



Minutes
Policy Committee
June 2, 2021
10:30 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Tom Caiafa	GDOT
Alex Lee	Lanier County
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Bruce Cain	City of Hahira
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Others Present	
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Vivian Cody-Miller	City of Valdosta
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Ariel Godwin	Moody AFB



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Barber called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Mr. Barber asked that everyone present please state their name and affiliation.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Barber asked the committee members to review the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Dukes made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Does not apply to PC

B. Report of Nominating Committee: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The committee nominated Paige Dukes for Chair and Scott Matheson for Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the nominations. Ms. Cribb made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Ms. Martin notified the committee that staff amended the FY21-24 TIP due to the authorization of the scoping phase for the South Valdosta Truck Bypass project and the updating of the ROW phase of the I-75 @ SR 133 project, putting the phase beyond the TIP years. Ms. Martin continued that both of these updates resulted in the removal of the projects from the TIP Tier I list of projects. She notified the committee that in order for the amendment to be approved, a motion and a vote was needed and that both the CAC and TAC approved the amendment without discussion. Ms. Dukes made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Slaughter made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Five Points Project Video

Does not apply to the PC

B. Recommendations for Bike/Ped Education/ Outreach

Does not apply to the PC

C. GDOT Project Updates

Does not apply to PC.



D. Vulnerability Assessment Presentation

Does not apply to PC.

E. Hahira Area Traffic Study Scope

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the City of Hahira is looking to apply for PL funds for some of the transportation issues that they are facing in their community. These issues revolve around the new North Lowndes Soccer Complex, which is expected to bring in an estimated 10,000 people a weekend, but only has one access point, which will create traffic congestion and safety issues. Mr. Hull continued that there are also congestion issues around the elementary school. The Hahira Traffic Study scope pretty much points out these issues and is needed for further assessment and recommendations for the City of Hahira. Mr. Slaughter and Ms. Dukes both stated that these are valid concerns and will be considered because something needs to be done about it. Mr. Barber asked are there any issues at the middle school with traffic. Mr. Cain responded that the issues with the middle school are on Nelson Street.

F. Discuss Changes to Bylaws RE: CAC Appointment

Mr. Barber stated that the committee would introduce the possibility of a CAC appointment on the Policy Committee through discussion today and move forward, if need be, at the next meeting. Mr. Hull stated that previously the CAC chair did have an appointment on the PC. The CAC chair was a non-voting member up until 2016, the appointment ended due to the chair being absent from meetings. Mr. Slaughter stated that he was on the committee in 2016 and does not see a need for it as the meetings are public and can be attended by anyone. Mr. Branham stated that he brought this up because we need someone here who can help to inform the issues of the disenfranchised community. Mr. Barber stated that the meetings are always open for anyone to attend and discuss any issues within the community. Mr. Slaughter stated that minutes from the PC are always available.

G. Connected/Autonomous Vehicle Assessment

Mr. Hull explained the Autonomous Vehicle Assessment spreadsheet that he completed in order to help inform the community and local government officials about the implementation of CAVs. He continued although such implementation will happen years from now, it is something that communities need to start considering. Ms. Dukes asked if there are other communities that have done this and where is the funding coming from. Mr. Hull stated that special grant funding to pay for initiatives like this have not been identified. Mr. Branham stated that he sat on a Smart Cities panel and it would be beneficial for them to contact Peachtree Corners. He continued that there is also an Advanced Technology Seed Fund for funding technology.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Updates

Agenda Item #7 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Mr. Hull notified the committee that they will be receiving an email about the budget amendment for the UPWP soon and that the City of Valdosta will be releasing its Travel Safely App.



Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Slaughter motion to adjourn. Ms. Dukes seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned.