

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Conference Room, Development Services Center

February 25, 2010

MINUTES

Voting Members Present:

Linda Carruth, City of Gainesville
Diana Dokken, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Ed Myers, City of Gainesville
Blair Hutson, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Doris Evans, Hall County
Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch

Voting Members Absent:

Ken Cochran, Hall County
David Lee, Hall County
Larry Poole, Hall County
James Nix, Hall County
Robb Owens, Hall County
Ron Petrie, Hall County
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Will White, City of Gainesville

Others Present:

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Brian Bolick, Pond & Company
Jason Close, The Architecture Group
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Sarah Beth Fede, Disability Resource Center
Ron Winkowski, LLCPA
Betty Fisher, LLCPA
Debbie Lawson Davis, LLCPA

1. Welcome

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of October 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Myers made a motion to recommend approval of the October 22, 2009, Minutes with a second by Ms. Evans and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Review Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala explained that the Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a federally mandated document for the MPO which describes the organization's planning goals and activities for the upcoming fiscal year. He mentioned that due to uncertainties on funding from GDOT at the present time, the overall funding summary will be finalized later. GDOT is considering withdrawing its usual 10% match leaving the GHMPO to double its local funding source to a 20% match for federal funding. An update on the funding situation will be presented at the next CAC meeting.

4. Update on the City of Flowery Branch Transportation Study

Mr. Riker introduced Mr. Bolick, who presented an update on the City of Flowery Branch Downtown Transportation Study. Mr. Bolick went over the purpose of the study, consistent themes gleaned from the public workshop, needs assessment, along with existing conditions and future needs. He anticipated providing the City of Flowery Branch a final report in the next couple of weeks.

5. Update on Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study

Mr. Close provided an update on the Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study. He said that there are three selected sites which will be analyzed for their suitability for the facility. Mr. Wayne suggested including the option of third party vendors, as contractors, to assist with the maintenance needs. A draft of the study will be provided at the next CAC meeting.

6. Discussion of Howard Road Extension Concept

Mr. Taylor introduced a conceptual plan for an extension of Howard Road that the City of Gainesville would like to see added to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He added that extension would relieve congestion and promote development in the area. Mr. Hoffman requested more information on the need and background of the concept. Mr. Yamala mentioned he would coordinate with the City of Gainesville on this request.

7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Yamala explained federal requirements mandate that regional transportation plans in metropolitan areas with air quality nonattainment standards be updated every four years. The GHMPO selection committee interviewed consultants to assist with the 2040 MTP and would finalize the selection before the next CAC meeting. The consultant's first priority will be to prepare a detailed schedule for the next eighteen months as the plan must be adopted by August 2011.

8. Recommendation to Adopt the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Process

Mr. Fee mentioned that to ensure a consistent and equitable process is followed for project changes statewide, GDOT agreed with FHWA to amend the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Process for the state and the MPOs. Mr. Yamala highlighted those changes stating it streamlines the process.

MOTION: *Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Process with a second by Mr. Hoffman and passed by a unanimous vote.*

9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

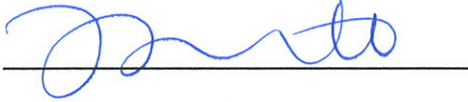
Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by Hall County, the City of Gainesville, the City of Flowery Branch, the city of Oakwood and GDOT.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2010.

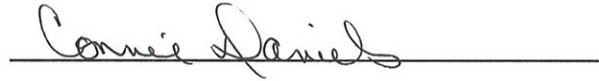
12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 5:30 p.m.



Hugh Tyner, Chairperson

for



Connie Daniels, Secretary