

MINUTES
SPLOST 2016 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 5:30 PM

Present: Robert Franklin, Chairman
Ronnie Perry, Vice Chairman
John Dow
Jane Fraser
Philip Graitcer
William Kitts
Ron Malden
Lance Sabbe
Robert Terjesen

Also Present: Alan Ours, Glynn County Manager
Jim Drumm, City of Brunswick Manager
Jimmy Junkin, Executive Director, Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC)
Dave Austin, Glynn County Public Works Director
Paul Andrews, Glynn County Engineer
Garrow Albertson, Brunswick City Engineer / Public Works Director
Barrett Neal, Assistant Project Manager Georgia Water and Environmental Services (GWES)

1. Discuss and approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018, meeting, subject to any necessary corrections

John Dow moved to approve the minutes and Ronnie Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jane Fraser commented that the dates for future meetings were incorrect. It was decided to change the dates going forward. No correction was needed.

2. Election of Officers per SPLOST 2016 Citizen's Oversight Committee (SCOC) by-laws Article III. Section 301.

Robert Franklin nominated Lance Sabbe as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Philip Graitcer. Ms. Fraser nominated John Dow. Mr. Dow declined the nomination.

Mr. Franklin nominated William Kitts as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Kitts declined the nomination. Mr. Sabbe nominated Dr. Graitcer as Vice-Chairman. Ron Maulden seconded the nomination. Mr. Sabbe as Chairman and Dr. Graitcer Vice-Chairman were elected unanimously.

3. Discussion of Glynn County project updates REPORT

Glynn County Public Works Director, Dave Austin, updated the SCOC on completed projects on Demere Rd. and Norwich Rd. resurfacing, Hwy 341, Ocean Blvd., and South Harrington Sidewalks. Mr. Austin spoke about progress on a reclamation and box culvert on Old Jesup Rd. He then covered the need to repave Sea Island Rd. due to a contractor error causing delays contributing to traffic back-up. Dr. Graitcer asked about permitting problems with the East Beach Causeway project and Mr. Austin replied that there are no problems and that the contractor needed larger equipment to be able to do the project which was currently delayed by rain. The same contractor is set to pave smaller dirt roads soon. Mr. Austin referred to a section of Frederica Rd. paved during the day and stated that night paving results in an 80% quality loss. He then explained the paving process and timing of the night work on Frederica Rd. Mr. Austin went on to discuss the widening project on Frederica Rd. and the reasons for the timing due to equipment. Mr. Austin circled back to the night paving work on Frederica Rd. to update on intersection and pedestrian safety improvements at Sea Island Rd.

Ms. Fraser and Mr. Dow discussed an emergency entrance into lake cottages. Mr. Austin stated that no entrances would be closed and he didn't believe that any new curbs would be cut. The pedestrian improvements only include a raised island in an area that is already painted.

Mr. Austin continued to cover ongoing projects with a sidewalk and drainage improvement at Wymberly Rd., a pipe installation at Colonial Dr., the Village Drainage Improvements project, and Chapel Crossing sidewalks preparation work. Mr. Austin covered projects currently under bid to include 24 miles of road partially funded by the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) and several projects that are under design including the East Beach Causeway roundabouts.

Mr. Austin then covered a list of lessons learned including buildable projects, accurate project estimates, and in house planning.

Dr. Graitcer asked about a staging area on Old Demere Rd. and Mr. Austin replied that they would fix the problems. Mr. Dow asked about the Frederica Rd. widening and resurfacing including the change order. Mr. Austin responded that the two extra feet would be shoulder and not a widened lane. Glynn County Manager, Alan Ours, responded that the contractor agreed to a risk that the change order may not be

approved by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners for the extra work that Mr. Austin stated had a short window of time to complete.

Ms. Fraser asked about the Demere Reserve turn lane bond. Glynn County Engineer, Paul Andrews, said that the County and the contractor are still coming to an agreement. Mr. Fraser also asked for beginning and ending construction date and Mr. Austin said that he focuses on quality rather than an end date and that narrowing down those dates is difficult. Ms. Fraser asked if the Chamber of Commerce could have been included in information concerning the Frederica Rd. traffic back-up. Mr. Austin apologized for the traffic and stated that the County is working on communicating more efficiently.

Mr. Sabbe asked about the delay in the Village Drainage Improvement. Georgia Water and Environmental Services (GWES) Assistant Project Manager, Barrett Neal, responded that Atlanta Gas Light caused a delay in Phase I and that the project area only includes six parking spots and the goal was to cause the least amount of disruption in the Village as possible. Mr. Austin included that the project does include contingency money to cover any changing costs and that GWES has a person coordinating with the merchants on project timelines.

4. Discussion of City of Brunswick project updates REPORT

Brunswick City Manager, Jim Drumm, updated the SCOC that City paving projects are roughly 50% completed with final completion due in April. Mr. Drumm stated that L St. is planned and approval is going to the JWSC Board and City Commission to replace lines before paving. He described a delay with the College Park drainage project and the possibility of GDOT approval to enlarge a ditch to adequately drain the area. Mr. Drumm continued his update with the Mary Ross Park project included dock infrastructure repairs, City square improvements, trails on Hwy 17 and flooding on the Glynn Middle School trail, cemetery restoration, and Howard Coffin Park improvements.

Mr. Maulden and Mr. Sabbe asked about the funds for the new Brunswick Fire Department trucks. Mr. Drumm stated that the City of Brunswick had reserved supplementary non-SPLOST funds in the general budget. Mr. Drumm stated that these trucks could last anywhere from 7-20 years. Ms. Fraser asked about the Lanier Park Amphitheater and Mr. Drumm responded that a grant was applied for and would the match would come from SPLOST funds. Mr. Drumm updated about the wayfinding signage and senior centers.

Mr. Dow asked about the possibility of combining City and County buying of asphalt to get a better unit price. Mr. Drumm responded that while we are doing that with wayfinding signage. Mr. Austin added that asphalt prices often use a multiplier and unit prices are only good for a set period of time.

5. Discussion of Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer project updates REPORT

Executive Director of the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC), Jimmy Junkin, updated the SCOC on the engineer selection North Mainland Sewer improvement project Phases II and III to add significant capacity. He described easements on Canal Rd. and Glynco Pkwy. as the barriers to starting the project. Mr. Junkin updated on the selection of an engineer for the 4003 lift station covering downtown Brunswick, which has a possibility of being under budget.

6. Present a draft of the Annual Report: Mr. Kitts

Mr. Kitts presented the results of a self-evaluation based on a survey sent to the SCOC members. The findings concluded that the SCOC was serving its purpose, that individual members should have more opportunity to express opinions, that SCOC members should have more training in responsibilities, and that the SCOC should define and understand oversight as opposed to auditing or regulatory duties. Mr. Dow suggested that the City, County, JWSC, and Jekyll evaluate the SCOC. Ms. Fraser asked that the materials are consistent and in the same order in the future.

Mr. Sabbe updated the SCOC on the future annual SPLOST 2016 report and media release. The SCOC had a brief discussion on what they wanted to see in the release. Mr. Sabbe plans to present the results at a City of Brunswick Commission meeting and Dr. Graitcer agreed to present the results at a Glynn County Commission Meeting.

7. Selection of dates for future meetings to be held every 60 days

The SCOC cancelled the previously scheduled Tuesday, April, 19, 2019, to replace it with Wednesday, April 24, 2019 and scheduled the following meeting for Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

Mr. Dow made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kitts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Franklin, Chairman
SPLOST Citizen's Oversight Committee
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Matthew Kent, Public Information Officer