman Road Widening
Project Updates
&
Volunteers Opportunities**

Below is an update on the Bannerman/Bull Headley Intersection and a list of Leon County Board/Committee vacancies. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have questions or concerns. As always, I welcome your input and appreciate all of you who act as my eyes and ears in the District. If you would like updates or have questions on other projects or issues, please let me know and I'll add my response to my web site too for others to view. Many of the improvements we have already made, or are currently working on, came from citizen suggestions or observations. As you plan for your neighborhood/homeowner's association meetings, please let me know the dates and times so that I may attend.

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Bannerman/Bull Headley Intersection Update

There are two issues delaying the Bannerman Rd./Bull Headley Rd. intersection Improvement project. While working on site, we found unexpected subgrade material that had to be replaced to insure the structural integrity of the roadway. This required additional engineering, design and materials acquisition. It happened to coincide with the awarding of another bid to the Bannerman/Bull Headley Rd. contractor (Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc.). As low bidder for the Lakeside Drainage Improvement Project, Dixie Paving and Grading had a very compressed timetable established for this Community Development Block Grant funded project. We're working to meet the CDBG deadline to ensure we do not have to return the funds for this drainage project to the Federal government. We are anticipating that work will begin again on the Bannerman/Bull Headley Rd intersection mid April 2013 and the work should be completed in June 2013 barring no weather delays.

The Bannerman Road Widening Project is awaiting a funding source(final design, right-of-way acquisition, permitting, construction). We do have this project identified as a future Sales Tax Extension (2019) project and it is under evaluation by the Sales Tax Committee. Please let us know if additional information is needed.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a way to help impact County operations. We have some vacancies that need to be filled soon on our County Advisory Committees and Boards and have few to no applications for some of the positions.

I have an appointment to make on the Human Services Grant Review Committee and if you know anyone who is interested, please have them apply. There are also full board appointments to be made too. Please see the vacancy list below and if you are interested, or if you know of someone who may be interested, please go to the following link for more information on all of these committees and to get the application: <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/committees/list.asp>. I'm posting this on my website too.

Human Services Grant Review Committee

Members serve two-year terms, expiring December 31, with each Commissioner having two staggered appointments. This Committee evaluates human service funding requests during the regular budget cycle and makes recommendations to the Board . The terms of Tim Coughlin (**Commissioner Desloge**) and Kaleema Muhammed (**Commissioner Dozier**) expired December 31, 2012. Due to term limits, Mr. Coughlin and Ms. Muhammed are not eligible for reappointment.

Full Board Appointments

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

Reviews the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan and shall recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing. Members serve four-year terms (expiration date for members is 9/30/2016). Vacancies still exist in the following categories 1) represents employers within the EZ; 2) citizen actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry; 3) advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing; and, 4) citizen actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing.

Architectural Review Board

Reviews and makes recommendations on listing of properties on the Local Register Historic Places and review changes to the exterior of properties zoned Historic Preservation, and issues Certificates of Appropriateness. Ms. Laverne Wells-Bowie, an Owner of property zoned Historic Preservation, has resigned. An appointment is needed to fill the vacancy and unexpired term. No applications have been received from eligible persons.

Enterprise Zone Development Agency (EZDA)

Review, process and certify applications for state enterprise zone tax incentives and provide assistance to businesses and residents within EZ. Kristopher Dake, representing a local financial or insurance entity doing business within the EZ, resigned.

Value Adjustment Board

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) settles disputes between taxpayers and the Property Appraiser. If the property owner feels the property's assessment, classification or exemption is incorrect, a petition can be filed with the VAB. The VAB consists of two County Commissioners, a School Board member, and two citizens (one appointed by the County Commission and one appointed by the School Board). Members serve one-year terms, expiring on February 28, with the full Board making appointments. A citizen appointment is needed.