

GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of July 30, 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
Wayne Stradley, Hall County
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, 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:

Rob Strickland, Hall County
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch
Diane O'Kelley, City of Gainesville
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton

Others Present:

Sam Baker, GHMPO
Zhan Shi, GHMPO

David Fee, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mayor Nix called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of April 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Stradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2015, meeting with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Comments

Mr. Stradley introduced written public comments he had received that the turn-off lane into Harbour Point Parkway from SR 53/Dawsonville Highway is too short and the eastbound lane has eroded creating a dangerous situation. Mr. Baker stated that the MPO staff would forward these concerns to GDOT.

4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Baker stated they had received a request from GDOT asking them to amend the TIP to modify the amount of right-of-way funds and schedule for the addition of a center turn lane on SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway, from McEver Road to Lake Lanier Islands. This amendment would change the total right-of-way costs from \$5 million to \$10 million and move the right-of-way acquisition to FY 2016. This has been coordinated with Atlanta Regional Commission and went through a public comment period. This amendment does not change the local contributions.

MOTION: Ms. Gerrell made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the FY 2016-2019 TIP with a second from Ms. Jardine, and the motion passed (Ms. Propes opposed).

5. Update to the Title VI Program and Environmental Justice Analysis

Due to the inclusion of part of western Jackson County into the GHMPO, Ms. Shi explained she had updated the census data and maps for Title VI Program and Environment Justice Analysis to meet federal guidelines. This document will be forwarded to the FTA, FHWA and GDOT for their comments. The document will be brought back to the CAC for a recommendation to approve.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Mr. Fee shared 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, GRMC, HAT, Hall County, and Jackson County.

7. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

MOTION: Ms. Propes made a motion to nominate Wayne Stradley for Vice Chairman. The motion received a second from Mr. Hoffman and passed by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to nominate Berlinda Lipscomb for Chairman. The motion received a second from Ms. Gerrell and passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date

Mr. Baker explained the GHMPO staff has a conflict with the next CAC meeting date of October 29, 2015; therefore, after discussing different dates, the next CAC meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2015.

9. Other

There will be a Highland to Islands Trail Summit on August 11th at 3:00 p.m. at the Elachee Nature Center.

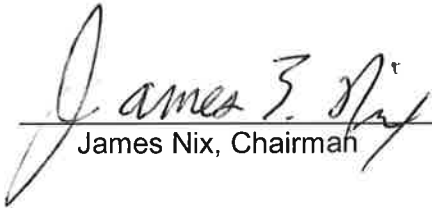
Mr. Stradley expressed concern about the lack of communication between Hall County government and the city governments within Hall County. He made a motion stating: "GHMPO Citizen's Advisory Committee recommends communication be improved between Hall County government and local governments located in Hall County. Transportation projects affecting Hall County and local municipalities be coordinated and respected by each government, especially dollar amounts and property rights. Clarification, coordination and approval or non-approval be respected by individual cities and Hall County governments such as:

- 1) Determining the need, if any, for a project within their jurisdiction,
- 2) Prioritizing projects,
- 3) Project cost, especially as they affect local municipalities and their residents,
- 4) Determining where project monies will come from and how much each government entity will be responsible for."

MOTION: *Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the statement regarding communication between the County and local governments as stated, and the motion received a second from Ms. Lipscomb and passed (Mr. Mensinger opposed).*

10. Adjourn

MOTION: *Ms. Lipscomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. with a second from Ms. Gerrell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*


James Nix, Chairman


Connie Daniels, Secretary