

Minutes Citizens Advisory Committee June 1, 2021 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County
Vanessa Ross (Flucas)	City of Valdosta
William Branham	City of Valdosta
Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority
Ray Sable	VSU
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County
Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County
Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Additional Persons Present	Organization
Sandra Tooley	City Of Valdosta
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Ariel Godwin	Moody AFB
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta
Whitney Shepherd	Transport Studio



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Milligan called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

<u> Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call</u>

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Mr. Milligan stated that the roll would be called for those present. Mr. Hull went through the committee member roster to verify whether or not each member was present. Additional persons present introduced themselves and organizations.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Milligan asked the committee members to review the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wisenbaker 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

Mr. Hull notified the committee that it was time to for the members to elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the committee. Ms. Ross made a motion that the current members who held each position in that order move up to the next position/roll off and the committee nominates a Secretary. She continued that if done that way Mr. Skrine would roll off, Mr. Milligan would become the Chair and Ms. Yorke would become Vice Chair. Mr. Branham made a motion in the second to accept the nominating of the positions this way. Ms. Hodges stated that she was concerned about nominating Mary Jane Yorke without her input since she is not at the meeting. Mr. Milligan stated that he is not opposed to becoming chair and that he was not sure that Ms. Yorke would oppose. Ms. Ross stated that she would like to reframe her motion. Ms. Ross made a motion that the committee elects Clayton Milligan as Chair. Phil Hubbard made a motion in the second. Mr. Milligan stated that there were still two unfilled positions. Mr. Branham nominated Ms. Ross for Vice-Chair and Ms. Ross nominated Mr. Branham for Secretary. Ms. Hodges made a motion to elect the members as stated. Mr. Milligan made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

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

Does not apply to the CAC

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. She 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 to move the amendment to the TAC. Mr. Wisenbaker made a motion to approve and forward the amendment to the TAC. Ms. Ross made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.



Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Five Points Project Video

Mr. Milligan stated that he and some other engineers were provided with an example of how drivers will navigate the roundabouts at Five Points. Mr. Hull played the GDOT roundabout animation for the committee. Mr. Barnes stated that there is a similar roundabout located in St. Simons Island. Ms. Hodges asked if the design seen in the video was approved. Mr. Milligan responded that this design is the final design and is what is going to be built.

B. Recommendations for Bike/Ped Education/ Outreach

Mr. Horton notified the committee that the RC is working on a project to develop bicycle and pedestrian training and educational material for the region. He introduced Ms. Shephard, the consultant, the will be administering the project. Ms. Shepherd explained that she and her team are on call planners for the MPO and gave an overview of the project to the committee. She asked for any feedback concerning people, communities, or organizations that she should reach out to for further input from the community. Ms. Miller asked if will recommendations be a part of the report. Ms. Shephard responded yes. Mr. Horton stated that he would like to discuss specific areas of the community in more detail with Ms. Miller and they can set up a time to do so later.

D. Vulnerability Assessment Presentation

Does not apply to the CAC.

E. Hahira Area Traffic Study Scope

Does not apply to the CAC.

F. Discuss Changes to Bylaws RE: CAC Appointment

Does not apply to the CAC.

G. Connnected/Autonomous Vehicle Assessment

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Updates

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. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the City of Valdosta will unveil its Travel Safely App on June 22nd and 23rd. The app will allow for all traffic signals in the City to communicate with motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians who have downloaded the app.

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

Mr. Hubbard stated that he did not understand the reasoning or rationale for the truck bypass. He continued that there could be better improvements made such as the Outer Perimeter road concept. Mr. Hull stated that the proposed route on the project report was just an example design from the GDOT Truck Bypass Report and the report has about 3 or four examples within it. Mr. Hubbard stated that it just seems



easier to route the trucks around the city. Mr. Branham asked if Mr. Hull can send out each design. Mr. Hull stated that he can.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

<u>Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment</u>

Mr. Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.