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Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, October 15, 2015

Members Present:

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

Absent

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Tom Bills, PRCA Program Manager
Eddie Canon, PRCA Director
John Reida, Director, Property Management
Jim Wilgus, DOT, Deputy Director
Meagean De La Cruz, Admin, DOT
Lindy Tisdale, Finance

City of Smyrna

Eric Randall, City Engineer
Mike Jones, City Administrator

Others

Don Hicks, Croy Engineering

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 55th meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on October 15, 2015, in the Board of Commissioners conference room.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 16, 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 \$485.8 million which is \$36.9 million over projections. Cash and investments on hand is currently \$144.1 million.

Mr. Eric Randall, City of Smyrna, 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. The largest project, Concord Rd. is substantially complete with the exception of the linear park project that is scheduled for this fall. The initial phase of the Windy Hill Road project was included in the 2011 SPLOST and the actual construction phase will take place in the 2016 SPLOST. City of Smyrna has partnered with DOT on this project. The project is fully funded for construction, however the NEPA process is being completed to remain eligible, should federal funds become available. The remaining seven active projects were discussed as well as the completed projects. City of Smyrna is working with GDOT on the Congestion Relief Improvements for South Cobb Drive corridors and continuous studies are completed to assist in this relief.

Discussion was held regarding the term "lane diet" which minimizes lanes if feasible for traffic safety. Additional information was also requested on the Windy Hill Road project. It was determined the City of Smyrna is in the Environmental Compliance portion and is several years out before the construction can begin. In addition, the Curbside Recycling Program is doing well.

John Reida, Director of Property Management, discussed the distribution of the 2011 SPLOST funds. 30 percent of the funds go to judicial facilities, 36 percent to Public Health facilities, 10 percent to Senior Services, 8 percent to Public Safety, 7 percent to the Public Library System and 9 percent to other Cobb facilities. There are currently 135 facilities projects; 91 percent are complete, 5 percent construction is

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underway, 1 percent are in design and 3 percent are future projects. Some highlights include projects at the Health Department Headquarters and the Public Safety building.

Mr. 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. 68 percent of those projects are complete, 22 percent construction is underway, 8 percent are in design and 2 percent are future projects. Some highlights include the Civic Center project at 50 percent complete and several parks are currently under construction. Discussion was held on the Seven Springs Water Park in reference to the daily count this summer.

Jim Wilgus, Deputy Director, DOT, gave the 2011 SPLOST update for transportation. DOT's projects are 66% complete with 29 projects currently under construction and 40 in the design phase. In South Cobb there are numerous of projects simultaneously underway. The District 4 Commissioner is beginning to receive a lot of positive feedback in response to DOT's improvement efforts.

Jim gave an update to the various projects underway including the Pitner Road Bridge, Skip Spann Connector and several others. The Walker Drive Extension will create a new Town Square in Mableton. The area in the middle of the square is approximately the size of a football field which will be fully landscaped. The Windy Hill Corridor Improvement project has 3 of the 5 currently under construction. It is on schedule and under budget. The next quarter's planned activities include 8 projects to be completed and 9 construction starts.

A COC member stated they appreciate seeing the contractors listed on the projects. Discussion was held regarding the selection process for contractors and some clarifications were made on other DOT projects.

The meeting schedule for 2016 was presented.

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