

SPLOST Citizen Oversight Group Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

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2	SPLOST OVERSIGHT GROUP MINUTES	
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4	1. Call to Order	
5	The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Isaac Blythers presiding.	
6	2. Inspiration: Randal Mangham	
7 8	3. <u>Committee Roll Call</u>	
9	The following members were present:	
10	Teresa Hardy	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	Gina Mangham	Appointed by District 5 Commissioner Mereda Davis-Johnson
16	Ellen Nash	Appointed by Super District 6 Commissioner Kathie Gannon
17	Randal Mangham	Appointed by Super District 7 Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
18	The following members were absent:	
19	Gale Walldorff	Appointed by CEO Michael Thurmond
20	DeKalb County Staff:	
21	Delores Crowell DeKall	o County Government Affairs Director
22	Sarah Page DeKall	o County Public Information Officer
23	SPLOST Program Manager:	
24 25	Chris Kingsbury SPLO	ST Program Manager, Moreland-Altobelli
26	4. Approval of Agenda	
27 28	Motion: Approval of the agenda. Motion introduced by Randall Mangham. Motion seconded by Alice Bussey. Motion carries.	

1 5. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

- Motion: Deferral of August minutes. Motion introduced by Ellen Nash. Motion seconded by Randal
 Mangham. Motion carries.
- 4 Gina Mangham requests three options of a professional service to do minutes at the next meeting.
- Motion: The Oversight Group will make corrections on the minutes and return them to DeKalb County
 staff within a week. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston. Motion
- 7 carries.
- 8 Motion: The minutes should follow the format of the agenda. Motion introduced by Ellen Nash. Motion
 9 seconded by Jenna Teston. Motion carries.

10 6. Old Business

- 11 Motion: Open discussion on the interim report. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by
- 12 Jenna Teston. Motion carries.
- 13 Changes were introduced to the interim report to specify email and mail delivery of minutes as well as
- 14 the accuracy and distribution of the minutes in advance of meetings. Oversight Group bylaws and
- 15 remaining biographical sketches will be sent to DeKalb County staff.
- Motion: Defer the interim report signatures. Motion introduced by Teresa Hardy. Motion did not receivea second; motion fails.
- Motion: Conclude discussion on the interim report. Motion introduced by Ellen Nash. Motion secondedby Teresa Hardy. Motion carries.

20 7. <u>New Business</u>

- 21 Motion: Form a committee of three members to talk about ways the oversight group can operate
- 22 better. Motion introduced by Ellen Nash. Motion did not receive a second; motion fails.
- 23 Motion: Move public comment up on the agenda. Motion introduced by Gina Mangham. Motion did not
- 24 receive a second; motion fails.

25 8. <u>SPLOST Updates</u>

- 26 Chris Kingsbury, Moreland-Altobelli, DeKalb County SPLOST program manager, gave an update on
- 27 SPLOST, including Sugar Creek Golf Course, resurfacing progress, Fire Station No. 7, and program
- 28 revenues and expenditures. The full presentation is included in this minutes file.
- 29 Delores Crowell, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, presents from the CEO's office and encourages the
- 30 Oversight Group to consider its holiday meeting schedule. CEO Michael Thurmond is tentatively
- 31 scheduled to attend the Oct. 24 meeting.

1 9. <u>Public Comment</u>

Lena Render: Requests meetings be announced to the public in different ways, more money going to
 parks in the County Line-Ellenwood community, a traffic light next to the County Line-Ellenwood library
 and an update on the sidewalk list.

Ronald Johnson: Requests a park for the County Line-Ellenwood community. States pro athletes grew
up in the area and there are no parks. He is concerned about the condition of paving on his street and

7 that people are getting sick from the landfill in the community.

8 Gloria Morton Lyons: States she was born and raised in the Ellenwood community and that the
9 community has no amenities. Says the community's park was donated by the church, but can no longer
10 access it or hold family reunions there.

11 Patricia Johnson: States members of the County Line-Ellenwood community are not recognized as

12 DeKalb citizens. Requests sidewalks, proper lighting, pavilions, and covered bus stops.

13 Dernita Johnson: States she is part of the County Line-Ellenwood community and has recently adopted a

14 4 year old. States she had to go to Henry County to find a nearby playground and that her community

- 15 needs amenities for kids.
- 16 Marie Simms: States she lives Simms Road, which is named after in the County Line-Ellenwood
- community. States the street is run down, her property values have gone down and she can't safely walkher dog on the street due to traffic and no sidewalks.
- 19 Stephen Binney: States South DeKalb has been ignored and that community members who want SPLOST

20 projects in their area should request projects of commissioners, since each commissioner has \$1 million

- 21 to spend on projects.
- 22 10. SPLOST Group Comments
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24 11. <u>Adjournment</u>

25 Motion: Combine November and December meeting on Nov. 21. Motion introduced by Teresa Hardy.

26 Motion seconded by Jenna Teston. Motion carries.

27 Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion introduced by Jenna Teston. Motion seconded by

28 Teresa Hardy. Motion carries.

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