

**Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee
June 2, 2020
3:00 PM**

Members Present	Organization
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Debby Hobdy	MIDS
Jim Parker	Valdosta
Ronald Skrine	City of Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Kathy Hodges	Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
David Adams	Valdosta
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Skrine called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Skrine asked the committee members to review the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Branham made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hodges made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

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

Action: Elect Officers for FY2021

Mr. Hull briefly went over the roles and responsibilities of the officer positions. Mr. Skrine opened the floor for the committee to hold nominations/elections. Mr. Branham asked if the elections could be postponed until the next meeting date at the new building. Mr. Hull responded that the election timeframe is at the new fiscal year in the CAC By-laws, so the date needs to be kept. Mr. Branham made a motion that the current officers remain in their current positions. Mr. Sable made a motion in the second. The motion was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. FY21 UPWP Amendment (Transit) – Resolution FY2020-8

Action: Recommendation/Adopt

Mr. Hull explained the at the UPWP amendment was specifically for transit. This committee along with the TAC and PC approved the FY 21 budget and work program as presented; however, with the City of Valdosta pursuing public transit operations, they put in their application for the possibility to hire a consultant next year to look at the implementation of public transit. Mr. Hull explained, that this is an option for the City to do this, it is not mandatory but for us to amend this into our program allows for funding should they choose to do so. The funds would be 80% federal, 10% state, and 10% local match from the City of Valdosta. This is a requirement that the planning for this appears in the MPO's Planning Work Program. The total is \$200,000 dollars and we need to amend our work program and budget to reflect that. Mr. Branham asked if we need to have a motion for this. Mr. Hull responded yes. Mr. Branham made a motion to recommend the amendment. Mr. Parker made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. 2045 Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Martin notified the committee of the current status of the 2045 MTP. She stated that the partner review period ended May 25th and thanked everyone for the comments that were sent in. Staff are updating the plan to address all comments. She continued that the public commit period will open on the 25th of June and close on the 25th of July and notified the members that they can participate in the public comment period as well. She continued that GDOT has also advised MPO staff to separate out TIA projects from State and Federally funded projects. Mr. Hull explained that staff is also seeking more

input concerning one project on the draft constrained project list, Coleman Road Extension. Mr. Hull stated that Coleman Road has been in the running as a potential project for many years and is on the draft list this year; however, the project does not show significant improvement and no apparent relief of congestion as I-75 functions at an efficient state. Staff would like to know whether this project should be removed completely or listed on the illustrative project list for long-term consideration. Mr. Skrine asked if there was any probability of future development, Mr. Hull responded that there may be some future residential growth closer to the northern part of the roadway but not a lot of development in the area. Mr. Branham said that he does not really see any benefit in keeping this project on the list if there is no apparent improvement to the network. Mr. Parker stated that if Gornto, Jerry Jones isn't relieved and if we aren't getting any benefit, there may be no need. Ms. Hodges agreed that the project be put on hold.

B. Public Transit Updates

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the City of Valdosta is pursuing a public transportation system. The last update that he received was that the RFP was going out for transit services within the next 30 days at most.

C. Meeting Survey Update

We have received some very good feed back so far. It looks like we will start sending text message reminders for the meetings. We will also be working on icebreakers where we can get to know one another better and encouraging each other that way. We will be working with the committee chair on the timing and informational presentations that members would like to see. Thank you for sending your comments, we received lots of great feedback.

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

Mr. Branham stated that Mr. Slaughter's name was listed as being with the City of Valdosta and needed to be corrected. Ms. Cody asked was the CAC open to the public. Mr. Hull responded that the CAC is a membership committee but anyone can attend meetings. Ms. Cody asked how staff was getting information out to the public and how are meetings advertised. Mr. Hull responded that the meetings are advertised on our social media platforms, notifications are sent to our media and newsletter lists. Mr. Branham suggested trying Foxy 97.5 to put out information about the MPO.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Branham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.