

Sales Tax Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes

March 14, 2013

Absent members: Mr. Ed Murray Jr., Mr. William Tucker, Mr. Terrence Hinson, Ms. Christic Henry, and Mr. Will Messer.

Meeting began at 4:12 pm

Agenda Item #1: Citizens to be Heard

The following citizens voiced their support of the performing arts center project:

Ms. Marcia Mathis, on behalf of Senator Bill Montford

Mr. Sean Singleton

Mr. Don Gibson

Ms. Kay Stephenson

Mr. Dan MacDonald

Ms. Shannon Grooters

Ms. Janet Pichard

Mr. Bob Ippolito addressed the Committee on behalf of the Killearn Homeowners Association, speaking in favor of the Killearn Lakes project.

Mr. Curtis Baynes addressed the Committee on the Committee's project selection process.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Summary Minutes for the January 10th, 2013 Meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee and Summary Minutes for the February 1st, 2013 Sales Tax Committee Retreat

Mr. Tom O'Steen made a motion to amend the January 10th, 2013 summary minutes to spell Karen Wendland's name correctly, approve the amended summary minutes for the January 10th, 2013 meeting of the Sales Tax Committee, and approve the summary minutes for the February 1st, 2013 Sales Tax Committee Retreat. The motion was seconded by Ms. Laurie Hartsfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Imagine Tallahassee Update

Mr. J.T. Burnette gave an update of Imagine Tallahassee. Imagine Tallahassee is currently in the process of finalizing the contract with the WRT firm. The WRT contract is \$208,000. Imagine Tallahassee will also work with the Center for Regional Economic Competiveness to develop an action plan at the end of its process. Imagine Tallahassee is on track to present the Committee its findings in October 2013. The Committee requested that Mr. Burnette provide the Committee with a copy of the executed WRT contract and scope of services.

Mr. Burnette closed by emphasizing that Imagine Tallahassee looks to address economic vitality, not just economic development.

Agenda Item #4: Presentation from the Community:

This was the last meeting before the Committee begins its project selection process on March 28th, 2013. The Committee invited several community partners to present to the Committee. These community partners presented additional projects and gave feedback on previously proposed projects.

Goodwood Plantation

Mr. Rick Barnett, Chairman of the Goodwood Plantation Board of Directors, proposed that the Committee consider purchasing three parcels of Goodwood Plantation property to build public amenities including playgrounds, passive park space, and a community garden.

Downtown Improvement Authority

Mr. Jay Revel, Downtown Improvement Authority Director, presented on the current state of Downtown Tallahassee. He expressed his support for the City's proposed project on Downtown stormwater enhancements. Mr. Revel also expressed his support for the City's College Avenue placemaking project.

Florida State University

Mr. Denis Bailey, FSU Associate Vice President of Facilities, offered his support for:

- County Project: Westside Student Corridor Enhancement and Flood Relief
- City Project: Building the Core; Stormwater Improvements.

Mr. Bailey also offered suggestions for improvements on:

- City Project Building the Core: Lake Bradford Gateway - specifically requested to expand this gateway project to Orange Avenue
- City Project Connecting the Community: Complete the Sidewalk Network - specifically identified several sidewalks around the Florida State University campus for increased pedestrian mobility.
- City Project Inspiring the Creative Class: College Avenue Placemaking.

Mr. Bailey additionally proposed that the Committee consider funding a project to build a parking garage that would complement the redevelopment around the Civic Center.

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Mr. Sam Houston, FAMU Director of Facility Planning and Construction, presented on FAMU's Master Plan. He also discussed the Cascades Park and FAMU Way Extension projects and expressed his support for the City's South Monroe Placemaking project. Mr. Houston then presented on new gateway and traffic improvement projects for the Committee to consider:

- Gaines St./Railroad Ave. FAMU Campus Entrance Enhancement
- Monroe St./FAMU Way FAMU Campus Entrance Enhancement
- Gamble St./Perry St. Intersection Enhancement
- E. Palmer Ave./W. Palmer Ave Intersection Enhancement
- Osceola St./Adams St. Intersection Access Improvements

Agenda Item #5: Presentation from Florida Center for Performing Arts and Education

Ms. Valencia Matthews, Board Member of the Florida Center for Performing Arts and Education (FCPA), began the presentation by introducing the panel of speakers. Mr. Glen Robertson presented on the economic impact the performing arts center could have. Mr. James Baudoin, Executive Director for the Asheville, NC Performing Arts Center, presented on the economic sustainability the performing arts center could have. Mr. Richard Crow, Partner with Gilchrist Ross Crowe Architects, presented on the need for the performing arts center and the new performing arts center design. Mr. Bob Inzer, Chairman of the FCPA Board, closed the presentation.

FCPA Board Members John Moyle and Lee Hinkle joined the presenters in answering questions from the Committee. The Committee discussed with the presenters, and amongst themselves, many aspects of this project.

Agenda Item #6:

A) Review of Infrastructure Project Themes and Action Statements Identified at the February 1, 2013 Sales Tax Committee Retreat

The Committee discussed the Project List and Project Themes developed during the February 1st, 2013 retreat. Mr. Wayne Tedder, Director of P.L.A.C.E, answered questions related to the project themes. The Committee amended the 'Water Quality' theme to 'Environmental and Water Quality.' Ms. Kim Rivers motioned to accept the amended Project Themes and Action Statements. Ms. Henree Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B) Review of the Decision Making Process Approved at the February 1, 2013 Sales Tax Committee Retreat

Mr. Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed the project decision making process and the Committee's meeting schedule, which was approved by the Committee at the February 1, 2013 retreat. The Committee agreed to continue to move forward with the decision making process as previously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.