



Gainesville - Hall

Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of August 13, 2013 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County
Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch
Matthew Fowler, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont
Julia Billings, GDOT
Phil Peavy, GDOT
Brent Cook, GDOT
Sam Baker, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO

Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Sarah McQuade, GMRC
Adam Ivory, CDM Smith
Richard Fangmann, Pond & Associates
Joshua Stephens, Greater Hall Chamber
Gene Korzeniewski, Hall County resident
Laverne Chamberlin, Hall County resident
Wayne Vosburgh, Hall County resident
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times
Jerry Gunn, WDUN/Access North GA
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Approval of May 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Miller made a motion to approve the May 7, 2013 minutes with a second by Mayor Scroggs and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. City of Gainesville Transportation Study

Mr. Fangmann showed maps depicting recommended improvements to roadways, bike and pedestrian paths that have been identified through on-line surveys, focus groups and public meetings. They have presented the findings to the City of Gainesville council and they will

present the recommendations to Greater Hall Chamber on August 21st. There will be another focus group meeting on September 5th.

4. Recommendation to Approve Draft Public Participation Plan

Mr. Baker explained that federal policy requires the MPO to develop and maintain a Public Participation Plan that outlines how the MPO disseminates information to the public and how they seek input on their plans and projects. Changes in the Plan include the specific language of what an "amendment" is and changing the public comment period from 30 days to 15 days to match the Transportation Improvement Program amendment process.

MOTION: Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the Draft Public Participation Plan with a second by Chairman Mecum and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mayor Miller for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Cook for GDOT, Ms. McQuade for GMRC and Mr. Woodall for Hall County.

Mayor Miller stated they are in discussion to work with the GHMPO on the strategic update of the Hall County Bike and Pedestrian Plan. They anticipate hiring Pond & Company for \$50,000 with \$40,000 coming from the MPO and \$10,000 in local match. This would be a great connectivity for the four-lane roads that will eventually be there.


MOTION: Mayor Miller made a motion to approve funding from the GHMPO for the strategic update of the Hall County Bike and Pedestrian Plan with a second by Mayor Scroggs and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2013.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. with a second by Mr. Fowler and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.


Lamar Scroggs
Bob Hamrick, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary