



SPLOST Citizen Oversight Group
Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

1 **October 24, 2019**

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**

6 Randal Mangham was not yet present and the Inspiration agenda item was skipped.

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8 **3. Committee Roll Call**

9 The following members were present:

10 Teresa Hardy Appointed by CEO Michael Thurmond

11 *Gale Walldorff Appointed by CEO Michael Thurmond

12 Jenna Teston Appointed by District 1 Commissioner Nancy Jester

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

14 Alice Bussey Appointed by District 3 Commissioner Larry Johnson

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

16 *Gina Mangham Appointed by District 5 Commissioner Mereda Davis-Johnson

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

18 The following members were absent:

19 Ellen Nash Appointed by Super District 6 Commissioner Kathie Gannon

20 *Indicates present via phone

21 **DeKalb County Staff:**

22 Delores Crowell DeKalb County Government Affairs Director

23 Sarah Page DeKalb County Public Information Officer

24 **SPLOST Program Manager:**

25 Chris Kingsbury SPLOST Program Manager, Moreland-Altobelli

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

1 Motion: Approval of the agenda. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston.
2 Motion carries.

3 Motion: Amend the agenda to add an update on orientation to Old Business. Motion introduced by Gina
4 Mangham. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston. Motion carries.

5 Motion: Approve the agenda with adoptions. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by
6 Jenna Teston. Motion carries.

7 **5. Approval of Minutes - August**

8 Motion: Approve August minutes with the following corrections: Add “appointed by” to register and
9 standardize titles throughout. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston.
10 Motion carries with Alice Bussey and Gina Mangham voting to abstain.

11 **6. Old Business**

12 Motion: Approve the interim report as corrected. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded
13 by Gale Walldorff.

14 Discussion opened with additional changes requested to include page numbers, the signed resolution
15 and a stylized cover.

16 Gale Walldorff, Nancy Love, Jenna Teston, and Isaac Blythers vote to approve; Gina Mangham, Randal
17 Mangham, Alice Bussey, and Teresa Hardy vote to abstain. Motion fails.

18 Motion: Revisit the interim report at the next meeting. Motion introduced by Jenna Teston. Motion
19 seconded by Teresa Hardy. Motion carries with Gina Mangham voting to abstain.

20 Motion: Approve June minutes with the following corrections: Add “appointed by” to register and
21 standardize titles throughout. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston.
22 Motion carries with Gina Mangham voting to abstain.

23 Gale Walldorff leaves the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

24 Motion: Approve July minutes with the following corrections: Add “appointed by” to register and
25 standardize titles throughout. Motion introduced by Nancy Love. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston.
26 Motion carries.

27 Motion: Defer approval of the September minutes until the next meeting. Motion introduced by Gina
28 Mangham. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston. Motion carries.

29 Gina Mangham and Alice Bussey reported on an orientation meeting with Zack Williams, chief operating
30 officer of DeKalb County Government. They report a commitment was made to educate the public
31 about E-Host and how it relates to SPLOST, and they discussed the availability of minutes being made
32 online and a budget for public outreach. There was also discussion during orientation about potential
33 board training.

1 Motion: Have timetables established by the beginning of 2020 for meeting minutes, communication
2 mechanisms and board training. Motion introduced by Gina Mangham. Motion seconded by Teresa
3 Hardy. Motion carries with Jenna Teston voting to abstain.

4 7. **New Business**

5 No new business.

6 8. **SPLOST Updates**

7 Chris Kingsbury, DeKalb County SPLOST program manager, gave an update on SPLOST, including revenue
8 projections, road resurfacing lists and future master-planning for County-Line Ellenwood Park. The full
9 presentation is included in this minutes file.

10 Delores Crowell, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, presents from the CEO's office and informs that
11 Nov. 21 is not available as a meeting date.

12 Motion: Change the November SPLOST Oversight Group meeting date from Thursday, Nov. 21, to
13 Wednesday, Nov. 20. Motion introduced by Teresa Hardy. Motion seconded by Jenna Teston. Motion
14 carries.

15 Gina Mangham requests the record reflect that she cannot be present.

16 9. **Public Comment**

17 **Monica Wood:** States she can't find information on SPLOST parks projects online and doesn't like the
18 way minutes are developed. States her son plays basketball and there aren't a lot of basketball places
19 for kids to play.

20 Motion: Motion to extend the meeting to accommodate public comments. Motion introduced by Jenna
21 Teston. Motion seconded by Teresa Hardy. Motion carries.

22 **Lena Render:** States she didn't receive notice of the SPLOST Oversight Group meeting. Requests
23 sidewalks on River and Linecrest roads near the new County Line-Ellenwood library, sheds at MARTA bus
24 stops, street lights and expansion of County Line-Ellenwood Park to include 46 acres on River Road.

25 **Stephen Binney:** States SPLOST Board of Commissioner discretionary funds will have to be presented
26 and voted on during commission meetings. States E-Host was good for cities but unincorporated DeKalb
27 didn't see a change, and unequal wealth distribution means South DeKalb isn't benefitting as much.
28 States SPLOST is funding projects that previously were general spending. Requests the Oversight Group
29 to take a close look at spending and change orders.

30 10. **SPLOST Group Comments**

31 **Gina Mangham:** Thanks the people that came out with community comments. Requests the Oversight
32 Group listens to what people are saying and act on it.

1 **Alice Bussey:** States the Oversight Group needs to look at how it engages the community through the
2 committee. States that the public is absent and the group has a responsibility to the public and need to
3 engage.

4 **Teresa Hardy:** Thanks attendees for coming.

5 11. **Adjournment**

6 Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion introduced by Jenna Teston. Motion seconded by
7 Teresa Hardy. Motion carries.

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