



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

1 5. **Approval of Minutes**

2 Motion: Deferral of August minutes. Motion introduced by Ellen Nash. Motion seconded by Randal
3 Mangham. Motion carries.

4 Gina Mangham requests three options of a professional service to do minutes at the next meeting.

5 Motion: The Oversight Group will make corrections on the minutes and return them to DeKalb County
6 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.

16 Motion: Defer the interim report signatures. Motion introduced by Teresa Hardy. Motion did not receive
17 a second; motion fails.

18 Motion: Conclude discussion on the interim report. Motion introduced by Ellen Nash. Motion seconded
19 by Teresa Hardy. Motion carries.

20 7. **New Business**

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. **SPLOST Updates**

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. **Public Comment**

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

5 **Ronald Johnson:** Requests a park for the County Line-Ellenwood community. States pro athletes grew
6 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
17 community. States the street is run down, her property values have gone down and she can’t safely walk
18 her 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. **Adjournment**

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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