

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Conference Room, Development Services Center
Minutes of July 23, 2009 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Will White, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Linda Carruth, City of Gainesville
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch
Robb Owens, Hall County
Ken Cochran, Hall County
Larry Poole, Hall County

Voting Members Absent:

Doris Evans, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Blair Hutson, Hall County
Jim Syfan, Hall County
David Lee, Hall County
Ed Myers, City of Gainesville
Diana Dokken, City of Gainesville

Others Present:

Connie Daniels, Hall County
Chris Chavis, Hall County

Jeff Carroll, Wilbur Smith Associates
David Fee, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order and introduced the new members present: Linda Carruth, Will White and Robb Owens.

2. Approval of April 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Wayne made a motion to approve the April 23, 2009, Minutes with a second from Mr. Poole and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Northern Connector Study

For the benefit of the new CAC members, Mr. Carroll, gave a brief history on the Northern Connector Study. He highlighted the expected growth in population, employment and traffic volume. Mr. Carroll presented four potential concepts based on data layer rankings using Alignment Alternative Research Tool (AART) software. Two of those concepts were further analyzed for traffic impacts based on travel demand modeling. Projected traffic counts on existing roadways with and without a Northern Connector for the year 2030 were presented.

4. Update Senate Bill 200

Mr. Fee reported that the Georgia General Assembly recently passed SB 200 with a few structural changes to GDOT such as creating a new Director of Planning position. The goal is to create a statewide strategic transportation plan with the primary focus on projects that create economic development and reduce traffic congestion.

5. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Schedule

Mr. Fee handed out a draft schedule of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Schedule. A consultant will be hired for assistance on various activities surrounding the planning process. He explained that the current 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan is required to be updated by August 2011.

6. Election of CAC Chair and Vice-Chair

***MOTION:** Mr. Wayne made a motion to amend the CAC bylaws that eliminate specified term limits and retain Hugh Tyner as Chair and Ken Cochran as Vice-Chair for another year with a second from Mr. Poole and passed by a unanimous vote.*

This motion will be taken before the Policy Committee for action.

7. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Mr. Fee discussed the status of projects being completed by GDOT, Hall County, City of Gainesville, City of Oakwood, City of Flowery Branch and Federal Highway Administration.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date

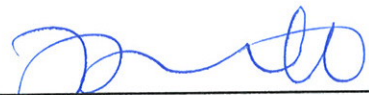
The next CAC meeting is October 22, 2009.

10. Other

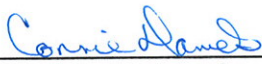
Mr. Tyner asked Mr. Fee to ensure the new members receive GHMPO Committee Member Document binders.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:12 p.m.

for


Hugh Tyner, Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary