Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Citizen's Advisory Committee June 4, 2013 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization	
Dick Saeger	Valdosta	
Ken Sherrill	Lake Park	
Ray Sable	VSU	
Bryan Almand	Valdosta	
Clarence Parker	Airport	
Tim Riddle	Conference Center	
Carroll Griffin	Remerton	
Stephanie Joachim	Valdosta Schools	
Meghan Duke	VLCIA	
Angela Crance	Wiregrass	
Edward Rawls	Lowndes	
Charlie Clark	Lowndes	
Robert Jefferson	Lowndes	
Others Present		
Diane Cox		
Stan Randel (sp?)		
Corey Hull	SGRC	
Bill Tucker		-
Roberta Magnasco		
Sandra Chaput (sp?)		
Barbara Stratton		

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Jefferson called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Jefferson asked all present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jefferson asked for any revisions or corrections to the minutes from the March 5, 2013 meeting minutes, being none, a motion was made by Mr. Sherrill and seconded by Mr. Almand to accept the minutes as presented, the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. Election of Officers for FY2014

Mr. Jefferson asked for nominations from the floor for officers (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary) for FY2014. Ms. Crance was nominated as Chair, Mr. Griffin was nominated as Vice-Chair and Mr. Sable was nominated as Secretary. All three were elected unanimously.

B. <u>Development of the 2040 Transportation and Comprehensive Plan Vision/Goals</u>

Mr. Hull discussed recent developments in the search for a consultant to complete a socioeconomic data study for the MPO transportation plan, and noted that a contract should be signed by the end of the week. He continued on, describing the timeline staff has laid out for the development of the upcoming MPO transportation plan over the next 12-18 months, noting that the first six months will include the identification of common goals and objectives that will be included in the transportation plan, and upcoming county comprehensive plan.

Mr. Hull also noted that staff is no longer pursing a change in the TCC and CAC membership, noting there was significant objection to this during the last regular meetings from all participants. Rather he is proposing to have the TCC and CAC meet jointly over the next year on a monthly basis to provide feedback to staff and provide a forum for discussion on issues surrounding the transportation plan. He noted that he would like to keep the quarterly meetings of the two committees separate.

Mr. Parker asked if staff would accommodate Moody AFB in the Socioeconomic Study. Mr. Hull said that yes, Moody AFB was a part of the study.

Mr. Jefferson stressed that we should use the resources of previous planning efforts and not reinvent the whole process.

A discussion ensued among the members about the direction of the transportation plan.

Agenda Item #6: Staff Update

Mr. Hull began by reminding everyone about the upcoming regional bicycle workshop on Monday, June 10 and a bicycle and pedestrian planning webinar at 4p on June 5 at the SGRC. Mr. Hull also noted the attendance records of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, noting that several members had not attended in some time. The Policy Committee members asked who was most recently present at the meeting.

Mr. Hull also described an administrative amendment to the FY13-16 Transportation Improvement Program to combine two phases of right-of-way purchasing in Fy14 and FY14 in to one phase in FY14 for the I-75 interchange construction projects at Exits 22 and 29. He also noted that the estimated cost of these phases had decreased from \$18 million to \$16 million.

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

Mr. Jefferson asked if there was a way the staff could provide feedback to the CAC about the actions taken by the Policy Committee, rather than waiting several months. Mr. Hull said that staff would look into that.

Mr. Riddle asked that public transportation be considered in the next transportation plan update.

A citizen asked if there were any E-85 and/or natural gas filling stations in Valdosta. Mr. Hull noted there is an E-85 station on Bemiss Road and that Langdale Fuels was opening a station soon on Old Clyattville Road.

Mr. Jefferson noted that this will be his last meeting on the CAC.

Agenda Item #8: – Adjournment

Mr. Jefferson noted the next meeting date on September 3, and adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.