



GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Conference Room, Development Services Center

July 29, 2010

MINUTES

Voting Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Annette Forster, LLCPA
Sarah Beth Fede, Disability Resource
Center

Voting Members Absent:

Linda Carruth, City of Gainesville
Ken Cochran, Hall County
Blair Hutson, Hall County
David Lee, Hall County
Robb Owens, Hall County
Larry Poole, Hall County
Will White, City of Gainesville

David Fee, GHMPO

Jack Price, LLCPA

Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mr. Yamala called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He announced that Mr. Tyner, Chairman and Mr. Wayne had resigned from the Citizens Advisory Committee. In the absence of Mr. Cochran, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Yamala chaired the meeting.

2. Approval of May 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of the May 20, 2010 Minutes with a second by Ms. Evans and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Status Update

Mr. Yamala gave a brief overview of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He highlighted the fact that the City of Gainesville grew at a faster pace than similarly sized cities in Georgia and that the population of Hall County is projected to go from 184,814 in 2008 to 561,812 by 2040. He noted employment forecasts job growth will be proportionally greater in Hall County than in the cities within Hall County. He estimated over 50 people attended the first public meeting. There will be at least four public meetings during the 2040 MTP development process.

Mr. Hoffman made a motion to not fund the widening of the road in to Lake Lanier Islands that died due to lack of a second motion.

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend the widening of Highway 129 to four lanes to the Jackson County line with a second by Mr. Myers and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Yamala explained a cost benefit ratio is used to determine if a project is viable enough to obtain state funding.

4. Draft GHMPO Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

Mr. Fee presented a draft of the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. All federally funded agencies including MPOs are required to have an LEP Plan which promotes access to government services for those who are less than fluent in English. The GHMPO had already implemented most of the requirements with translators present at all MPO public meetings and public notices in both English and Spanish. The refined plan will be brought back before the CAC for their approval in October.

5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

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

6. Election of TCC Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to nominate Ken Cochran as Chairperson of the CAC with a second by Mr. Mensinger and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Mr. Mensinger made a motion to nominate himself as Vice Chairperson of the CAC with a second by Ms. Lipscomb and the motion passed by a unanimous vote

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2010.

8. Other

Mr. Yamala stated the GHMPO has been asked to help other Hall County jurisdictions understand HB 277 and the Transportation-Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST). The MPO will continue to educate the public so voters can make an informed decision when the one cent sales tax comes up for a vote .

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 5:10 p.m.



Srikanth Yamala, Acting Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary