



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 February 25, 2016 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Mayor James Nix, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Jim Brown, Hall County
Renee Gerrell, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Wayne Stradley, Hall County
Jerry Castleberry, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Diane O'Kelley, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

Others Present:

Sam Baker, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Brian Bolick, Atkins
Anne Chenault, Citizen
12 citizens (did not sign attendance sheet)

Voting Members Absent:

Charles Alvarez, Hall County
Rob Strickland, Hall County
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton

Connie Daniels, Hall County
Jennie Agerton, SEI
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Stuart Ballenger, Hall Area Transit

1. Welcome

Ms. Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of November 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Ms. Propes made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2015, meeting with a second from Mr. Brown and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Comments

Anne Chenault spoke for the Riverside Drive community regarding the proposed realignment of Enota Avenue (project # GH101). She cited reasons the neighborhood is opposed to this project and presented other scenarios that they believe would be more suitable routes. Approximately 12 other community residents were also present in opposition to this proposed route.

MOTION: *Mr. Stradley made a motion for the Policy Committee to inform the Gainesville City Council that the Citizens Advisory Committee is opposed to project GH-101 and ask them to look for alternative routes that do not include Enota Avenue. The motion received a second from Ms. Propes and passed by a 4 – 1 vote (Mr. Castleberry opposed and 8 abstained).*

4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the Participation Plan

Mr. Baker relayed that the MPO had received a request from GDOT stating the Federal Transit Administration had requested wording be added to the Participation Plan detailing the public involvement process for the Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the Participation Plan with a second from Mr. Brown, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Baker explained GDOT Office of Planning had requested the amendment of right-of-way cost from \$750,000 to \$1.2 million for the bridge project on SR 11 at the Chattahoochee River. In addition, utility funds be programmed for the widening of Atlanta Highway.

MOTION: *Mr. Millwood made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program with a second from Ms. Gerrell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Update on Gainesville Connection and Hall Area Transit

Ms. Lewis Moss and Mr. Ballenger gave an informative briefing regarding the Gainesville Connection and Hall Area Transit. Topics covered included the number of staff and vehicles, population served, demand for transit at new locations, funds they receive from local, state and federal sources to cover these services and what needs to happen to make the next 15 years of service better than the last 15 years.

7. Green Street Corridor Study Status Update

Mr. Bolick announced they are in their third month of the Green Street Corridor study and presented a time table of when and what they hope to accomplish during this time. Their study will include the conditions of the roads, what is under the roads, underground utilities, drainage, soil conditions, trees, and potential historical assets. This study is a joint effort between the City of Gainesville, GDOT, and the MPO.

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

A list of transportation projects being completed by the jurisdictions of the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Gainesville, the City of Oakwood, GMRC, and Jackson County was distributed.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting will be on April 28, 2016.

10. Other

Mr. Stradley, on behalf of the CAC, presented the MPO staff a letter stating the Committee's appreciation for the job the staff does.

Ms. Gerrell encouraged everyone to talk with members of the school board and city council to work together on the new Enota School.

11. Adjourn

MOTION: *Mr. Petrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*


Berlinda Lipscomb, Chair


Connie Daniels, Secretary