
MINUTES
CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, Georgia 31702
September 20, 2012

PRESENT: Dr. Charles Gillespie, Chairman
Dinorah Hall
Lee Johnston
Dr. Peter Ngwafu
Dr. Surendra Pandey

ABSENT: Commissioner Gloria Gaines
B. J. Fletcher
Thomas Fratino
Jason McCoy
Billy Merritt

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, Sr.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Gillespie called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

TSPLOST UPDATE

Ms. Newton reported that the TSPLOST referendum did not pass in the Southwest Georgia region, and it will not be considered again due to poll results. A discussion was held on several factors that may have influenced the outcome of the TSPLOST referendum. Ms. Newton also pointed out various issues that were discussed during the National MPO conference.

Dr. Gillespie asked if the TSPLOST projects will be reevaluated, and Ms. Newton replied in the negative. She explained that the projects will remain on the TIP and LRTP lists, but it will take longer for them to be addressed since the referendum did not pass. Dr. Gillespie commented that the process is way too long to serve the needs of the general public, and there needs to be a better understanding of the process. He suggested that someone create a descriptive list of the process, and forward an information link to the chairperson of each neighborhood watch program for publication.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Ms. Newton reviewed the DARTS and GDOT websites, links, studies, and calendars. She addressed questions, and asked members to notify her if anyone is interested in accessing the website.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Gillespie presented an illustration of a 6" step off that is located at the back exit of the Central Square Building near the Tax Department. He stated that it is a safety hazard that needs to be properly identified with something noticeable so that it will not result in a lawsuit for the city. He noted that the issue was brought up nearly four weeks ago, and it still has not been addressed. Dr. Gillespie also commented that there needs to be an established system for the CTC to report safety hazards, and then have them resolved in a timely manner. Ms. Newton replied that the discussion portion of the agenda has already been established as the method that CTC members will use to report issues and concerns to the TCC and Policy committees. Mr. Lee suggested reporting issues to the 311 Information Line so that they can be documented and resolved more quickly.

Ms. Hall discussed the importance of defining and determining the CTC's role. In addition, members should identify individuals in the community that are interested in getting involved in the process and attending the meetings.

Ms. Newton introduced and welcomed Lee County's new appointee, Lee Johnston, to the CTC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 21, 2012)

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Ms. Hall to approve the June 21, 2012 minutes as presented. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

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

CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

Dr. Pandey made a motion to nominate Dr. Gillespie as Chairman, and Ms. Hall as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Ngwafu seconded the motion, and the nominations were approved with the following votes:

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

DISCUSSION

Dr. Pandey inquired about two proposals that he presented several months ago (Westover/Gillionville and Broad/Slappey intersections). Discussion was also held on the Palmyra/Slappey and Pointe North/Old Dawson Rd. intersections.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.