
MINUTES
CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, Georgia 31702

April 19, 2012

PRESENT: Dr. Charles Gillespie, Chairman
B. J. Fletcher
Thomas Fratino
Commissioner Gloria Gaines
Dinorah Hall
Jason McCoy
Dr. Surendra Pandey

ABSENT: Billy Merritt
Dr. Peter Ngwafu

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Mary Teter, Interim Planning & Development Services Director
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, Sr.

OTHERS
PRESENT: Njemile Ali (Broad Avenue Bridge Representative)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gillespie called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Members were asked to report any potential safety hazards within the community to Dr. Gillespie, Ms. Newton or the 311 Information Line.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 1, 2011)

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Ms. Gaines to approve the December 1, 2011 minutes as presented. Ms. Hall seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

Dr. Charles Gillespie	yes
B. J. Fletcher	abstained
Thomas Fratino	yes
Commissioner Gloria Gaines	yes
Dinorah Hall	yes
Jason McCoy	abstained
Billy Merritt	absent
Dr. Peter Ngwafu	absent
Dr. Surendra Pandey	yes

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Ms. Hall suggested that the committee find additional ways to reach out to more citizens and establish an ongoing relationship with the community. She commented on the importance of reaching the segment of the population that does not read the newspaper or watch television. Ms. Hall proposed that the following steps be implemented to improve communication with the community at large: (1) create a citizens resource list, (2) issue a quarterly newsletter, and (3) create a facebook page. A brief discussion was held on each suggestion.

MEETING TIME CHANGE

Chairman Gillespie suggested extending the Citizens Committee meetings from 30 minutes to 1 hour. After a brief discussion, it was determined that starting the meetings at 8:00 A.M. would work best for members and staff. Dr. Gillespie commented that several Policy and Technical committee members were in favor of the suggestion as well.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Hall made a motion to schedule the Citizens Transportation meetings at 8:00 a.m., and increase the length of time to one hour. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed with the following votes:

Dr. Charles Gillespie	yes
B. J. Fletcher	yes
Thomas Fratino	yes
Commissioner Gloria Gaines	yes
Dinorah Hall	yes
Jason McCoy	yes
Billy Merritt	absent
Dr. Peter Ngwafu	absent
Dr. Surendra Pandey	yes

Ms. Newton provided tips for accessing the transportation websites, and she noted that the transportation pamphlets and bylaws would be updated this year. A discussion was also held on accessing the traffic flow in Dougherty and Lee counties.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chairman Gillespie introduced and welcomed two new members to the Citizens Transportation Committee, B. J. Fletcher and Jason McCoy. Both members are city appointees.

FY13 UPWP

Ms. Newton reviewed the DARTS 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (FY13 UPWP), and noted that it would also be presented to the Technical and Policy Committees today for approval.

DISCUSSION

An election for Chair and Vice Chair will be held during the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.