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Dear Friends,

Next month we will begin the process of building the County budget for 2018-19. The Commission will hold two (2) workshops to review funding proposals for the various county departments and programs.

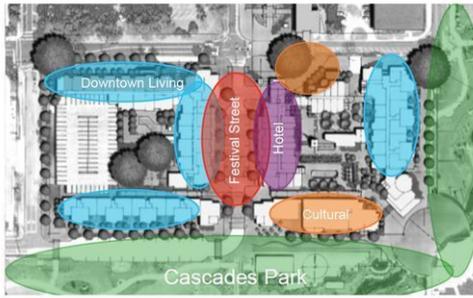


The Commission will also hold two (2) public hearings in September (Sept. 12th & Sept. 26th) before taking a vote on the final budget. Anyone interested in participating in one of the public hearings is invited to attend.

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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Redevelopment Planned for Property Adjacent to Cascades Park

Last week members of County and City Commissions, sitting at the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), gave the go-ahead for a sale agreement of two (2) parcels near Cascades Park. The sale to North America Properties (NAP) clears the way for the redevelopment of the Bloxham annex and

Firestone building sites.

NAP is proposing a mixed-use development with 300 units of studio and one- and two-bedroom apartments, along with 64 units for two- to three-bedroom brownstone townhouses. There will also be a civil rights memorial dedicated to the old county jail where civil rights pioneers were detained, greenrooms and other support for the amphitheater and possibly a cultural component for the arts. Plans also include room for commercial businesses and office space.

The approval of the sale agreement allows more work to be done during the 180-day investigation period, including site inspections, environmental assessments and market research.

NAP has launched a [website](#) that they will use to provide project updates to the community.

Leon County Begins Charter Review Process

On April 4th at 1:30pm, the County Commission will hold a workshop to begin the process of establishing the Citizens Charter Review Committee.

The Charter of Leon County requires that a Citizen Charter Review Committee (CRCC) be appointed by the County Commission every eight (8) years to review the County's Home Rule Charter.



This committee will be review the County Charter and propose amendments or revision to the Charter for placement on the November 6, 2018 General Eletion Ballot.

The County Charter provides for three (3) methods by which amendments can be made: 1) by a Citizens Petition; 2) by the Board of County Commissioners; and 3) by a Citizens Charter Review Committee.

The workshop will be held in the County Commission Chambers located on the fifth floor of the Leon County Courthouse.

Tentative CRCC Calendar:

April 4, 2017 - Workshop on Establishment of a Citizen Charter Review Committee (CCRC)

October 10, 2017 - Agenda item for the County Commission to make appointments to the CCRC

November 9, 2017 - First meeting of the 2017-2018 CCRC

March 1, 2018 - CCRC submits its final report

April 3, 2018 - Commission workshop to consider final report of the CCRC and consider any Commission proposed amendments

August 8, 2018 (90 days prior to election) - CCRC submits proposed amendments with ballot titles and summaries

August 21, 2018 - Commission holds public hearings for proposed charter amendments

August 22, 2018 - Tentative deadline to submit ballot language to Supervisor of Elections for General Election

August through November - Public education campaign on proposed amendments

November 6, 2018 - Amendments appear on General Election ballot



Community Roundtable on Federal Funding for Nonprofit Human Services

Local and regional nonprofit organizations in our area play a vital role in our economy and in strengthening quality of life for our citizens.

According to a [recent study](#) by the [Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence \(INIE\)](#), more than 2,000 registered nonprofit organizations provide nearly 14,000 jobs in Leon County alone, and nonprofits headquartered in Leon County attracted more than \$33 million in federal funding to our area in 2014 alone.

The President recently released his initial budget proposal for FY 2018 which includes deep cuts for, or elimination of, several federal agencies and programs that impact nonprofit organizations. The President's proposal marks a key starting point in the annual budget process, and funding shifts similar to what the President has proposed would have a significant impact on nonprofit organizations throughout Leon County and the Big Bend Region.

On **Tuesday, April 11th** I will host a roundtable discussion to address the possible decreases in federal funding for health and human services in the upcoming federal budget process. The discussion will include an overview of the economic impact of the nonprofit sector in Leon County and the Big Bend Region by the Institute for Nonprofit Excellence, as well as an overview of the federal funding environment by Squire Patton Boggs, Leon County's contracted federal lobbying team.

The April 11th roundtable discussion will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, located on the fifth floor of the Leon County Courthouse.

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

- Development Support & Environmental Management Citizens User Group
 - Human Services Grant Review Committee
 - Joint City/County Bicycle Workgroup
 - Tallahassee-Leon Co. Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Committee
 - Tallahassee Sports Council
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Events in the Community

March 31 - April 1 - [Springtime Tallahassee](#) (see website for complete listing of events and times)

April 1 - [Night Prowl](#) presented by The Tallahassee Museum (7:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

April 2 - "[Bach and Beyond](#)" [Bach Parley String Academy Benefit Concert](#) presented by the Tallahassee Bach Parley at St. John's Episcopal Church

April 7-8 - [Word of South Festival](#) at Cascades Park and Klemen Plaza (see website for complete listing of events and times) - FREE

April 3 - [Leon County Library Lecture Series](#) presents: *Materials, Energy, and Life: Entertaining Aspects of High Magnetic Research* by Dr. Greg Boebinger, Director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (7:00pm @ Leroy Collins Main Library) - FREE

April 6-8 - [SportsAbility Expo 2017](#) presented by the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association at Tallahassee Community College - Lifetime Sports Complex - FREE

April 9 - [Tallahassee Jewish Food & Cultural Festival](#) at Temple Israel (10:30am-4:00pm) - FREE

April 15-16 - [LeMoyné Art Festival](#) at the Bloxham, Lewis and Randolph Chain of Parks - (see website for complete listing of events and times) - FREE

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

April 4, 2017

1:30pm: Workshop on Establishing the Citizens Charter Review Committee (view the workshop materials [here](#))

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

6:00pm - Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (view Comprehensive Plan Amendments [here](#))

April 6, 2017

11:00 am: [Leon County Research & Development Authority](#) (LCRDA) Board of Governors Meeting - 1736 W Paul Dirac Drive, Suite A

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

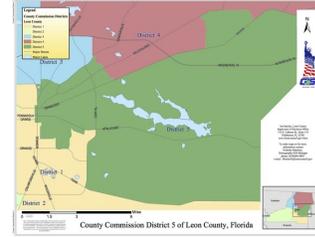
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