



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE

Room A, Georgia Mountains Center
Minutes of May 13, 2008 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Myrtle Figueras, City of Gainesville
Diane Hirling, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Cindy Van Dyke, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Sam Chapman, Hall County

Others Present:

Chip Burger, URS
Jeff Carroll, Wilbur Smith & Associates
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Phillippa Lewis Moss, City of Gainesville
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Jason Crane, GDOT
Russell McMurray, GDOT
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO
Kaycee Mertz, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mayor Figueras called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of March 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Hirling made a motion to approve the March 11, 2008 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Brown and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Draft FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala presented the draft FY 2009 UPWP. He outlined details of work tasks and funding. The draft has been reviewed by the State and Federal partners and was recommended for approval from the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Mayor Hirling made a motion to approve the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Brown and passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Draft Transit Development Plan

Mr. Burger presented the draft TDP document. He noted that there had been requests for

additional routes to be added to this plan. He explained that it comes down to the monetary aspect as to why these routes can not be added at this time. Mr. Yamala noted that the proposed recommendations would be implemented by Hall Area Transit starting January 2009, based on final budget approvals.

MOTION: *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Transit Development Plan. The motion was received and seconded by Mayor Hirling and passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. Administrative Changes and a Minor Amendment to the 2008 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee noted administrative changes for projects - new interchange, Exit 14 on I-985 and Thurmon Tanner Parkway and a minor amendment to SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road widening from Price Road to Yellow Creek Road.

MOTION: *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the administrative changes and minor amendment to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mayor Hirling and passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mayor Hirling for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. McMurry for GDOT, and Ms. Crow for Hall Area Transit.

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be August 5, 2008.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 10:36 a.m.

Myrtle Figueras, Vice Chairperson

Connie Daniels, Secretary