



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Marion County Growth Services- Conference Room A
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
September 10, 2019
3:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Davis Dinkins (*arrived at 3:02pm*)
Travis Magamoll
Paul Marraffino
Suzanne Mangram (*arrived at 3:02pm*)
Steve Rudnianyn
Michelle Shearer

Members Not Present:

Joe London
Richard McGinley
Clark Yandle

Others Present:

Rob Balmes
Derrick Harris
Elizabeth Mitchell
Judy Pizzo, FDOT
Vickie Wyche, FDOT

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Steve Rudnianyn called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Secretary Shakayla Pullings called the roll. A quorum was not present. At 3:02pm Mr. Dinkins and Ms. Mangram arrived and a quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Pullings stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites on August 30th, 2019.

Item 3a. Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)

Judy Pizzo with the FDOT gave a slideshow presentation to the TAC on the FTP and said that FDOT was updating the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) which defined goals, objectives, and strategies for Florida's transportation system statewide. The FTP was the overarching transportation plan for all of Florida and affected every resident, business, and visitor.

Part of Ms. Pizzo's presentation was an interactive survey that allowed the committee members to express what they thought would be concerns in their near future concerning modes of transportation and advancing technologies.

Item 4a. Bylaws DRAFT

Mr. Harris presented the Bylaws DRAFT to the CAC and said that TPO staff had recently discovered that bylaws for the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was never established. Therefore, staff had begun the discussion and action of creating bylaws for the committee, by presenting the DRAFT version.

Mr. Harris said the bylaws were merely a DRAFT version and was likely to be discussed over the next couple of meetings with the goal to discuss, revise, and bring back to the committee in October.

The Membership section of the DRAFT Bylaws stated the "The CAC shall include local citizens involved with a variety of different interest and advocacy groups, including those from the following organizations:"

- Six (6) members at-large with representation from the following types of organizations and associations:
 - One (1) representative from any trail/equine groups/associations
 - One (1) representative from any cycling advocacy group/association
 - One (1) representative from any springs/environmental advocacy group/association

- One (1) representative from the Governor’s West Ocala Neighborhood Revitalization Council
- One (1) representative from any business community association/group
- One (1) representative from the transportation disadvantaged community

- Six (6) members that are residents of the jurisdictions of the TPO area:
 - One (1) representative from the City of Belleview
 - One (1) representative from the City of Dunnellon
 - Two (2) representatives from the City of Ocala
 - Two (2) representatives from Marion County

Mr. Dinkins said he would refrain from using the word “shall” when it came to the members to be included on the committee. Also, that there were lots of different groups that could represent each category of the committee and it would be difficult to single out one group. There was also concern that some of the representatives listed may disqualify a lot of the current committee members.

Mr. Harris said that staff was looking to get feedback from the committee and that the Bylaws were only a DRAFT.

Ms. Mangram said the language should read that the representation listed was sought but not mandatory.

Ms. Shearer asked if the representatives would be in addition to the committee members already serving or would the committee be made solely on the lists of representatives stated in the DRAFT Bylaws.

Mr. Harris said ideally there would be 12 committee members with 6 members from organizations and associations and another 6 members of the jurisdiction of the TPO area.

There was more committee discussion on the membership recommendations.

Ultimately, Mr. Harris said he would work on the DRAFT Bylaws and bring some revised Bylaws back to the committee at the October meeting.

Item 4b. Transportation Regional Incentives Program (TRIP) List Update

Mr. Balmes presented the TRIP List Update and said in August 2019, a decision was made by the TPO/MPO Directors of the six members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) to develop a revised Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List. Moving forward, the CFMPOA would revise the list on an annual basis. The list would serve as an important resource to identify projects in each respective TPO/MPO area that may be eligible for TRIP funding.

As background, the purpose of TRIP was to encourage partnerships for transportation projects that were regionally significant. TRIP funds were awarded by the Florida Department of Transportation, and were used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs.

In essence, TRIP was a matching program to leverage investments in projects with substantial local/regional commitment. A TRIP Fact sheet with further information was provided to the CAC.

TPO staff were proposing to recommend one project to the TPO Board for submission to the CFMPOA for the Ocala/Marion County TPO 2019 TRIP Priority List.

- NW 49th Street Interchange @ I-75 (new interchange)

The project had been the top priority in the TPO's List of Priority Projects (LOPP) for two consecutive years. The project had significant local matching funds by Marion County, making it eligible for TRIP funding.

TPO staff was requesting the CAC to recommend this project to the TPO Board for their approval and submission to the CFMPOA for inclusion in the 2019 TRIP Priority List.

There was consensus with the committee that that NW 49th Street Interchange @ I-75 was a good recommendation.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Marraffino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Magamoll seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Wyche gave a copy of the updated construction report to the CAC.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Harris gave an update of the Taskforce Kick-Off Meeting in Tampa and said that Taskforce would be holding upcoming meetings for the Northern Turnpike.

Mr. Balmes said he appreciated the support of the logo survey and planned to reveal a final logo to the TPO board at the end of the month.

Item 8. Comments by CAC Members

There were no comments by the CAC members.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 10. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Steve Rudnianyn adjourned the meeting at 3:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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