

MINUTES
SPLOST 2016 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018 AT 5:30 PM

Present: Robert Franklin, Chairman
Ronnie Perry, Vice Chairman
John Dow
Jane Fraser
Philip Graitcer
Ron Maulden
Lance Sabbe

Absent: William Kitts
Robert Terjesen

Also Present: Alan Ours, Glynn County Manager
Jim Drumm, City of Brunswick Manager
Jimmy Junkin, Executive Director, Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water
and Sewer Commission (JWSC)
Ben Pierce, Glynn County Roads and Drainage Division Manager
Paul Andrews, Glynn County Engineer
Garrow Albertson, Brunswick City Engineer / Public Works Director

1. Welcome new committee member John Dow

Robert Franklin discussed orienting John Dow and thanked him for his willingness to service on the SPLOST 2016 Citizens' Oversight Committee (SCOC).

2. Approve and discuss the minutes of the October 24, 2018, meeting, subject to any necessary corrections

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ron Maulden. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Perry.

Jane Fraser made a motion to make changes to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Philip Graitcer. The minutes were adopted 5-0-2, Mr. Franklin and John Dow abstaining.

The SCOC voted unanimously to approve the minutes with proposed changes.

3. Discussion of Glynn County project updates [REPORT](#)

Glynn County Roads and Drainage Division Manager, Ben Pierce recapped the SCOC on completed projects and updated members on the South Harrington sidewalk progress including contractor issues and the Old Jesup Rd. box culvert which is receiving safety improvements and an extended shoulder area. Mr. Pierce explained in detail the process to reconstruct a section of Old Jesup Rd. and the challenges with box culverts and tree roots that have been uncovered. He continued with Sea Island Rd. projects at Hamilton Rd. involving new culvert installation and the extension of a turn lane at Hamilton Landing to improve safety and resurface the area. Mr. Pierce then detailed the Village drainage improvements to begin the first full week in January, the communication with the merchants in the Village, and the plan of construction over sixty days.

Mr. Pierce continued to cover the dirt road paving projects to also include the East Beach Causeway. Ms. Fraser asked about how many Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds are going into the dirt road paving and Mr. Pierce responded that he believes these projects are fully SPLOST funded and no LMIG funds are used and that residents are ecstatic about these roads are being paved. Mr. Graitcer said he thought that East Beach Causeway would be included with the roundabouts and Mr. Pierce said that the this paving project would not overlap the areas in which the roundabouts would be constructed. The roundabouts are planned to be awarded to a contractor in the Fall of 2019. Mr. Pierce continued with ongoing projects with sidewalks on Ocean Blvd. and Chapel Crossing are have been awarded.

He then updated the SCOC on Frederica Rd. resurfacing and intersection improvements and the North Harrington Outfall Drainage projects currently awaiting bid and several projects including Altama Connector, the Veteran's Memorial, the Kings Way at Frederica Rd. intersection and the Sea Island at Demere Rd. intersection improvements that are in the design process. Lance Sabbe asked about progress on the connector and Mr. Pierce stated that surveys and addressing utility locations are in progress.

Mr. Dow asked about challenges for the right-of-way acquisition on the Canal-Spur to Glynco project, Mr. Pierce replied stating that the right-of-way purchase depends on the design. Glynn County Engineer, Paul Andrews added that many of the challenges listed on the SPLOST spreadsheet were anticipated problems, but that he thinks the acquisition will go smoothly for this project.

Mr. Graitcer addressed a line item that states the Demere Rd. paving used 224% of the budget. Mr. Pierce stated that a bond for a turn lane is may be included in the overall value. Mr. Graitcer also inquired about a lift station at the new animal shelter location and Mr. Peirce stated that a discussion was ongoing.

Mr. Pierce recapped the SCOC on the methods his team used to inform each village merchant about the Village drainage project in person at their business and invited them to a meeting on the project. He also stated that the contractor is mandated to limit the

restricted access to storefronts to no more than 24 hours while new concrete is being poured.

4. Discussion of City of Brunswick project updates [REPORT](#)

Brunswick City Manager, Jim Drumm and Brunswick City Engineer/ Public Works Director, Garrow Albertson updated the SCOC on the \$1.5 million resurfacing projects including 10 miles over 50 segments of street, drainage improvements, and milling to expose some of the historic curbs.

Mr. Dow inquired about the drainage improvements and Mr. Albertson responded that the new lines would be 12 inch lines and allow for greater capacity and continued to comment on the U.S Hwy 17 drainage outfall and that it has been decided to create retention ponds and that the related L St. project is projected to take a year to complete. Mr. Sabbe asked about the Pinova entrance on L St. and Mr. Albertson assured that they will work with the company.

Mr. Albertson and Mr. Drumm continued with an update on sidewalk replacements including saving historic sidewalks and pavers, permitting for a new outfall route along the Spur for the College Park drainage project, the new playground recently installed in Mary Ross Park, and a finished trail from Overlook Park to the Sydney Lanier Bridge. To supplement the trails, Brunswick is looking for non-SPLOST funds to build amenities for this trail and to extend other trails. Mr. Drumm updated the SCOC on the cemetery fence restoration that is underway, the purchase of replacement vehicles for Brunswick Police and Fire Departments, and the rehabilitation and the traffic flows of historic squares.

Mr. Albertson addressed the pool leak repair and an additional grant to expand amenities at Howard Coffin Park. Mr. Drumm covered the wayfinding signage program and signage look that the Golden Isles Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is leading and on which Brunswick and Glynn County are working together.

Mr. Sabbe shared public concerns that the Brunswick Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) has decision making authority over SPLOST 2016 funds. Mr. Drumm responded that that funds stay within the City of Brunswick's control. Mr. Graitcer asked why only 12% of Brunswick's SPLOST funds have been spent to this point. Mr. Drumm replied that many paving and drainage projects are going out to bid in 2019, but some are subject to permitting by other government entities. Ms. Fraser commented about completing sidewalks to schools and Mr. Albertson responded that those projects will also be started in 2019.

Mr. Franklin asked Glynn County Manager, Alan Ours about a new traffic study to be bid after the first of the year. Mr. Ours and Mr. Pierce responded that the study, funded by a grant to the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is meant to study a larger section of St. Simons Island roads for capacity, anticipated growth, and future needs.

5. Discussion of Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer project updates [REPORT](#)

Executive Director, Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission, Jimmy Junkin, updated the SCOC on the phase 1 completion of the North Mainland Sewer Rehabilitation and the future phases to be put out to bid soon. The bid for the Brunswick Sewer improvement project is set to be awarded in February 2019. Mr. Dow asked if there are any St. Simons Island SPLOST 2016 projects and Mr. Junkin responded that there are no projects, but the JWSC is working with the County on the Village Drainage Improvement project.

Mr. Graitcer asked about signs for completed SPLOST projects and Mr. Ours responded that the County had recently discussed signage and the goal is to get signs out.

6. Receive a subcommittee update on the annual report: Mr. Kitts

Mr. Kitts was absent and no update was given

7. Selection of dates for future meetings to be held every 60 days

Mr. Sabbe moved to meet Tuesday, February 19, 2019, and Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 5:30. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fraser. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sabbe made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dow. The motion was approved unanimously.