
MINUTES
CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, Georgia 31702
September 18, 2013

PRESENT: Dinorah Hall, Chairman
Lee Johnston, Vice-Chairman
B.J. Fletcher
Jason McCoy
Dr. Surendra Pandey

ABSENT: Haryl Dabney
Billy Merritt (Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission)
Dr. Peter Ngwafu (Lee County)
Matt Trice

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ewell Lyle, Dougherty County Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hall called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Due to lack of quorum the agenda items were changed as follows:

TOPIC II – Proposed Bike Trail – Lynn Pflapsen

Ms. Pflapsen, representing the Flint River SORBA chapter of the Mountain Bike Association, gave a brief presentation. She noted this is a non for profit organization dedicated to improving off road noting recreational opportunities within the SWGA region. Ms. Pflapsen stated a chapter of 50 members would enable the group to be eligible for funds and grants. She also noted that the group had discussed the trails with the Greenspace Committee and is asking for help from the City of Albany to help clean-up the area and build the trails. Ms. Pflapsen reported that Tallahassee sponsored a ride of over 250 people last weekend and over 200 were from out-of-town. She noted that benefits the city by means of hotels, restaurants, etc.

A discussion followed with it being noted that Bill Swann of the Greenspace Committee is reviewing land management and that the group needs the support of the City of Albany.

Mr. McCoy advised Ms. Pflapsen to contact Suzanne Davis with the City of Albany Recreation Department for additional information.

Ms. Newton added that she would ask the DARTS Policy Committee to place this on their agenda for the upcoming meeting in December 2013.

TOPIC III – Liberty Expressway @ Jefferson – County Commissioner Ewell Lyle

Ms. Hall introduced Dougherty County Commissioner Ewell Lyle. He gave a brief update, stating a public hearing was conducted on the project and the news media generated attention.

A discussion followed with it being noted that this is a two and one-half year project. Other projects were briefly discussed.

TOPIC IV – Transit Planning Update – Tennasha Gresham

Mrs. Gresham gave a brief update on transit activities. She stated they are currently analyzing all transit routes with a new one added to Meredyth Drive starting October 7, 2013.

9:14 B.J. Fletcher enters

A discussion followed concerning a couple of complaints Ms. Fletcher received about intoxicated passenger and handicap ramps. Ms. Gresham stated camera footage can be reviewed to address these issues.

TOPIC V – FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Jennifer Newton

Ms. Newton referred to the following in the TIP (on file): Meeting schedule; page 3 – Albany Project Cost Detail, FY 2014-2017; page 6 – Project 442951- Bridge Replacement - Chickasawhatchee Creek, 8 Miles NE of Leary.

A discussion followed concerning aspects of the TIP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections or change, a motion was made by Mr. Johnston to approve the June 19, 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	absent
Matt Trice	absent	Dr. Surendra Pandey	yes
Haryl Dabney	absent		

TOPIC I – Vice-Chair Election

Ms. Hall made a motion to nominate Dr. Pandey as Vice-Chairman of the Citizens' Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fletcher.

Mr. Johnston made a motion to nominate Mr. McCoy. There was no second, motion died.

There being no further discussion Dr. Pandey was elected as Vice-Chairman with the following votes:

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

TOPIC VI - Discussion

Mr. Forgey gave a brief update on the Old Dixie Highway project, noting

A discussion followed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 in Lee County.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hall turned the gavel over to the new chairman, Lee Johnston.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.