
MINUTES
CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, Georgia 31702
June 19, 2013

PRESENT: Dinorah Hall, Chairman
Lee Johnston, Vice-Chairman
B.J. Flecher
Jason McCoy
Dr. Peter Ngwafu (Lee County)
Dr. Surendra Pandey

ABSENT: Haryl Dabney
Billy Merritt (Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission)

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Tennasha Gresham, Transit Planner
Paul Forgey, Director Planning & Develop
Gloria Thompson, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections or change, a motion was made by Mr. Johnston to approve the April 17, 2013 minutes as presented. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

Dinorah Hall	yes	Lee Johnston	yes
Jason McCoy	yes	Billy Merritt	absent
B.J. Fletcher	yes	Dr. Peter Ngwafu	yes
Matt Trice	yes	Dr. Surendra Pandey	yes
Haryl Dabney	absent		

TOPIC I – Pecan City Pedaler’s future plans

Mrs. Hall introduced and welcomed Chip Battle, Vice President of the Pecan City Pedaler’s.

Mr. Battle presented a slideshow of the history of the Pedaler’s and projects that they are associated with.

TOPIC II – Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Rules

Ms. Newton distributed a Georgia Bikes-Bicyclist Pocket Guide (on file) for members to read at their leisure. She noted on page 4 it states, “Bicyclist must travel in the same direction as motor vehicle traffic, even when in a designated bike lane.”

A discussion followed concerning public service announcements, with Dr. Pandey commenting motorist should be educated on rules of bicycle safety; bike trails to schools and colleges, and new road projects should include plans for bike trails.

TOPIC III – Transit Planning Update

Mrs. Gresham distributed a handout (on file) of the Route 9 – Silver – Pointe N./Meredyth Transit routes. She noted the orange route would be modified next and a new service for the South Slapppy area will be added.

A discussion followed.

TOPIC IV – Transportation Decision Making

Ms. Newton distributed “A Guide to Transportation Decision Making” (on file). She noted page 16 outlines the Transportation Planning Process.

A discussion followed.

TOPIC V - Discussion

Ms. Hall stated it is crucial to bring three contacts to these meetings and create a database, website, use facebook page, the city newsletter, any resource to get the latest information out to the public to generate interest.

A discussion followed.

It was noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.