

Meeting Minutes
The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County
General Site Selection Committee
Monday, June 16, 2022 @ 5:30 PM via WebEx
This meeting can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/VB6bZJcQTSY>

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Myers (Chair), Leslie Gonzalez, Harry Sims, Laura Carter, Annice Ritter

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Sanders, SPLOST Project Administrator
Laura Leigh Barrett, SPLOST Project Administrator
John Simoneaux, SPLOST Project Administrator
Melissa Byler, SPLOST Program Support Specialist

Guests

Joe Alcock, MPS Architecture
Meredith Letendre, MPS Architecture
Annie Jenkins, MPS Architecture
Valerie Bell, Director Athens Regional Library
Toby Mayfield, Assistant Director Regional services Athens Library
Jane Russell, Chair Athens Library Board of Trustees

WELCOME

Chair Commissioner Myers, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., welcomed those in attendance.

Meeting Minutes Review & Approval

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2022.

Review Initial Draft of Site Selection Criteria for SPLOST 2020 Project 25, Eastside Library

Joe Alcock shared the map they created showing influence areas of ACC Libraries and a few of the nearby libraries in neighboring counties. Joe discussed a map they put together showing a first draft of the area to be considered the East side of Athens. The goal of the meeting is to get the Committee's feedback and help narrowing down what they consider to be the Eastside of Athens.

Commissioner Myers called on each Committee member to allow them to discuss what they believe the Eastside boundary should be and what would be the best area to have the Library.

Joe reviewed the projected population growth for the East Athens. The design team is looking at how it may change in the upcoming years and how that would affect the library use.

Joe discussed connectivity. They will do some additional research and adding to the study trips per day, what kind of cars are on the routes, bus routes, school locations, greenways, Firefly Trail, etc to help make an informed decision on the ideal area for the new library.

Joe shared the Community Values and Site Criteria for Site Selection that was discussed with the User Group at their previous meeting along with notes from the User Group.

Commissioner Myers called on each Committee member to discuss their thoughts and concerns on the draft Community Values and Site Criteria.

SPLOST 2011 Project 22, Youth & Community Enrichment Facility Next Steps

Keith updated the committee on the status of the project. M&C approved the criteria that the committee put forth. GIS created a map with each parcel within the must have area. They are going through each parcel with the Committee approved criteria. Once they have all the parcels that meet the must have criteria, they will create a document with each parcel's score based on criteria. Then do a pros and cons list with the top 15 to bring to the Committee.

Discuss and Determine Regular Monthly Meeting Date & Times

The Committee had discussion on selecting regular meeting dates and times. Keith suggested the second Monday of every month. The Committee established the second Monday of the Month @ 5:30pm as the meeting date and time moving forward.

Next Steps

July 11, 2022 draft of parcels with the rubric scoring for SPLOST 2011 Project 22, Youth & Community Enrichment Facility site

Upcoming Projects

1. SPLOST 2020 Project 06, Fire Station # 5 Replacement
2. SPLOST 2020 Project 23, East Athens, Youth & Community Enrichment Facility

Next Meeting

July 11, 2022, 5:30 PM via WebEx

Closing Comments & Adjournment, Chair Myers

Annice Ritter made a motion to adjourn the meeting Leslie Gonzalez seconded motion. Commissioner Myers adjourned the meeting.

Attachments