



SPLOST Citizen Oversight Group
Meeting Minutes, June 27, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

1 **June 27, 2019**

2 **SPLOST OVERSIGHT GROUP MINUTES**

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4 **Call to order**

5 Isaac Blythers called to order the regular meeting of the SPLOST Citizens Oversight Group
6 Meeting at 6:30pm on June 27, 2019 in the Maloof Auditorium.

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8 **Register**

9 The following members were present:

10 **Name:** **Appointed By:**

11 Theresa Hardy	CEO
12 Gale Walldorff	CEO
13 Jenna Teston	District 1 (on phone)
14 Nancy Love	District 2 co-chair
15 Alice Bussey	District 3
16 Isaac Blythers	District 4 co-chair
17 Ellen Nash	District 6
18 Randal Mangham	District 7

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20 **DeKalb County Staff:**

21 Delores Crowell	DeKalb County Government Affairs Director
22 Chris Kingsbury	SPLOST Program Manager, Moreland-Altobelli

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24 **Guest Speakers**

25 Jeff Rader	Presiding Officer and DeKalb County Commissioner District 2
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1 Chuck Ellis Director of DeKalb County Recreation Parks and Cultural Affairs

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3 Isaac Blythers asked for the approval of the agenda. Ellen Nash seconds the motion.

4 Motion carries.

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6 **Old business**

7 In the last meeting it was discussed that Ellen Nash was going to review the bylaws and going
8 to make any adjustments at home so tonight they can quickly discuss any issues.

9 Ellen Nash wants to adopt the bylaws, Gale Walldorff seconds motion. Motion carries.

10 Alice Bussey mentioned that the name was wrong SPLOST Oversight Group that it should
11 be SPLOST Oversight Committee.

12 The committee spoke on what they are called some said Oversight SPLOST Group and some said
13 Oversight SPLOST Committee. Nancy Love wanted to move to Oversight SPLOST Group, Ellen Nash
14 Seconds it. Motion carries.

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16 **New business**

17 Chuck Ellis the Director of DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs, came and educated
18 everyone on the Parks. Chuck Ellis spoke about the 6,500 acres they cover in DeKalb that consists of
19 114 parks, 2 golf courses, Nature Center, 5 natural preserves, aquatic center, 63 pavillions, and 87
20 playgrounds. He said \$37 million was allocated toward parks, roofs, playgrounds, stream bank
21 restorations. He said that it can be viewed on the web page.

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23 **SPLOST updates**

24 Chris Kingsbury spoke about the financials and projects going on with SPLOST. He said “the resurfacing
25 category had a \$251 million total. In the last few weeks, the boards approved the
26 expenditures for elevator replacements and the two public safety buildings in Tucker and the old
27 courthouse and a dumb waiter at the Decatur library. So that's \$1.8 million that's been authorized.

1 financials are very good. The total value for the first year, the first full year, April one of 2018
2 through April 30 2019 \$64.9 million have been deposited, the projected value was \$66.8
3 million. The APR deposit was 5.1 million 5.2 is a projection, that is pretty good.” He said there
4 was a need for a Sidewalk between Scott Blvd and Church Street as well as some other ones.
5 Commissioner Jeff Rader speaks about his role. He states that “As you know, because the
6 county did not have a dedicated funding source, we didn't have the resources to
7 do these things. So we're very focused on the project selection, we want to make sure as Mr.
8 Kingsbury also mentioned, that we don't leave out obvious gaps in the system. The road
9 repaving programs very important to us. We get many, many questions from the public is too
10 when their road is going to be paved. And one of the things I think that we're beginning to
11 appreciate is that when you're only paving the poor roads, they're going to be a lot of people
12 that think that their road is worse, maybe then we do. And so this process is one that's going
13 to continue beyond the first six years of the program, because I don't think that we're
14 going to meet everybody's needs in this first year. We have fewer restrictions on
15 transportation, because that's been such a deficiency. But as this program ages out, you know,
16 we're going to hopefully be able to accomplish everything that we had thought we were going
17 to accomplish”. Alice Bussey registered her concern that there are no sidewalks where people have to
18 take MARTA buses and requested that commissioners examine the priorities for projects.

19 **Public comments**

20 Ms. Fleming had a question about paving. She wanted to know if they inspect the roads after they pave.

21 She said some of the roads are terrible.

22 Another guest speaker wanted more recreational facilities for those who did not golf.

23 Stephen Binney stated that emergency repairs were not voted for using SPLOST money.

24 He said the people voted for certain things like parks to be done and said the county should not be able
25 to change their mind at what gets done.

26 Another public speaker Lena Render states that the Park by her 4059 River Road in Ellenwood said that

1 It has always been such a great park for families for years but due to the park not being kept up the
2 Public could not go there. She says "There's no information on the website that I can find that about
3 what
4 parks and what funds are going towards. It will be very informative for the community to have that
5 information so that they can use it. And my question is I still can't figure out what is considered
6 Unincorporated DeKalb. I looked at looked at over 20 different parks in the area I don't see any
7 basketball courts. There's nothing for teenagers to do in in our area and they need something to do.
8 Another guest speaker said the community has to be more involved, but they need information. I
9 represent the National Association of Women in construction. And we have been trying to partner with
10 county, state, local government procurement departments to bring about opportunities for not just the
11 woman but other minority companies. They're saying we live in this community, we are seeing
12 development going on in a community, but we're not part of it. How do we change that she asks.
13 Delores Crowell said the director of our LSBE was not here tonight to answer your question but she
14 would have him contact her about this.

15 **Notes**

16 Next SPLOST meeting will be July 25th at 6:30pm.

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18 Isaac Blythers put forth the motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was unanimously carried.

19 (The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm)

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