



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 April 28, 2016 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor James Nix, Hall County
Jim Brown, Hall County
Renee Gerrell, Hall County
Wayne Stradley, Hall County
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

Others Present:

Sam Baker, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Brad Farrow, Citizen
Anne Chenault, Citizen
10 citizens (did not sign attendance sheet)

Voting Members Absent:

Charles Alvarez, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Rob Strickland, Hall County
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch
Jerry Castleberry, City of Gainesville
Diane O'Kelley, City of Gainesville
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton

John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of February 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Minutes will be submitted to be approved at the next meeting as there were not enough members present for a quorum.

3. Public Comments

Public comments were heard after all other business matters were completed.

Mr. Farrow, spokesperson for Martin Road Association, relayed that they are in opposition to the proposed Exit 14 interchange. They feel that it is not needed, a waste of money, and do not want a main thoroughfare through their residential area. Their main concern is the length of time proposed between the construction of the Exit 14 interchange and the widening of Martin Road. They propose a half-diamond interchange that does not impact Martin Road.

Mr. Yamala relayed that the Technical Advisory Council has requested that the following motion be presented to the Policy Committee for action:

***MOTION:** Mr. Brown made a motion to recommend to the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee that they pursue a Martin Road corridor study to include scope, alternative alignments, and operational improvements under a review of the travel demand model as it has been impacted by projects in South Hall and to seek funding through UPWP, GDOT or other resources. The motion received a second from Mr. Rearden and passed by a unanimous vote.*

The CAC members present voiced their approval of the motion. There were not enough members present for a vote.

Many proposals and ideas were discussed between the citizens and CAC members. One proposal was for a diamond interchange and the possibility of not opening part of the interchange until Martin Road widening had been completed. Mr. Yamala will discuss this with GDOT and report back to the CAC. Mr. Farrow concluded by saying even though this project has been planned for many years, there are aspects they are just hearing about and are not happy as a result. He promised many more citizens will be at the next meeting opposing this project.

Ms. Chenault announced that the City of Gainesville had voted to pursue other routes for a bypass instead of the proposed realignment of Enota Avenue. She expressed her gratitude to the CAC and others who helped make this happen. She stated that there is still a need for a bypass in north Hall.

4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker explained the Unified Planning Work Program describes the MPO's planning goals and activities, provides cost estimates, identifies funding sources, and outlines a work schedule for 2017. The UPWP includes plans to initiate Phase II of the Green Street corridor study, conduct a regional freight study, conduct a study on how to improve Hall Area Transit Service in the next five years, and conduct a conceptual study for sidewalks, landscaping, and storm water improvements on Mitchell Street in Flowery Branch. The TCC and GHMPO staff recommend approval of the resolution.

The CAC members present recommended approval of the resolution. There were not enough members present for a vote.

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

Mr. Baker proposed an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program per a request received from Hall Area Transit to acquire and renovate a piece of property that will house customer service and marketing staff. The funds will come totally from a Section 5307 capital grant. The TCC and MPO staff recommend approval of the resolution.

The CAC members present recommended approval of the resolution. There were not enough members present for a vote.

6. 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, the Town of Braselton, GDOT, Hall County, and Jackson County was distributed.

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

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

8. Other


Mr. Baker announced that new binders containing updated materials had been created for the CAC members.

Mr. Stradley proposed a change to the CAC agenda and would like the CAC to vote on the change at its next meeting. His recommendations include the addition of "Reports of Officers" (if any) and "Reports of TCC and Policy Meetings" to the agenda after "Public Comments."

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.


Berlinda Lipscomb, Chair



Connie Daniels, Secretary