



SPLOST Citizen Oversight Group
Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

1 **January 23, 2020**

2 **SPLOST OVERSIGHT GROUP MINUTES**

3 1. **Call to Order**

4 The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Isaac Blythers presiding.

5 2. **Inspiration: Randal Mangham**

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7 3. **Committee Roll Call**

8 The following members were present:

9 Teresa Hardy Appointed by CEO Michael Thurmond

10 Gale Walldorff Appointed by CEO Michael Thurmond

11 Jenna Teston Appointed by District 1 Commissioner Nancy Jester

12 Nancy Love, co-chair Appointed by District 2 Commissioner Jeff Rader

13 Alice Bussey Appointed by District 3 Commissioner Larry Johnson

14 Isaac Blythers, co-chair Appointed by District 4 Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

15 Ellen Nash Appointed by Super District 6 Commissioner Kathie Gannon

16 *Randal Mangham Appointed by Super District 7 Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

17 *Indicates present via phone.

18 The following members were absent:

19 Gina Mangham Appointed by District 5 Commissioner Mereda Davis-Johnson

20 **DeKalb County Elected Officials:**

21 Steve Bradshaw Presiding Officer and District 4 Commissioner

22 **DeKalb County Staff:**

23 Delores Crowell DeKalb County Government Affairs Director

24 Sarah Page DeKalb County Public Information Officer

25 **SPLOST Program Manager:**

26 Chris Kingsbury SPLOST Program Manager, Moreland-Altobelli

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1 4. **Addition to or Adoption of Agenda**

2 Motion: Approval of the agenda. Motion introduced by Gale Walldorff. Motion seconded by Ellen Nash.
3 Motion carries.

4 5. **Approval of Minutes – November**

5 Motion: Approve the November minutes. Motion introduced by Gale Walldorff. Motion seconded by
6 Ellen Nash. Motion carries with Alice Bussey voting no.

7 6. **Old Business**

8 Motion: Approve the October minutes. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by Gale
9 Walldorff. Motion carries.

10 Sarah Page, public information officer with DeKalb County Government, gave an update on next steps
11 and timeline for board training with Consultant Terri Theisen. She committed to coordinate with the
12 Oversight Group and schedule a second work session in March for part two of the training.

13 Motion: Suspend the business portion of the Feb. 27 SPLOST Oversight Group meeting to have Terri
14 Theisen present. Motion introduced by Teresa Hardy. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston. Motion carries.

15 Sarah Page gave an update on TEAMS training, confirming it was still on track for the March meeting.
16 Chris Kingsbury, SPLOST program manager with Moreland-Altobelli, suggested the training would take
17 30 minutes and could be done at the beginning of the meeting.

18 Motion: Approve the public comment statement, utilizing Gina Mangham’s suggested changes and
19 changing “committee” to “group” and “original Referendum” to “2017 Referendum.” Motion introduced
20 by Gale Walldorff. Motion seconded by Ellen Nash. Motion carries.

21 7. **New Business**

22 No new business.

23 8. **SPLOST Updates**

24 Chris Kingsbury, SPLOST program manager with Moreland-Altobelli, gave an update on SPLOST,
25 including revenue projections and collections, and total amounts authorized by the Board of
26 Commissioners to date. He advised building planning was underway for Fire Station 7. He committed to
27 provide LSBE information and to check for numbers on women-owned businesses utilized by SPLOST
28 contracts.

29 Delores Crowell, DeKalb County government affairs director, presented from the CEO’s office and
30 advised there would be an upcoming news conference to celebrate the completion of 100 miles of road
31 resurfacing.

1 Presiding Officer and District 4 Commissioner Steve Bradshaw thanked the SPLOST Oversight Group for
2 their service to DeKalb County.

3 9. **Public Comment**

4 **Monica Wood:** Requests to know where the park facilities are that are receiving SPLOST money, and if
5 there are pending projects to be allocated or additional funding. Would like to see where money is being
6 spent in parks.

7 10. **SPLOST Group Comments**

8 **Alice Bussey:** Thanked Chris Kingsbury and Teresa Hardy for attending public meeting about parks; said
9 it was a great opportunity to have a discussion about parks and SPLOST Oversight. Thanked Chief
10 Operating Officer Zach Williams for attending a community meeting with eight department heads, and
11 for Chris Kingsbury attending the meeting with SPLOST handouts.

12 **Teresa Hardy:** Said there is more education needed in the community, not just on SPLOST but all
13 community needs and the community needs to be more engaged, and welcomes the support of the
14 Oversight Group. Said that SPLOST contractor H.E.H Paving is a nominee for NAACP award for doing
15 great things in the community.

16 **Isaac Blythers:** Thanked the group for inspiration for 2020 and said he is optimistic moving forward.

17 **Nancy Love:** Thanked the group for the meeting.

18 **Jenna Teston:** Pleased that the Oversight Group is gaining traction and looks forward to 2020.

19 **Gale Walldorff:** Echoed those sentiments.

20 **Ellen Nash:** Echoed those sentiments.

21 11. **Adjournment**

22 Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion introduced by Gale Walldorff. Motion seconded by
23 Jenna Teston. Motion carries.

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