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Dear Friends,

The new year is starting to take shape and there is so much happening in your County Government. I am particularly looking forward to attending the **Leon County Sustainable Communities Summit** this Saturday at the Turnbull Center.

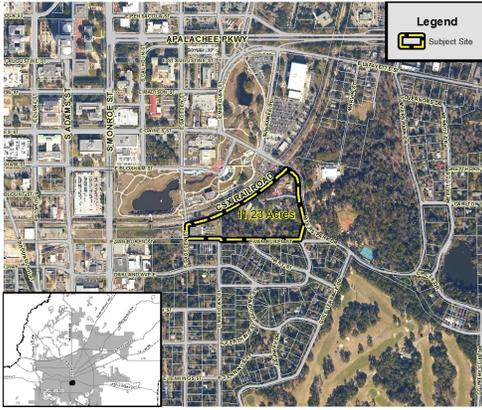


In the coming months, I plan to share with you more information about some of the boards that I currently serve on as a County Commissioner. In fact, at next weeks Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board meeting, I look forward to receiving updates about the Blueprint projects in the district and throughout the County. As a follow-up to that meeting I plan to send out a status report on those projects.

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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Proposed Myers Park Development

The City of Tallahassee is proposing to rezone 9.7 acres of Myers Park to allow for various types of residential units (brownstones, apartments and single-family homes) in place of the current Parks & Recreation complex.

I have several concerns and questions about the proposal, which I will raise at our Joint Workshops and Public Hearings on Comprehensive Plan

Amendments beginning in March, however **the County's vote will have no bearing on the outcome of the project and this will remain a City issue.**

I generally support urban infill over sprawl and look for ways to preserve our urban neighborhoods while increasing access to amenities, commercial areas and pedestrian/bike connectivity. I also believe that neighborhoods like Myers Park and Woodland Drives can benefit from a mix of housing options, as currently exists in both neighborhoods.

However, developing new amenities, commercial and housing options also presents many challenges. We need to work together - City, County, agencies like Blueprint, neighborhoods and residents - as we identify and address existing and new issues that may arise.

When I first heard that the City was considering new housing in this area I thought it might be one option we could explore to address the sound issue associated with the Cascades Park Amphitheater. I appreciate my friends in Myers Park and Woodland Drives who understood why I did not support the sound wall. To me, it only addressed part of the problem and I thought we needed to explore other options. While new construction may be able to serve as both a sound buffer and provide more housing options in our urban area, I have been concerned about the process and the specific proposal. I believe the neighborhood has raised good questions about traffic, the type of housing that may be allowed and how the current public use of the property benefits not only the neighborhood but our whole community.

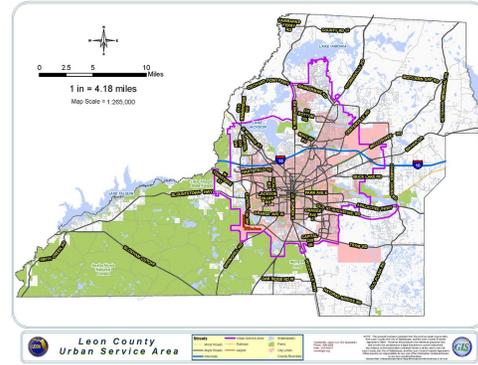
I believe it would have been better to discuss these and other options jointly at a Blueprint meeting and, critically, with the neighborhoods and those who use/benefit from Cascades Park, Myers Park Pool, etc. I am also concerned about using the Planning Department to develop concepts, which I believe is normally done by developers in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP).

I will ask questions and comment on the proposal at our Workshops with the City, however, as I mentioned, the County's vote will have no bearing on the outcome of the project. I'm glad so many are voicing their concerns and questions. I will also look forward to hearing your thoughts before our Joint Workshop on Comprehensive Plan Amendments on March 7th.

I hope we can all work together to resolve the existing issues and discuss options before the City moves forward with this proposal.

New Policy/Criteria on Street Lights in the Urban Service Area

The County has seen a steady rise in requests from citizens and homeowners associations to add additional street lights on roads and at intersections. As a result, the County Commission voted to implement a new program to meet these needs.



The Commission voted to fund a program at \$125,000 per year and established criteria that will be used to evaluate and prioritize the annual list of street light installations. Click [here](#) to see the new policy and criteria.

Because there is a desire to maintain the "rural character" for most of the unincorporated areas of the County, this new program will be limited to roads and intersections located inside the **Urban Service Area**.

Currently, [Talquin Electric](#) and the [City of Tallahassee](#) also offer similar programs for street lighting and homeowners associations can contract directly with either Talquin or the City for these services.

Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the upcoming Leon County Committee vacancies.

Applications for appointment can be completed online [here](#) or downloaded, completed, and either e-mailed or faxed to -- Fax: (850) 606-5301 or Email: SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov

- Contractors Licensing and Examination Board
 - Science Advisory Committee
 - Tallahassee Sports Council
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Events in the Community

February 18 - Leon County 2017 [Sustainable Communities Summit](#) at Turnbull Conference Center (9:00a-1:30pm)

February 18 - Big Bend Cares' [Tallahassee AIDS Walk](#) at Cascades Park (10:00am) - FREE

February 19 - [Red Hills Fire Festival](#) at Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy (11:00a-3:00pm) - FREE

February 21 - [Tallahassee Winds](#) concert at Opperman Music Hall (7:30pm) - FREE

February 23 - The Village Square's "[Speed Date your Local Leaders](#)" at St. John's Episcopal Church (5:30pm-7:30pm)

February 25 - [MagLab Open House 2017](#) at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (10:00am-3:00pm) - FREE

March 2 - Oasis Center for Women & Girls, [Women's History Month Community Luncheon](#) at St. John's Episcopal Church (11:30am)

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

February 21, 2017

3:00pm: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board Meeting at Tallahassee City Commission Chambers, 300 S. Adams St. (view the meeting agenda [here](#))

March 7, 2017

1:30pm: Joint City/County Workshop on Cycle 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (view the meeting materials [here](#))

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting (view the Commission agenda [here](#))

6:00pm - First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance to Streamline the Nuisance Abatement Process

The Leon County Commission generally meets every other Tuesday at 3pm on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse (Commission schedules and agendas are listed [here](#)). Residents can view live coverage of Commission meetings on Comcast channel 16 or stream it live through the [County's website](#). **All meetings are open to the public.**

Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

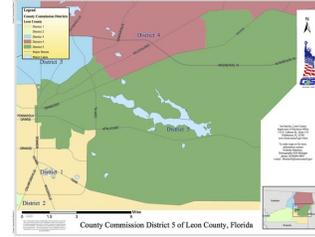
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