



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Development Services Center Minutes of April 26, 2007 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Ken Cochran, Hall County
Doris Evans, Hall County
Amos Goudelock, City of Gainesville
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Larry Poole, City of Gillsville
Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

Harold Goss, Hall County
David Lee, Hall County
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Frank Simpson, City of Gainesville
Jim Syfan, Hall County
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch

Others Present:

Bobby Banks, Hall County
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome – Hugh Tyner, Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Tyner welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that Mr. Maurice Robbins had resigned as Chairperson citing health reasons. Mr. Tyner expressed his thanks for Mr. Robbins contributions to the Committee.

2. Approval of February 22, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Poole pointed out that the Minutes listed him as being with the City of Oakwood, instead of Gillsville.

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the February 22, 2007 Minutes with the noted change. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Cochran and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommendation to approve Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala presented the Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program. He noted additional task under data collection for future work surrounding the 2010 census update. This draft will be presented to the Policy Committee for adoption at their May 8, 2007 meeting.

MOTION: *Mr. Cochran made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Goudelock and passed by a unanimous vote.*

4. Recommendation to approve Draft Participation Plan

Mr. Yamala reviewed the plan explaining that this draft covers the following: new federal requirements under SAFETEA-LU, expands our Public Involvement Plan, incorporates the consultation process, and incorporates comments from FHWA to include specific agencies. The 45 day public comment period is from March 18 through May 8, 2007. Committee members requested that the Hall County Historical Society, the Cities of Lula, Clermont and Gillsville be added to the list of public agencies under the Consultation Process.

MOTION: *Mr. Poole made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Participation Plan with noted changes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Cochran and passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

a. Cost Escalation Process

Mr. Yamala explained the new federal requirements under SAFETEA-LU. He relayed that there is a significant change in this plan from what they had received at their last meeting. This is due to the rapid rise in the cost of materials, construction and right-of-way costs. Initially a 4% inflation rate was used; after consultation with ARC, it was determined that a 2.2% annual inflationary rate be used to escalate GHMPO project costs.

b. Recommendation to approve Draft Project List – Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

Mr. Yamala highlighted several of the projects on the draft list. The committee requested that the following projects be recommended to the Policy Committee for change and adoption:

- i. Spout Springs Road project be considered a high priority
- ii. GH-069, Intersection Improvement at Jesse Jewel Pkwy and John Morrow Pkwy move up in to the 2008 – 2013 Projects
- iii. Browns Bridge Road construction date be moved up
- iv. A study be done that looks at how traffic can be diverted in inner Gainesville and short term solutions

MOTION: *Mr. Poole made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Project List with noted changes presented to the Policy Committee.. The motion was received and seconded by Ms. Lipscomb and passed by a unanimous vote.*

c. Status of Travel Demand Modeling

Mr. Yamala stated they had evaluated three scenarios. He presented a graphical view of the modeling results including maps reflecting 2030 LRTP Update Draft Project List, 2030 Build Out Conditions for Hall County and 2030 Existing and Committed Projects for Hall County.

d. Draft Plan Narrative

Mr. Yamala reported that they are working closely with GDOT, FHWA and ARC to ensure the LRTP is SAFETEA-LU compliant. There will be a sub-committee meeting on May 1st to continue development of this plan. There have already been two outreach meetings and two public meetings with another public meeting scheduled for June 12th.

6. Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Priority Projects Update

Mr. Yamala presented the Chambers list of priority projects and the time frames suggested for each. She also suggested that the MPO form planning committees to address a commuter rail and noted that the Greater Hall Chamber will be happy to participate in these planning efforts.

7. Administrative Change to 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program

- a. SR 211/Old Winder Highway – Widening (GH-025)**
- b. Central Hall Multi-Use Trail – Trail (GH-051)**

Mr. Yamala stated that the preliminary engineering phase for GH-025 had moved from 2007 to 2008 and the construction phase for GH-051 had moved from 2007 to 2008.

c. Hall Area Transit Funds

Ms. Crow stated they had received Section 5309 discretionary funds from GDOT and will purchase some new vehicles. Due to this they were able to move 5307 funds around for other purchases.

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Mr. Yamala discussed the projects being completed by GDOT, Hall County, the City of Gainesville, the City of Oakwood and Hall Area Transit.

9. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

MOTION: Mr. Cochran made a motion to nominate Mr. Tyner as Chairperson. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Hoffman and passed by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to nominate Mr. Cochran as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Poole and passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Citizen Advisory Committee meeting will be July 26, 2007

11. Other

Mr. Hoffman expressed concern about committee members not being present and potentially not having a quorum present. Mr. Tyner recommended that the GHMPO staff send letters to agencies whose representatives miss more than two meetings in a year. This will allow the agency to appoint someone who is able to attend the meetings.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 5:46 p.m.

Hugh Tyner, Vice-Chairperson

Connie Daniels, Secretary