

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, September 20, 2018**

Members Present:

Alice Summerour
Bill Carver
James Brock
Kenneth Jones
Lindsay Edwards
Marline Elkins
Jay Cunningham
Sally Riddle
Barkley Russell

Absent:

Dee Gay
Johnny Brown
Frank Wigington
Roger Sandbothe
Susan Tucker

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Dr. Jackie McMorris, Deputy County Manager
Tom Bills, PARKS, Program Manager
Jimmy Gisi, PARKS, Director
Erica Parish, Interim Director, DOT
Meagean Diaz, Admin, DOT
Wade Kelly, SPLOST Program Manager, DOT
City of Acworth:
Brian Bulthuis, City Manager
Brandon Douglas, Assistant City Manager
Tim Houston, Council Post 5

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on September 20, 2018.

The new SPLOST COC member, Barkley Russell, introduced herself to the committee.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously.

Lindy Tisdell, General Accounting Manager, Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report regarding the 2016 SPLOST Summary.

Brian Bulthuis, City of Acworth, City Manager, gave an update on the City's SPLOST programs and the breakdown of the 2016 SPLOST financials. The following projects were highlighted; new Community Center, Taylor Street and Logan Farm Park, Lemon Street Alignment, and the Taylor Street Extension project.

Questions/Answers for City of Acworth:

Q. Affordable Housing Development: How was it determined to rebuild the Affordable Housing buildings in the City of Acworth?

A. We partnered with the Marietta Housing Authority to take out the existing buildings which were in poor condition, used vouchers to assist the residents in moving and brought in a new housing development for these individuals to reside in.

The SPLOST COC members discussed the Frequently Asked SPLOST Questions document included in the packet. The relevant questions were pulled from the ACCG SPLOST: A Guide For County Officials, 6th Edition and compiled in the document. The Committee members approved the FAQ document with minor edits, to place on the Cobb County website.

Tom Bills, Program Manager, PARKS, provided an update on the 2011 and 2016 SPLOST projects. The 2011 program is 97% complete, 1% in construction, 2% in design and the 2016 program is 49% complete. He highlighted the Price Park project is complete, Mabry Park is 60%

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complete, PARKS Headquarters is expected to be completed in October and ready to occupy and the Jim R. Miller Park Event Center had the Ribbon Cutting earlier this month and will be opened for the Fair.

Questions/Answers for PARKS:

Q. PARKS System Signage and Wayfinding Design Standards: What is the cost for the signage project?

A. We have not determined a cost as of now. This project is still in the design phase and will be done in phases as well for funding purposes.

Q. Hyde Farm: When will we see it function with the live-in farmer and operated?

A. The new facility will be complete by the end of 2019 with a farmer on board then.

Q. Hyde Farm: Will it be an organic farm?

A. We hope to make it as organic as possible. It will not be certified organic.

Q. Mable House Barnes Amphitheater Terraced Seating: Will there be railings?

A. There will be railings on the stairs going up.

Erica Parish, Interim Director, DOT, provided a quarterly update on the 2011 and 2016 SPLOST program. The 2011 SPLOST currently has 194 projects completed, 6 in construction and 5 in design. Some highlights for the 2011 SPLOST program include Cobb Parkway at Windy Hill Road, Sandy Plains Road and South Barrett Reliever, Phase 2. The 2016 SPLOST currently has 70 projects completed, 19 in construction and 78 in design. Some highlights for the 2016 SPLOST program include Acworth Due West Road at Jim Owens/Mars Hill Church Road, Beech Haven Trail Sidewalk, Blackwell Road at Autumn Ridge Parkway, Old 41 Highway over CSX Railroad.

Questions/Answers for DOT:

Q. Have people figured out multi-lane roundabouts?

A. We have found that people are figuring it out. We have information out there to educate riders and we have not heard about any complaints.

Q. Old 41 Highway over CSX Railroad: Is it a divided highway?

A. We are still in the early stages of the design and will go to the Board with the concept.

Q. Riverview Road: Are we blending into the City of Smyrna project?

A. Yes, we will tie into that project to improve the intersection then resurface it.

Q. Queue Jumper Lanes: What is this?

A. Lanes designated for buses that will receive signal priority based upon specific rules.

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