



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Development Services Center Minutes of February 22, 2007 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Ken Cochran, Hall County
Harold Goss, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Larry Poole, City of Oakwood
David Lee, Hall County

Voting Members Absent:

Doris Evans, Hall County
Amos Goudelock, City of Gainesville
Maurice Robbins, Chairperson
Frank Simpson, City of Gainesville
Hugh Tyner, Vice Chairperson
Jim Syfan, Hall County

Others Present:

Randy Knighton, GHMPO
John McHenry, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. WELCOME

Mr. McHenry welcomed and introduced the new members. There were not enough members present for a quorum, but recommendations will be forwarded to the Policy Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: *Mr. Cochran made a motion to approve the October 26, 2006 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Petrie and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. BROWNS BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. McHenry provided an overview of this project stating approximately 4½ miles of this project is in Hall County. A consultant is on board for the preliminary engineering work with a projected start date of 2009. There will be a public information open house on March 29, 2007 at McEver Elementary School.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE GHMPO BIKE PED PLAN

Mr. McHenry stated they would like to recommend a multi-use trail with separation of road way and trail on Browns Bridge Road. The current GHMPO's Bike Ped plan shows bike lanes on this roadway.

MOTION: *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the GHMPO Bike Ped Plan, with a second by Mr. Cochran and passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. REVIEW OF DRAFT PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Yamala reviewed the highlights of the Participation Plan and asked that any comments be forwarded to him. This plan has to be implemented July 1, 2007.

6. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. McHenry went over the revised schedule, new federal requirements, financial plan and development of the draft project list and dates they must be completed. There will be a project list development meeting March 1, 2007; this draft list will be submitted to ARC in April of 2007 for air quality modeling purposes. The final list of projects will be presented to the Policy Committee for adoption on May 8, 2007.

Mr. Mahoney stated Martin Road needed to be looked at for connectivity with the proposed Exit 14 project.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RFP FOR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. McHenry stated that the draft RFP for a Transit Development Plan will assess community interest in and support for specific transit services county wide. The Citizen Advisory Committee has asked that representatives of Hall Area Transit be invited to the next CAC meeting and provide information regarding budget, number of riders, etc.

8. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 08 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Yamala presented the draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program describing the organization's planning goals and activities, cost estimates for each activity, funding sources and work schedule for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. He stated they are proposing to add an additional staff member to the MPO.

9. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. McHenry discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in the jurisdictions of Flowery Branch, Oakwood, Gainesville, Hall County, Hall Area Transit and GDOT.

10. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be April 26, 2007.

11. OTHER

When asked about funding for the Hall County Industrial Park at Highway 211, Mr. Knighton relayed that the Commission Chairman stated there was the possibility of receiving state funding for the project.

Mr. McHenry reminded everyone of the March 1 meeting to develop the preliminary project list for the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan update.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 5:06 p.m.

John McHenry, Acting Chairman

Connie Daniels, Secretary