



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Braselton-Flowery Branch-Gainesville-Hall County-Jackson County-Oakwood

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of October 30, 2014 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor James Nix, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Renee Gerrell, Hall County
Bill Hall, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Doug Smith, Hall County
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Dianne O'Kelley, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Emory Turner, City of Gainesville
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

Charles Alvarez, Hall County
Rob Strickland, Hall County
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton

Others Present:

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Eric Lusher, Pond & Company
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Sam Baker, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mayor Nix called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and introductions were made.

2. Approval of July 31, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Petrie made a motion to approve the July 31, 2014, minutes with a second by Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Consideration of Gainesville-Hall 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update Project List

Mr. Lusher explained that part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is coming up with a project list based on the funds anticipated to be available between now and 2040. He shared the methodology used to prioritize projects on the list.

MOTION: *Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of the Gainesville-Hall 2040 RTP Update project list with the modification of identifying small dollar projects in the mid-term tier and moving them to the short-term tier. The motion received a second from Mr. Hoffman and passed. (Ms. Propes opposed)*

5. Recommend Approval of an Update to the Participation Plan

Federal regulations require that the Participation Plan be updated every five years to ensure the citizens' needs are being addressed. Mr. Fee summarized the revisions made to this document due to a self-certification review performed by the FHWA and GDOT Planning.

MOTION: *Mr. Turner made a motion to recommend approval of the update to the Participation Plan with a second from Ms. Gerrell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the 2015 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker suggested that the committee recommend approval of an amendment to the 2015 UPWP to carry over unused PL and Section 5303 funds from the previous fiscal year budget to the current year. The funds will be used to update the transit portion of the RTP.

MOTION: *Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2015 UPWP with a second from Mr. Turner, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. Recommend Approval of Hall County Trails Initiative

Mr. Baker explained that the GHMPO Bike Pedestrian Plan was completed in 2006 and updated this year. The recommendations from this plan are to be considered in the update of the RTP for funding and implementation. An action plan of tasks, assignments and timelines is being developed. The launch of the Hall County Trails Initiative is scheduled to take place during the Central Hall Multi-Use Trail groundbreaking event in January 2015. Collaboration with like-minded groups and stakeholders is needed to implement this plan.

In October, Mr. Baker shared the Hall County Trails Initiative at the Georgia Bikes Summit in Columbus and it was well received.

MOTION: *Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of the Hall County Trails initiative with a second from Mr. Smith, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Mr. Fee handed out a list detailing the status of transportation projects being completed by the jurisdictions of the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Gainesville, the City of Oakwood, the Town of Braselton, GDOT, and Hall County.

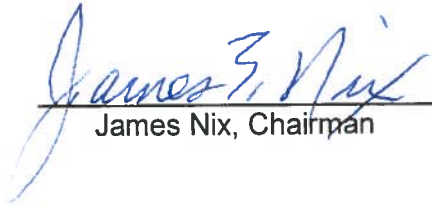
9. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2015.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: *Mr. Petrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. with a second from Mr. Turner, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*



James Nix, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary