

**Minutes  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
March 6, 2018  
3:00 PM**

<b>CAC Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta
Jim Galloway	Valdosta Airport Authority
Bob Wilbers	City of Lake Park
Vanessa Flucas	City of Valdosta
Alvin Payton	Wiregrass
Stan Crance	VLDA
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County
Myrna Ballard	Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Harriet Crum	Hahira
Michael Cooper	VDDA
William Cason	VBOE
Debbie Hobdy	MIDS
Clayton Milligan	LEA/Lowndes
Ray Sable	VSU
Chris Hamilton	Valdosta
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	SGRC
John Dillard	SGRC
Taylor Marzell	SGRC
Vivian Cody	Valdosta
Clinton Hopson	BDIM
Denise Hopson	BDIM
Darcy Gunter	Valdosta
Kelly Saxon	DCS

### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Branham called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

#### **A. Review of Committee Attendance**

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

### **Agenda Item #3 – New Business (CAC)**

#### **A. Model Ordinance Development: Alternative Fuel Stations, Bicycle Racks, Access Management, Connected Parking Lots**

##### **Action: Discussion; thoughts from Business Community**

Mr. Hull explained that a few years ago, the 2040 TVP was adopted and one of the items in this document is a recommendation is to look at developing model ordinances that addresses these specific items. Mr. Hull asked the committee how do we better encourage some of these items in our community. We would like to know what the citizens think about these items. Mr. Wilbers stated that there are safety issues that should be considered. Mr. Wilbers continued that connected parking lots are very convenient to avoid traffic. Mr. Crance stated that alternative fuel stations, charging stations, are something to look into. A discussion ensued concerning electric vehicle charging stations and future development.

#### **B. Community and Public Transit Needs**

##### **Action: Discussion**

Mr. Hull asked the committee their ideas about access management, bike racks and connected parking lots. Ms. Flucas stated that a transportation system should be able to accommodate bicyclist, such as bicycle racks connected to the bus and stationary bike racks. Mr. Hull asked the committee what do they envision when thinking of a future public transit system, also, why should there be one and what does that mean for Valdosta residents. Ms. Flucas stated that transit would accomplish access, and opportunity with jobs and school. Ms. Ballard stated that the study showed that we are big enough to need it but not big enough to pay for it without subsidizing. A discussion ensued concerning paying for transit, public-private partnerships. Mr. Hull asked what should public transit accomplish in Valdosta. Ms. Cody replied safety because we have a lot of senior citizens that walk and ride their wheelchairs and many students that could use transit if they miss the bus. A discussion ensued about options for transit, reliability, cost, ways to garner community support, and positive impacts.

#### **C. Connected Autonomous Vehicles in 2045 Transportation Vision Plan**

##### **Action: Discussion**

Mr. Hull explained what autonomous vehicles are, that they are connected to one another and the community. Mr. Hull explained that many companies will have these types of vehicle by 2021, and with technology moving really quickly we should be thinking of this as we plan for the 2045 Transportation Plan. The committee discussed the costs of the vehicles and insurance, the level of comfort with having a vehicle drive itself, the need of parking lots in the future, and dedicated travel lanes for autonomous vehicles.

#### **Agenda Item #4– Staff Update**

##### **A. 2045 Transportation Vision Plan**

Mr. Hull referred the committee to the 2045 Transportation Vision Plan handout. Mr. Hull explained that the handout was a basic outline of the process that the staff would be going through to complete the 2045 TVP.

##### **B. Attendance**

Mr. Hull explained that he would be sending out the bylaws of the CAC and he will also be reaching out to specific individuals concerning attendance.

#### **Agenda Item #5– Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment**

Ms. Crum asked what we are doing about transportation issues that are arising with the constant building of houses in our community. Mr. Hull stated that many of those roads are planned for improvements within our TIP, however, it can take anywhere from 10-20 years to widen a road.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

(Tentative date) CAC, TAC, PC Joint Meeting; Thursday, May 17, 2018; 10:00 am; at TBD

**Note: VLMPO June Meeting dates remain scheduled. More information TBA.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment**

Mr. Payton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Parker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the meeting was adjourned.