Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Citizens Advisory Committee June 7, 2016 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Ronald Skrine	Leadership Lowndes
Myrna Ballard	VL Chamber
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Col. Clarence Parker	VL Airport Authority
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta
Tammy Greenway	Lowndes County
Tyra Howard	VLCCCTA
Bill Tucker	Valdosta
Robert Wilbers	City of Lake Park
Todd Cason	VCS
Angela Crance	WGTC
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes Transit
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Others Present	
Tyler Willett	Lowndes Transit
Anthony Payton	WGTC
John Dillard	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review of Committee Attendance

Mr. Griffin asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Griffin asked for approval of the minutes from March 1, 2016. The minutes were approved as written by acclamation.

Agenda Item #4-New Business

A. CAC Elections: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Action: Elect Officers

Ms. Crance made a motion for Mr. Griffin to remain as Chairman of the CAC. Mr. Branham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried. Mr. Tucker made a motion for Mr. Branham to remain as the Vice-Chairman of the CAC. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried. Ms. Ballard made a motion to elect Mr. Riddle as secretary of the CAC. Ms. Crance seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

B. Application for Additional PL Funds in FY17- Resolution FY2016-7 Action: Discussion

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the PL application for MPO funds was currently on hold because the PC voted to table the study. Mr. Hull explained that the city and the county agreed to extend the study and reevaluate the scope of work. He notified them that there will be a technical and policy committee meetings at a later date. Mr. Hull also notified the committee that GDOT has notified us that we need to amend our transportation plan and our transportation improvement program. The first of the amendments are administrative amendments which allows us to move one project from one year to another. Secondly, this will require a 15 day public comment period to add an engineering phase for the widening of Lake Park/Bellville Rd. The second project is Forrest Street. GDOT has decided that they will not build anything and leave the street as is, but the VLMPO staff and local governments are working with GDOT to identify other operational improvements for this corridor.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update

A. Valdosta Pilot Shuttle Program

Mr. Dillard provided the committee with graphs and explained the current status and data on the shuttle pilot program. Mr. Branham asked what does the data suggest to the CAC as far as what they should do going forward concerning public transportation. Mr. Hull responded that the SGRC has asked the consultants the same question and hopefully when the study is released more information will be provided.

B. Truck and Transit Study Updates

Mr. Hull notified the committee that there will be an open house on June 28th at the Lowndes County Administration building where the consultants will unveil their proposal for public transportation. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the SGRC will hold another open house on June 21st for the Truck Traffic Study. The study will be concluded June 30th. Ms. Crance stated that she hopes the outcomes of these studies will be positive.

C. Public Participation Plan Comment Period

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the SGRC has been working with a VSU student to update the public participation plan, however, there still needs to be a 45 day public comment period for this plan and that will be done sometime this summer.

Agenda Item #6 - Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Mr. Payton asked Mr. Hull why the PL fund application was placed on hold. Mr. Hull responded that this was an agreement that the PC made in their last meeting so that they could address a larger area and reevaluate the scope of work.

Mr. Parker asked if the Airport Authority or Airport is considered in the transit studies. Mr. Hull responded that they have not been looked at but he can have the consultants look into it.

Mr. Parker suggested that the times somehow be implemented onto the signs. Mr. Tucker asked how long will the shuttle run. Mr. Dillard responded until September 30, 2016.

Mr. Skrine asked where are the shuttle maps published? Mr. Hull responded that they can be found on the SGRC website and other places throughout the community. Mr. Skrine suggested maybe putting a barcode on the shuttle signs so that riders can access shuttle information via the website.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Tuesday, September 6, 2016; 3:00 pm at SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.