

**GAINESVILLE-HALL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 24, 2005, 4:00 PM**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Voting Members present: Chairman Hugh Tyner; Ken Cochran; Cooper Embry; Doris Evans; Amos Goudelock; Berlinda Lipscomb; Charles Mensinger; Bryan Puckette; Maurice Robbins; Lee Steigele; Jim Syfan; Dr. J. R. Wright

Voting Members Absent: Augie DeAugustinis; Harold Goss; Mack Jones; Phil Kinsey; Frank Simpson;

Staff present: Grace Grindle; John McHenry; Bill Meyer

Others present: Tracy Clymer, Atlanta Regional Commission

CALL TO ORDER Hugh Tyner, Chairman

1. WELCOME

Mr. Tyner welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2004

MOTION: Ken Cochran made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2004. The motion received a second from Maurice Robbins and passed by unanimous vote.

3. PRESENTATION ON AIR QUALITY NON ATTAINMENT REQUIREMENTS

Tracy Clymer, Atlanta Regional Commission, went over the Air Quality Non Attainment Requirements and how it affected the Gainesville-Hall MPO and its impact on transportation funding.

4. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT PROCESS

John McHenry went over the federally required process by which the Transportation Improvement Program, the list of projects that are funded over the next three years, is amended to reflect changes in scope or funding. He also discussed two minor amendments the Dawsonville and Winder Highway widenings that will be open for traffic by 2008, an earlier date than had been previously planned.

MOTION: Maurice Robbins made a motion to recommend approval to amend the TIP for the Dawsonville and Winder Highway Widening Projects. The motion received a second from Ken Cochran and passed by unanimous vote.

5. DRAFT FY 06 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

John McHenry discussed the Unified Planning Work Program which documents the Gainesville-Hall MPO's metropolitan transportation planning activities and budget for the upcoming State Fiscal Year July 1 through June 30. Mr. Meyer mentioned that they would like to hire an entry-level planner to assist with the MPO activities.

6. STATUS OF GHMPO BIKE/PED PLAN

Mr. McHenry said they had sent out RFQs to 130 GDOT Preapproved Consultants for a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan. Proposals are due March 1st and they plan to have one of the consultants on board by the end of March for a six-month study. The focus is not just for recreational users but also for people getting back and forth from work.

7. ELECTION OF CAC CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Tyner opened the floor for nominations for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman. These elections are to be held annually and nominees can serve only two consecutive terms.

Chairman: Maurice Robbins suggested Hugh Tyner being nominated again with no further nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Robbins made a motion to approve the nomination of Hugh Tyner for the position of Chairman. The motion received a second from Ken Cochran and passed by unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman: Hugh Tyner suggested Ken Cochran being nominated again with no further nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Robbins made a motion to approve the nomination of Ken Cochran for the position of Vice Chairman. The motion received a second from Jim Syfan and passed by unanimous vote.

8. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

- April 28th at 4PM

9. OTHER

- Mr. Syfan asked that it be put on record the need for the widening of Old Cornelia Highway from Joe Chandler Road to Highway 52 due to the significant amount of development occurring along this corridor.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Robbins made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Mr. Cochran, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Tyner, Chairman

Grace Grindle, Sr. Secretary