

Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, January 21, 2016

Members Present:

Brunessa Drayton
Johnny Brown
Bill Carver
Jay Cunningham
Kenneth Jones
Marline Elkins
JoEllen Smith
Roger Sandbothe
Dania Aponte
Alice Summerour
Frank Wigington
Scott Johnson
Kes Stadler
Karen Traeger
John Pape

Absent

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Tom Bills, PRCA Program Manager
Jim Wilgus, DOT, Deputy Director
Meagean De La Cruz, Admin, DOT
Lindy Tisdal, Finance

City of Marietta

Charlie Lanz, City Engineer

Others

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 56th meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on January 21, 2016, in the Board of Commissioners conference room.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015, meeting. Motion was made and seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

Lindy Tisdale from the Finance Department gave the monthly financial report. Total collections to-date are \$519.5 million which is \$38.8 million over projections. Cash and investments on hand is currently \$151.2 million. The collection for the new SPLOST will begin at the end of February.

Mr. Charlie Lanz, City of Marietta, City Engineer, gave an update on the City's 2011 SPLOST programs and discussed various projects in the 2011 SPLOST which are complete or underway. They have currently spent about 75 percent of the 2011 SPLOST funds. The project at North Marietta Parkway and Wallace Rd. is complete and it has alleviated the traffic in that area. The Powder Springs Streetscapes will complete the streetscapes from Sandtown Rd to South Marietta Parkway. Other various project updates were presented as noted in the Oversight Committee Report.

Discussion was held regarding the streetscapes at the Marietta Square that will result in the planting of new trees and the addition of 8-10 feet of sidewalk for pedestrians.

Tom Bills with Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs, provided an update on the distribution of the 2011 SPLOST funding. \$44.5 million was spent on buildings/site work, \$30 million was spent on athletic fields/parks, \$4 million was spent on paving and \$5 million has been spent on specialized projects. 73 percent of those projects are complete, 20 percent construction is underway, 5 percent are in design and 2 percent are future projects. Some highlights include the completion of the Corps of Engineers Property Bridge, the Civic Center project at 80 percent complete, the renovation of the Hyde Farm-Walker House, and the Noonday Creek Park Eastern District Office building project.

Discussion was held regarding the bidding process for minority owned businesses. Jim Wilgus provided details about the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements for state and federal partnerships.

The federal government is putting more emphasis on the Civil Rights requirements throughout their funded programs/projects.

Jim Wilgus, Deputy Director, DOT, encouraged members to follow them on social media and to utilize the Cobb Commute webpage to ensure a reliable message is delivered to the public regarding news and updates. Cobb Commute provides real time travel data including construction, traffic cameras, and inclement weather details. Jim also provided the 2011 SPLOST update for transportation. DOT's projects are 71.5 percent complete with 34 projects currently in pre-construction and 25 projects in construction. As of December 31, 2015 DOT has completed 148 projects. Some highlights include Six Flags Dr. roadway improvements, I-75 at Windy Hill Rd. Interchange, and the I-75 at Wade Green Rd. Interchange. The next quarter projects will include the completion of 6 projects and the start of construction for 10 projects.

The next order of business was the Election of Officers for 2016.

Marline Elkins was nominated for Secretary, nomination was seconded and Marline Elkins was approved unanimously.

Frank Wigington was nominated for Vice-Chairman, nomination was seconded and Frank Wigington was approved unanimously.

Alice Summerour was nominated for Chairperson, nomination was seconded and Alice Summerour was approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.