

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, January 16, 2014**

Members Present:

Dania Aponte
Johnny Brown
Bill Carver
Jay Cunningham
Marline Elkins
Lance Lamberton
John Pape
Roger Sandbothe
JoEllen Smith
Kes Stadler
Alice Summerour
Frank Wigington

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Faye DiMassimo, DOT, Director
Jim Wilgus, DOT, Deputy Director
Bob Galante, DOT, Construction Engineer
Eddie Canon , PRCA, Director
Tom Bills, PRCA, Program Manager
Nancy Rouse, Admin, DOT
Lindy Tisdell, Accountant III, Finance

City of Marietta

Dan Conn, Director of Public Works
Charlie Lanz, Interim City Engineer

Other:

Russell Small, Moreland Program Manager

Absent

Antwyn Brown
Scott Johnson
David Hong

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 46th meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on January 16, 2014, in the Board of Commissioners conference room.

Faye DiMassimo introduced Jim Wilgus, the new Deputy Director for DOT. Jim is Dan McDuff's replacement and came to the department from the City of Marietta.

Alice Summerour then introduced Roger Sandbothe, the newly appointed member for District 4.

As a quorum was present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Lindy Tisdell, from the Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report. Year-to-date collections total \$247.5 million, which is \$17.3 million over projection. The County currently has \$110.5 million cash on hand. Ad valorem tax collections ("birthday tax"), since July 2013, total \$6.7M.

Charlie Lanz, Marietta interim Chief Engineer and Dan Conn, Marietta Public Works Director gave the 2005 and 2011 SPLOST update for the City. Mr. Lanz reviewed the 2005 and 2011 SPLOST projects and gave the status, schedule and budget for each of the projects. Discussion held about the traffic calming projects and resurfacing programs. Question was asked about traffic signalization, Mr. Conn explained that all but a few of Marietta signals can be controlled by the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) and stated this is one of the most cost effective ways to manage traffic.

Tom Bills, PRCA Program Manager, gave the update for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department (PRCA). Mr. Bills stated that the monthly reports are reviewed by the Recreation Board prior to being presented to the Board of Commissioners or Oversight Committee. Mr. Bills reviewed the Program Categories for the Parks 2011 SPLOST program:

\$44.5M	Building/Site Work
\$30.0M	Athletic fields/Parks
\$ 4.0M	Paving
\$ 5.0M	Specialized Projects

Of the 172 projects in 50 parks, 17% of the projects are completed, 60% are in Design/Engineering, 11% under Construction and 12% are future projects.

Mr. Bills finished his presentation with highlights of specific projects currently underway and with next quarter's planned activities along with the positive impacts of these projects.

Bob Galante, DOT Construction Engineer, gave the transportation update. He mentioned the Paper Mill Road Bridge replacement was completed this fall and the ribboncutting was one of the largest held by the county. The school and neighborhood all participated.

Mr. Galante reviewed the Program Categories for the DOT 2011 SPLOST program:

\$119M	Infrastructure Preservation
\$ 67M	Safety and Operational
\$ 43M	Congestion Relief
\$ 12M	Traffic Management
\$ 8M	Transit

Of the 170 transportation projects: 42% are completed, 29% are in Design/Engineering, 13% are under Construction and 16% are future projects. The program is ahead of schedule.

Discussions ensued regarding leverage of dollars with state and federal funding and status of various projects completed or underway.

Ms. DiMassimo and Mr. Galante commented that the two biggest requests were sidewalks and resurfacing. One of the committee members asked if a subdivision could request sidewalks if the homeowners paid for a portion of the costs. Ms. DiMassimo mentioned the Department has over 1000 requests for sidewalks (not in subdivisions) and the total cost for a mile of sidewalk averages \$500,000-\$800,000 per mile of sidewalk.

Since October 2011, the County has resurfaced 942 roads, or 13% of the total roads in the county, for a total of 317 miles. There are approximately 7500 roads or 2400 miles of roads in the county.

Questions and discussions were held regarding several projects, traffic signals, intersections, and the speed limit change on Dallas Highway.

Faye DiMassimo gave an update on the Braves stadium development and the immediate concerns of traffic in the area. She mentioned there are 14 points of access to the stadium to distribute traffic. This area has always been anticipated to be a high level activity center prior to the Braves. And DOT already had projects in the queue or under development. Lots of action already underway: I-75/Windy Hill Diverging Diamond Interchange and Corridor improvements, Cobb Parkway widening from Akers Mill to Paces Mill; Cobb Parkway Bridge Replacement over Chattahoochee River, Northwest Corridor I-75 Managed Lanes, and discussions are underway with GDOT for additional projects. There was a handout that listed all the currently projects underway, under development or proposed.

Ms. DiMassimo also mentioned the potential pedestrian/transit only bridge spanning I-285 from the Galleria area to the Braves Stadium development being proposed along with a Cumberland Area Circulator bus route. Ms. DiMassimo answered various questions regarding impacts of the Braves Development.

Other business included rescheduling of the Tour of Park and DOT projects – this will be rescheduled closer to spring time to avoid future weather delays and when there is more activity.

Next order of business of was election of officers. Mr. Lamberton asked if there were any term limits in the By-laws – there are none. Nominations were made and seconded and via unanimous votes the following were elected:

Secretary	Marline Elkins
Vice Chairman	Frank Wigington
Chairman	Alice Summerour

The next meeting will be held March 20th.

The meeting was then adjourned.