



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE

Municipal Courtroom, Gainesville Justice Center
Minutes of May 13, 2014 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

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

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Kip Padgett, City of Gainesville
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont
Joshua Stephens, GHCC
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall County
CSC
Brian Bolick, Pond & Company
Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company

Ann Marie Day, FHWA
Tamara Christian, FHWA
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Julie Billings, GDOT
Kim Coley, GDOT
Phil Sutton, Citizen
Mary Beth Sutton, Citizen
Jo Purcell, Citizen
Marie Richards, Citizen
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of March 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Chairman Mecum made a motion to approve the March 11, 2014, minutes, with a second by Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Comment

Mr. Sutton, 4764 Upper Berkshire Road, Flowery Branch, told the Policy Committee that his wife's family owns the property at the intersection of Queen City Parkway and Jesse Jewell Parkway. He said some of the property has already been taken for right-of-way acquisition

which has affected the marketability of the property. He would like to keep the remaining property intact and sell it in its entirety as quickly as possible. If the entire property is not purchased, they will consider reconditioning the house and converting it for retail space.

The possible purchase of this property had previously been discussed at the March PC meeting. Mr. Fowler noted that the intersection improvement must be in the Transportation Improvement Program with Preliminary Engineering phase funding. Mr. Yamala said due to the fiscally constrained aspect, buying the property would mean other projects could lose funding. Mayor Dunagan will meet with GDOT and present his findings at the next PC meeting on August 12th.

4. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee Chair

Mr. Brown reported that the TCC recommended adoption of the Draft FY 2015 UPWP and reviewed TCC Bylaws. The TCC formed a subcommittee to review the functional classification of roads which will adjust GDOT recommendations as needed. The findings will be reported at the next cycle of committee meeting in July-August.

5. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee Chair

Mayor Nix relayed the frustration of some CAC members at not seeing projects completed in a timely manner. He said some of the public voiced similar skepticism at the Public Information Open House in February on the U.S. 129/Cleveland Hwy project.

6. Approval of the Draft FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker presented the Draft FY 2015 UPWP for review and approval; both the TCC and CAC have recommended adoption of the document. He listed major accomplishments in FY 2014 and the upcoming activities, including the 2040 MTP and TIP update, in FY 2015. No comments were received during the 30 day public review and comment period.

MOTION: Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2015 UPWP, with a second from Chairman Mecum, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Bolick and Mr. Fangmann stressed that the 2040 MTP Update will include changes since the previous update in 2011. Elements of the recent City of Gainesville Master Plan and Partial Update to the GHMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be incorporated into the 2040 MTP Update. In addition, 2010 U.S. Census data will provide a more accurate picture of population and employment trends and commuting patterns. Mr. Bolick and Mr. Fangmann laid out a graphic of planning development tasks and a schedule. The first public meeting will be held on June 5th.

8. Review Proposed Functional Classification Changes to Hall County Road Network

Mr. Baker explained that every 10 years, U.S. Census results are used by FHWA and GDOT to review the functional classifications of roads to monitor how well they presently operate and make changes to such classifications, if necessary. The TCC subcommittee has already discovered that the GDOT functional classification map needs to be updated as it

does not reflect some of the new road construction in the County. Recommended changes and proposals will be presented for approval at the August PC meeting.

9. Review Proposed Amendments to the Technical Coordinating Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee and Policy Committee Bylaws

Mr. Yamala presented minor administrative revisions to be made to the TCC, CAC and PC Bylaws. Due to the expanded MPO boundaries, representatives from Jackson County and/or the Town of Braselton will be added to the committees. The mayors of the cities of Clermont, Gillsville and Lula will also be added as non-voting members. These changes will be presented again at the August meeting for adoption.

Ms. Roy, Jackson County Public Development Director, was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

10. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions; Mayor Miller for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Dockery for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Coley for GDOT, Ms. Lewis Moss for HAT and Mr. Woodall for Hall County.

Chairman Mecum inquired the status of the Spouts Springs Road widening project. Following Mr. Yamala's response, he made a motion to make the Spout Springs Road widening project a top priority in the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Dunagan and Mayor Miller both stated that they would need to see a list of what projects would be displaced to make the Sprout Springs Road project a priority before they could make such a decision. Mr. Yamala agreed to provide the PC members the status of the other projects in the TIP at the next meeting.

11. Upcoming Meeting Date

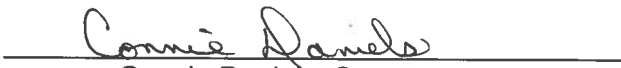
The next PC meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2014, and will be hosted by the city of Clermont.

12. Adjourn

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



Mayor Lamar Scroggs, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary