

**Minutes
Citizen's Advisory Committee
March 2, 2011
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present	Organization
Robert Jefferson	Moody AFB
Earl Wetherington	City of Valdosta
Amanda Peacock	Downtown Development Authority
Ken Sherrill	City of Lake Park
Bert Chancy	City of Hahira
Michael Jetter	Convention & Visitors Bureau
Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta Representative
Charlie Clark	Lowndes County Representative
Tiffanie Williams	Valdosta Board of Education
Caroll Griffin	City of Remerton Representative
Brian Geary	City of Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	VLMPO
Janice McKinnon	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Robert Jefferson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Robert Jefferson welcomed those present and thanked them for attending. Mr. Jefferson directed attention to the enclosed attendance tracking sheet, which displayed CAC member's attendance records for 2007-2010. Ken Sherrill was recognized for having perfect attendance for all meetings. Mr. Jefferson requested Cory to double check attendance record of Earl Wetherington, Mr. Wetherington felt an error had been made in the number of missed meetings listed.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2011

Earl Wetherington made a motion to approve the minutes. Ken Sherrill seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Old Business

Mr. Jefferson requested a status update on the model ordinance for Inner Perimeter Road. Cory stated that he, the City of Valdosta, Lowndes County and GDOT were still working on a date and time to bring the new City and County employees up to date. He continued that he is hoping to have that done in the next month or two and then present the ordinance to the staff after that.

Mr. Jefferson then asked Corey about the Crash Study for Valdosta/Lowndes. Corey stated that there were some issues with the data from GDOT and he was expecting the new data around the first of March, and is hoping to receive it sometime this week

Mr. Jefferson stated that surveys had been sent to members on date and time change for meetings, and he also asked Corey to announce the results. Corey stated that the number one choice was Tuesday at 3:00pm and second choice was 2nd Thursday at 3:00pm. Meetings were set at 1st Tuesdays at 3:00 pm with Corey sending out the updated date/time to all CAC members as a reminder.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program, Resolution 2011-4

Corey stated that the Unified Planning Work Program included the annual work tasks for the staff to complete in the annual budget and that all work elements were included in the CAC packets. Corey informed the group of one change, which is located on page 17 as 2012403, this is a corridor study for addressing truck issues in downtown Valdosta, and at this time has zero funding across the board. Because of zero funding it is recommended to continue to explore funding sources and to consider obtaining consultant services to conduct a planning level alternatives analysis of suggested solutions to issues of truck traffic in downtown Valdosta. Corey also directed the CAC member's attention to page 19, summary report of budget, showing the state is allowing zero money for Federal Transit Funding and Federal Highway Program. Corey then asked the CAC for a motion to recommend the Unified Planning Work Program to the Policy Committee for final approval. Bryan Almand made the motion to recommend the Unified Planning Work Program to the Policy Committee; Ken Sherrill seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

B. Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (HB277) Local Project List

Corey stated that in our 18 County region that all projects for all counties and cities are due by March 30, 2011 and that the Regional Commission is working with GDOT to collect these projects. Corey asked CAC their input on what projects this committee thinks is most important/pressing for the Cities or County to submit. The Committee listed several projects with the consensus being the biggest priority is establishing east/west connection through the City. Corey was asked when education by RC was expected to start, in which he replied first public hearings were probably going to occur in August/September.

C. Draft Public Participation Plan

Corey told the committee that the updates to the PPP included a new LEP Plan, new

Title VI Compliance Plan, new policies and performance measures, refined strategies and techniques. A Title VI coordinator has to be designated, Corey Hull, has been designated as the Title VI coordinator for the MPO. Corey urged members to review plan especially the policies section and give input/ideas.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. Statewide Freight Plan Meeting in Valdosta

Corey reminded the committee about the GDOT listening session on how freight is impacting Georgia is Tuesday, March 8 at 1:30pm at SGRC. Everyone is invited to attend.

B. Website/Facebook Report

Corey stated there is a lot of out of state traffic on the web site

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

Earl Wetherington commented that public officials from county and city need to attend some of the meetings. Three different streets were discussed and Corey is to inquire about them and report back by email to all committee members. Streets are as follows:

- a. Oak St left turn to Park Ave
- b. Left turn signal needed at Patterson to Eager Road
- c. Brookwood left onto Patterson needs left turn signal

Agenda Item #8 – Next Meeting Date and Time

The next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be held on June 7, 2011 at 3 p.m. at the SGRC.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

There being no further business, Robert Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.