



The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County

Judicial Center Site Selection Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 25th, 2022 @ 4:00 PM via WebEx

This meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ODygv08CifY>

The Athens-Clarke County Judicial Center Site Selection Committee held a meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via WebEx.

Members Present: Commissioner Patrick Davenport (Chair), Deborah Lonon, Judge David Sweat, Kalki Yalamanchili

Members Absent: Denny Galis

Staff Present:

Robert Cheshire, ACCGov Capital Projects Director

John Simoneaux, ACCGov SPLOST Project Administrator (Impact/Jacobs)

Chinesia Thompson, ACCGov SPLOST Program Support Specialist

Other Guests: Earl Smith (Croft), Eric Pettingill (Croft), Ronok Nicholas (DLR)

Welcome/Introductions:

Commissioner Patrick Davenport Chair welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Judge Sweat made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated **July 28th, 2022**. Deborah Lonon seconded that motion. The motion carried and was approved unanimously.

Review Final Draft of Site Selection Criteria:

John Simoneaux updated the Committee with the final draft of the Site Selection Technical Criteria & Community Values Criteria. For the most part, criteria have stayed the same, with the exception of site proximities. Site proximities have changed due in part to the cost disparity between the current budget and the estimated cost. Some departments may have to remain in the existing courthouse, at least for a while. Site will need to be in close proximity in order to be accessible to departments that remain in the existing courthouse.

The Committee discussed questions and concerns with the language for the parking needs. The Committee suggested that there should be a distinction between secure parking and juror parking. Secure parking is needed for Judicial Staff, however not for jurors.

John Simoneaux explained the price disparities. John explained the programming needs far exceeds the current budget. This may mean some departments will have to remain in the existing courthouse at least for a while. The Committee expressed concern about splitting judicial functions. John explained that this topic has been worked into a Work Session presentation to be brought forth to Mayor and Commission in September.

Judge Sweat made a motion to approve the Site Selection Criteria Technical & Community Values with edits to parking criteria to be presented to Mayor and Commission at Work Session. Deborah Lonon seconded this motion. The motion carried and was approved unanimously.

John Simoneaux briefly stated that the due diligence for the Hickory Street/E. Broad Street site is being finalized. There are a few edits that are being made to the draft.

Update on Public Engagement

John Simoneaux briefly gave the Committee an update on the proposed Public Engagement Plan. John stated that he will give a Work Session presentation to the Mayor and Commission on September 13, 2022. Afterwards, the information will be released for Public Input. The dates for Public Engagement are September 29, 2022 and October 1, 2022 at the ACCGov Planning Department. The dates will be advertised after the Work Session.

INFORMATION / NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 22nd, 2022 at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Judge David Sweat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deborah Lonon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.