# Southern Georgia Regional Commission

# Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

## Minutes Citizen's Advisory Committee 6/3/14 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Bill Tucker	Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Edward Rawls	Lowndes County
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Michael Frost	Lowndes County
Bill Branham	Valdosta
Josh Hobdy	Lowndes County (Debbie Hobdy proxy)
Dick Saeger	Valdosta
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Harriett Crum	Hahira
Clarence Parker	Airport
Tim Riddle	Conference Center
Mike Cooper	DDA
Todd Smoot	Lowndes County
Ken Sherrill	Lake Park
Angela Crance	WGTC
Stephanie Joachim	VCS (via phone)
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Nate Jones	VSU
Ronald Durbin	Moody AFB
Todd Miller	SGRC
Jia Lu	VSU

#### Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

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

#### Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

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

### Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Griffin asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes of the March 4 meeting minutes. Mr. Branham commented that he should have been counted in attendance at the January meeting. Mr. Sherrill made a motion to approve the minutes with this change, a second was made by Mr. Rawls, the motion carried.

#### **Agenda Item #4– Old Business**

None.

#### Agenda Item #5- New Business

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Hull informed the committee that this item had been discussed at the last committee meeting, but it was inadvertently left off of the agenda. Mr. Hull described the roles of the officers. After a brief discussion, Mr. Riddle made a motion to nominate the current officers for another term, Mr. Saeger seconded the nomination, the motion carried. The officers for FY2015 are: Ms. Crance, Chair; Mr. Griffin, Vice Chair, Mr. Sable, Secretary.

#### B. FY2015-2018 TIP Draft

Mr. Hull described the various programs and projects funded through the TIP. Ms. Crum asked about a project to look into the blocking of traffic on Lake Laurie Road during the school hours. She noted how traffic blocks the road along this curve and through traffic cannot pass. Mr. Hull and Ms. Joachim agreed to look into this issue when school returns.

#### C. FY2014 FTA 5307 Allocation

Mr. Hull described the federal allocation of funds for an urban transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area and how these funds could be spent. After a lengthy discussion Ms. Crance made a motion to advice the Policy Committee to ask GDOT to 'fence' the funds for up to three years and ask the Policy Committee to consider a study to answer outstanding questions about starting a public transit system in the community. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brenham, the motion carried.

#### D. 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Public Outreach

Mr. Hull described the efforts the staff is going to be conducting in the fall. He asked for committee recommendations of locations and audiences for possible public meetings.

#### E. VSU Student Presentation – Climate Change Action Plans

Mr. Hull introduced Dr. Jia Lu with VSU. She introduced students from her spring 2014 class to discuss climate change action plans and the research they had done. The students are recommending that Valdosta work to develop action plans to address climate change locally. Several questions were asked by the audience of the students.

<u>Agenda Item #6– Staff Update</u>
Mr. Hull noted that several meetings will be hosted by GDOT in August, he will send the details by email later.

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

Mr. Griffin informed Ms. Crance that all of the officers were reelected to serve another term.

<u>Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time</u>
Mr. Griffin reminded the members of the next meeting date and time on the agenda.

# <u>Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment</u>

Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.