



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of January 29, 2015 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor James Nix, Hall County
Charles Alvarez, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Renee Gerrell, Hall County
Bill Hall, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Emory Turner, City of Gainesville
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

Doug Smith, Hall County
Rob Strickland, Hall County
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County
Dianne O'Kelley, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton

Others Present:

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Wayne Stradley, Citizen
Phil Bonelli, Vision 2030
Jason Everett, Vision 2030

Sam Baker, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mayor Nix called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of October 30, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Millwood made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 30, 2014, with a second by Ms. Gerrell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Comment

Mr. Baker read an e-mail from Justin Pressley regarding safety on Price Road. Mr. Pressley had a motorcycle wreck on Price Road causing paralysis and knows of other accidents along this stretch of road. He would like to see additional signage and sections of the road straightened out; he has contacted GDOT but has seen no changes or improvements. CAC members asked the GHMPO staff to request GDOT to consider some low-cost solutions

such as cutting down some trees to improve visibility and/or additional signage at this location.

Wayne Stradley, member of the Wisdom Project and retired pilot, said that he and his committee members have talked with city, county and state officials regarding the positive economic impact of Lee Gilmer Airport bringing in more aircrafts and larger planes. A welcome center for executive jets could provide a positive first impression of Gainesville and the Hall County area. He asked that the airport be included in any future transportation plans.

4. Review of Draft FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Baker explained the UPWP highlights the work the MPO accomplished in FY 2015 and the tasks it has planned for the upcoming fiscal year. This document is for review only; it will be presented again at the next meeting for CAC's recommendation for approval.

5. Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan 2015 Update

Mr. Fangmann gave an overview of the progress made on the transportation plan update and presented a financially-constrained project list. This project list is the same as was previously presented except for some changes in costs due to updated information received from GDOT. The list, as presented, has been sent to GDOT and ARC for modeling and air quality conformity analysis. After the required public review and comment period, they expect to present the finalized plan to the committees for adoption in May.

Mr. Hoffman raised a question why the widening of Thompson Bridge Road is considered a higher priority and, thus, is on the mid-term project list whereas the widening of Browns Bridge Road is on the long-term project list. He further expressed that the widening of Browns Bridge Road should be of higher priority. Mr. Fangmann and Mr. Baker stated that they would follow up with Mr. Hoffman and the CAC members with an explanation why these two projects are prioritized the way they are and how.

6. Hall County Trails Initiative Status Update

Mr. Baker announced that the Vision 2030 Green Space Committee volunteered to lead the Hall County Trails Initiative and introduced Mr. Bonelli and Mr. Everett. They explained the economic, health, community, transportation and environmental benefits of trails and what is needed to have a successful trail system in Hall County.

7. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

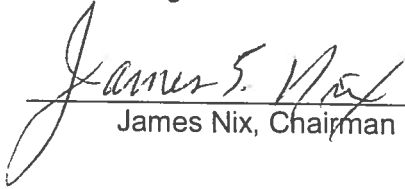
Mr. Fee distributed a list of transportation projects being completed by the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Gainesville the City of Oakwood, GDOT, GMRC, Hall County and Jackson County.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting will be on April 30, 2015.

9. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. by the Chairman.


James Nix, Chairman


Connie Daniels, Secretary