

**APPROVED**

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee  
Thursday, August 16, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Dania Aponte  
Lee Berg  
Johnny Brown  
Bill Carver  
Marline Elkins  
Virginia Gregory  
Murray Homan  
Scott Johnson  
Alice Summerour

**Cobb County & Other Officials Present:**

Diana Belanger, Finance, Account III  
Tom Bills, Sr. Cons. Project Manager  
Eddie Canon, Director – PRCA (Parks)  
Mike Cates, Pre-Construction Engineer IV  
Dan McDuff, Deputy Director DOT  
Nancy Rouse, Admin, DOT  
Bill Volckmann, Division Manager, Finance

**Others:**

Brian Bulthuis, City Manager, Acworth  
Beverly Burns, Accountant, Acworth  
Brandon Douglas, Assistant City Manager, Acworth  
Mark Hipp, Public Works Director, Acworth  
Russell Small, Moreland Altobelli, Prog. Mgr PRCA

**Absent:**

David Hong  
John Pape  
Frank Wigington

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on August 16, 2012, in the Board of Commissioners Conference Room.

Diana Belanger, Finance Department, gave the 2011 SPLOST financial update. Out of the 6 months of receipts collected only one month has been under projected amount. The program is currently \$5.9 million over projections. There has been \$65 million collected, \$25 million spent and there is \$40 million currently available in the 2011 SPLOST program.

Lee Berg asked if there was any update regarding the shortage to the 2005 SPLOST. Bill Volckmann, Division Manager, Finance, stated there has been no update from the state and we have not heard back from Dr. Roger Tutterow, Professor of Economics at Mercer University, who was asked to review the payments. Mr. Volckmann would follow up with him and report back.

As a quorum was present, the minutes from the June 21, 2012 meeting were approved.

Brian Bulthuis, Acworth City Manager, gave an update on the budget status of each project. He reported on the project budgets, changes due to the shortfall, and amended project budgets. The City has seen a \$1.5 savings in the 2005 program from various projects coming in under budget. Mr. Bulthuis went through each project, their status and budget changes for each project. He discussed how projects were scheduled based on cash flow.

Tom Bills, Sr. Construction Project Manager, gave a presentation/update on PRCA. There are four categories of the Park's projects:

- Building & Site work
- Athletic Fields and Parks
- Paving
- Specialized Project

Parks has a total budget of \$83.5 million, with projects in 50 parks and facilities. They currently have 2% of the projects complete, 8% in design or construction is underway, 18% procurement is underway and 72% future projects.

Mountain View Aquatic Center is the most prominent project in their program. The project is under construction and on schedule. The Department took painting out of the general contract and hired a separate painting contractor at a savings of \$40,000.00. The contract for this painting was scheduled for 3 weeks and was completed in 10 days. After receiving permission from the Board, Parks staff salvaged the metal and copper from the old dehumidifier which was removed from the center and this resulted in \$20,000.00, which went back in to the project budget. Ribboncutting for this project will be in October.

One hundred and fifteen (115) scoreboards will replace the old scoreboards which were owned by Coca-Cola (which they want back as they are getting out of the scoreboard business). The new scoreboards will be wireless and have LED lights, as well as advertising panels, creating the opportunity to sell advertising space and generate revenue.

Mr. Bills gave an overview of project activities during the first and second quarters of this year and reviewed the upcoming planned activities for the third quarter.

Dan McDuff, DOT Deputy Director, gave the transportation report. Budget books were handed out that included all the updates to the 2005 and 2011 programs. These updates occur twice a year.

Mr. McDuff reviewed the 2005 SPLOST transportation program. The Department has 297 out of 307 planned project starts and 275 out of 284 projects are completed projects. The remaining projects are either deferred or GDOT projects.

In the 2011 SPLOST transportation program DOT has 57 out of 35 planned starts. Construction is 19 out of 11 planned starts. Many of these are drainage projects. Dan showed pictures of various projects and he and Mike Cates discussed with the Committee and went through the upcoming project starts for the next quarter. There was also a discussion of Task Order Contracts and the PEACH Roads program. Information about the PEACH Roads is available on the web at [www.Cobbdot.org](http://www.Cobbdot.org), then click on the PEACH icon on the right.

Marline Elkins volunteered to be interim secretary until new members were brought on board. The motion was made and seconded. Marline was unanimously voted to be interim secretary.

Eddie Canon mentioned a date yet for the Park's tour has not been determined but will probably be sometime in October. Mr. Canon also mentioned the Mountain View Aquatic Center is scheduled to be opened October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2012 at 3:00pm. The meeting was then adjourned.