

**GAINESVILLE-HALL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MP0)
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
JULY 29, 2004, 4:00 PM**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Voting Members present: Chairman Hugh Tyner; Amos Goudelock; Berlinda Lipscomb; Lee Steigele; Jim Syfan; Dr. J. R. Wright; Ken Cochran; Mack Jones; Charles Mensinger

Voting Members Absent: Cooper Embry; Doris Evans; Harold Goss; Bruce Hallowell; Maurice Robbins; Frank Simpson; Phil Kinsey; Bryan Puckette;

Staff present: Grace Grindle; John McHenry; Bill Meyer

Others present: Stan Brown, City of Oakwood; Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit; Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit; Perry Eisenach, City of Gainesville; Lee Tingler

CALL TO ORDER Hugh Tyner, Chairman

1. WELCOME

Mr. Tyner welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 29, 2004

MOTION: Berlinda Lipscomb made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 29, 2004. The motion received a second from Hugh Tyner and passed by unanimous vote.

3. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN & TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS

Mr. McHenry went over the Long Range Transportation Plan received from GDOT, which looks at transportation needs and objectives for the next 25 years. He passed out a schedule for the December deadline since they are one of the 20 county non-attainment under the 8 hour ozone standards. Both the GHMPO and Atlanta Regional Commission have to adopt their long range plans in December of 2004. There is a required 45-day public comment period. Mr. McHenry said he would like comments within the next couple of weeks since they are on an accelerated schedule. He said they had received some comments on these projects from the City of Gainesville. Mr. McHenry said this has to be a fiscally constrained plan. Jim Syfan discussed the need for turning 365 into a limited access corridor to encourage economic development and assist existing businesses.

Mr. Tyner stressed that projects need to be identified in the plan or they are not going to get any federal funding. Mr. McHenry noted that because the Gainesville-Hall MPO is new they have assistance from GDOT and their consultant, in the future the plan will be generated by the MPO. He also noted that there will be updates to the Transportation Improvement Program on an annual basis.

Mr. Lee Tingler said he lived in Evergreen Subdivision on Union Church Road for three years. He said he did a study of subdivisions and that they were being built where the developers wanted them not where they needed to be built. He discussed his thoughts on how the builders and developers should plan their subdivisions when they are built. He remarked that if homebuilders are going to develop, the county needs to start embracing the idea and have a road plan for the builders and have the builders dedicate them to the county.

4. UPDATE ON PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. McHenry went over the status of the Public Involvement Plan, which has been revised per the Federal Highway Administration's comments and is going through its required 45-day comment period.

5. HALL AREA TRANSIT ACTIVITIES

Phillippa Lewis Moss passed out and discussed their strategic plan for Hall Area Transit, which was started in 1983. Their principal goal is to build their ridership and they have an extensive marketing plan. Ms. Crow went over the different routes and their plans to change these but she said they would always have a ride going to the hospital, shopping centers and social service agencies. Ms. Moss briefly went over their plans to study a new stand-alone facility for Hall Area Transit buses and maintenance.

6. UPCOMING MEETING DATE – To Be Determined

7. OTHER

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Syfan made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Ms. Lipcomb, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Tyner, Chairman

Grace Grindle, Sr. Secretary