

**Minutes
Citizen's Advisory Committee
March 6, 2012
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present	Organization
Ken Sherrill	Lake Park
Earl Wetherington	City of Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Tyra Howard	Convention Center
Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta
Allan Ricketts	VLCIA
Charlie Clark	Lowndes County
Angela Crance	Wiregrass
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Janice McKinnon	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Ms. Crance, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Ms. Crance asked the Committee members introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Crance asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/29/11 meeting of the CAC. A motion was made by Mr. Almand and seconded by Mr. Sherrill. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

Ms. Crance asked Corey Hull to report on the CAC attendance and membership report in the absence of Col. Parker. Mr. Hull stated that he met with Col. Parker last week about the membership of the CAC. Col. Parker contacted the members of the CAC with poor attendance and said that several of them have chosen to leave the CAC to allow others who are more interested and have more time to fill these roles. Mr. Hull noted that over the coming months the staff will be working with the local jurisdictions to appoint new members to the CAC.

Ms. Crance asked who appoints representatives from Lowndes County. Mr. Hull said that it was the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wetherington recommended that the City and County Engineer should attend the CAC meetings to hear from the citizens about transportation improvements in the community. Mr. Hull noted that the staff does follow-up with the recommendations made by the CAC to the appropriate jurisdictions, using the Bemiss Road and Huntley Drive intersection as an example.

Mr. Wetherington asked why the City changed the traffic camera operations on their website and about the operations of the intersection of Oak St. and Park Avenue. Mr. Hull said that he would follow-up with and get Kevin Tolliver from the City of Valdosta to address these issues.

Mr. Hull noted that the CAC bylaws outline the responsibilities of the CAC, including making recommendations to the local jurisdictions and the Policy Committee on transportation matters in our community.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. FY2013 UPWP and Budget

Mr. Hull presented the final draft of the budget and UPWP that the committee had reviewed over the past several months. Mr. Hull noted that there is no reference to the TSPLOST vote, as the VLMPO is a federally funded agency and the FHWA does not want to confuse this state issue with the federal aid program; however staff will continue to respond and be aware of the ongoing issues with this proposed tax. Mr. Hull asked for questions and a vote to recommend the UPWP to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Sherrill asked about money allocated to a planning study for truck traffic in downtown Valdosta. Mr. Hull noted this study would cost over \$100,000 and would require various analysis and planning level evaluations.

Mr. Almand made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee adopt the UPWP as presented, it was seconded by Mr. Sherrill, the motion passed unanimously.

B. FY2013 FTA 5307 Transit Letter to Decline Funds

Mr. Hull described this letter that has been done for several years that declines funds that have been allocated for a public transportation system in Valdosta. The VLMPO has 'first right of refusal' to decline the use of these funds annually, but reserves the right to use future allocations. The funds are redistributed to other cities in Georgia under 200,000 in population. Mr. Hull asked if there were any questions and for a motion to recommend approval of sending this letter to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Sherrill made a motion and Mr. Almand made a motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. TIA Update

Mr. Hull shared with the committee the information the SGRC is handing out about the TSPLOST when the staff speaks at various civic clubs and other groups around the region. Mr. Hull asked the CAC to recommend groups to speak to and to talk to their friends, coworkers, acquaintances about the facts of the TSPLOST.

B. Federal Legislative Updates

Mr. Hull commented on pending legislation before Congress that will impact the status of small MPOs like VLMPO. Current proposed bills abolish MPOs with a population under 200,000, with some 'grandfathering' clauses. Mr. Hull said that this is an issue he will continue to report to the CAC on as new information comes from Congress.

C. Metropolitan/Urban Area Updates

Mr. Hull also noted that in March the US Census Bureau will release new urban area population numbers for all cities in the nation. Mr. Hull noted that the Valdosta population will not get to 200,000; but the land area that is defined as urban in and around Lowndes County is expected to expand. Mr. Hull said he will keep the CAC updated on this new information when it is released.

D. Project Updates – see attached

Mr. Hull distributed to the CAC a status report of the projects ongoing in Lowndes County.

E. JLUS Updates – New Travel Demand Model

Mr. Hull described the new travel demand model the SGRC has developed to analyze and mitigate impacts on the mission of Moody AFB and vice-a-versa. He noted that more information and analysis will be forthcoming as the staff begins to use this model to analyze transportation and land use policies in the area of Moody AFB.

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

Mr. Sherrill asked why there is no representation from Moody AFB on the CAC. Mr. Hull felt that the County may have been trying to cover two hats with one person by appointing someone like Mr. Jefferson, who participates in multiple committees and activities in the community.

Mr. Sherrill noted that the meeting date on the Membership Roster needs to be changed.

Agenda Item #6 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Ms. Crance noted that the next CAC meeting will be on June 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 4:03 p.m.