

Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, January 20, 2022

Members Present:

Jacquelyn Bettadapur
Steve Byrne
Jay Cunningham
Lindsey Edwards
Marline Elkins
Essence Johnson
Gene Lewis
Felicia McDade
Tania Robinson
William de St. Aubin
Alice Summerour
Frank Wiginton
Matthew Yarbrough

Members Absent

Wilmark Harris
Roger Sandbothe

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Jimmy Gisi, Deputy County Manager
Michael Brantley, Director, PARKS
Jordan Wood, Program Manager, PARKS
Drew Raessler, Director, DOT
Wade Kelly, SPLOST Program Manager, DOT
April Jones, Admin, DOT
Jenny Xu, Accountant, Finance

City of Austell:

Bo Garrison, Director, Public Works
Darrell Weaver, Director, Community Affairs

City of Marietta:

Mark Rice, Director, Public Works

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on January 20, 2022

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously with the addition to minor edits.

Jenny Xu, Accountant, Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report regarding the 2016 SPLOST Summary.

Bo Garrison, Public Works Director, and Darrell Weaver, Community Affairs Director, gave an update on the City's 2016 SPLOST program. Highlighted projects included Louise Suggs Memorial Park, Water Oak Drive, Legion Volleyball Court, and Pine Street improvements.

Questions/Answers for City of Austell:

Q. How many houses did Habitat for Humanity end up building?

A. Approximately 8-9 houses.

Mark Rice, Public Works Director, gave an update on the City's 2011, 2016 SPLOST program. Highlighted projects included Mill Street Plaza, Burnt Hickory Trail, and Kennesaw Avenue Streetscape.

Questions/Answers for City of Marietta:

Q. White Circle: When will the red-light for the left turn be activated?

A. The light will be active within the next few weeks once timing is completed.

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Q. 2011 SPLOST: Collections were finished at the end of 2015 and we still have projects where we are looking at property acquisition. What is the reason for the delay in moving forward with these projects?

A. The mayor and city council set the timeline and priority list for projects and our team follows that list.

A discussion regarding the completion timeline for projects identified for the 2011 SPLOST was held.

Jordan Wood, Program Manager, PARKS, provided an update on the 2011 and 2016 SPLOST projects. Some highlights included Fullers Park, Old Clarkdale Park, Terrell Mill Park and Mable House Complex.

Questions/Answers for PARKS:

Q. PARKS Signage: What feedback has your office received on the new PARKS signage?

A. We've received positive feedback from citizens regarding signage.

Q. Do we have signs already made and identified for placement or are they one-off signs?

A. They are one-off signs.

Q. What are the size of the current signs?

A. They are 4 feet by 8 feet.

Q. Flexamat Slop Stabilization: What is the upkeep on using these mats for slop stabilization?

A. Typically the maintenance is similar to the upkeep we provide on other slopes. The vegetation that grows in is permanent.

Q. Nesbitt Union Chapel: What is the public use for this area?

A. We are currently having discussions on what the site can be used for in the future, but there are no master plans at this movement.

Q. Jim R. Miller Park: How is testing impacting the ability to plan the work needed to be done at the park?

A. Testing has not impacted our ability to work on the capital projects we have planned.

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Drew Raessler, Director, DOT, provided an update on the 2011, and 2016 SPLOST program. Some highlights included Bells Ferry Road at Turner Road/Dickson Road, Buckner Road Sidewalk, and Willeo Road over Willeo Creek.

Questions/Answers for DOT:

Q. Utility Prior Rights Claims: Are the projects essentially completed, but you're waiting on payments?

A. Yes.

Q. Has DOT experienced a decrease in contract bid submissions on projects?

A. No, we are still getting good participation and overall competitive bids.

Q. Willeo Road over Willeo Creek: Status of concrete spillage?

A. Immediately after the concrete entered the creek we encouraged Baldwin Paving to contract out support. The entire spillage was contained within the project limits. No fines or fees were issued.

The committee received an update on the 2022 SPLOST and SPLOST signage from the Deputy County Manager.

The next order of business was the Election of Officers for 2022.

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. Jacquelyn Bettadapur was nominated for Vice-Chairperson; nomination was seconded. Jacquelyn Bettadapur was approved as new Vice-Chairperson in a vote 7-4.

Alice Summerour was nominated for Chairperson; nomination was seconded. Felicia McDade was nominated for Chairperson; nomination was seconded. Felicia McDade was approved as new Chairperson in a vote 7-4.

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