



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Conference Room, Development Services Center

May 20, 2010

MINUTES

Voting Members Present:

Linda Carruth, City of Gainesville
Diana Dokken, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Ed Myers, City of Gainesville
Ron Petrie, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Doris Evans, Hall County
James Nix, Hall County
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch
Ken Cochran, Hall County
David Lee, Hall County
Larry Poole, Hall County
Robb Owens, Hall County
Blair Hutson, Hall County
Will White, City of Gainesville

Others Present:

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Annette Forster, LLCPA
Mike Forster, LLCPA

1. Welcome

Mr. Yamala called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He announced that Mr. Tyner and Mr. Wayne resigned from the CAC. The respective appointing bodies of Oakwood and Flowery Branch will need to replace these members, whose service has been greatly appreciated.

2. Approval of February 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Lipscomb made a motion to recommend approval of the February 25, 2010 Minutes with a second by Mr. Myers and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommendation to Approve the Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala noted there were very few changes in this document since the CAC last saw it with the exception of changes made to Appendix B. GDOT's 10% matching funds no longer exists; therefore, the share of the local in-kind match went from 10% to 20%. In response, the MPO came up with a unique approach to match the Local In-Kind funds for the fiscal year. Mr. Yamala hopes that the state will re-visit the match issue again in 2012.

MOTION: (Quorum was present during meeting despite initial undercount of CAC members present) Ms. Evans made a motion to recommend approval of the FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program with a second by Ms. Dokken and passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Transportation Investment Act of 2010 – Georgia House Bill 277

Mr. Yamala gave a brief overview of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 – Georgia House Bill 277. This transportation sales and use tax creates 12 special tax districts, provides counties in each district the opportunity to collectively levy a 1% sales tax for the district for 10 years for a specified list of transportation projects and states individual counties in the district cannot opt out. Mr. Yamala provided details on the roundtables of county/city representatives and the funding penalties associated with “legislative gridlock”. Georgia voters will see the measure on their ballots in the primary election of 2012.

5. Update on the City of Flowery Branch Transportation Plan

Mr. Yamala presented a draft of the City of Flowery Branch Transportation Plan which will be presented to their city council. Challenges will be in finding funding to move ahead with the projects. The GHMPO funded 90% of the study for Flowery Branch.

6. Update on Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study

Mr. Yamala presented the findings of the Hall Area Transit (HAT) Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study. Highlights of the study consisted of development scenario pros and cons and site analysis for three sites. This study will benefit HAT in the event funds become available.

7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Yamala stated the consultant is on board and they have had their kick-off meeting. The first public meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at the Georgia Mountains Center with three or four more public meetings to follow. Staff will work closely with the consultants over the next 8–12 months to develop this plan.

8. Amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee presented TIP amendments for the Candler Creek bridge replacement and intersection improvements at Old Cornelia Highway and Joe Chandler Road and Mr. Yamala explained the modifications proposed for Hall Area Transit funds.

9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Mr. Fee discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by Hall County, the City of Gainesville, the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Oakwood, GMRDC and GDOT.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date

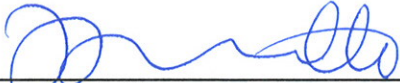
The next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2010.

11. Other

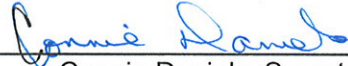
Mr. Hoffman expressed his concern regarding the continual absence of committee members. Mr. Yamala stated he would address this matter with the respective jurisdictions. Also, he thanked the committee members for their time and insight they provide to the MPO.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the acting chairperson at 5:05 p.m.



Srikanth Yamala, Acting Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary