

MEETING SUMMARY  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)  
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA  
PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Auditorium  
Alachua County Health Department Building  
Gainesville, Florida

6:00 p.m.  
Thursday  
July 5, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rodney Long, Chair  
Mike Byerly  
Chuck Chestnut IV  
Robert Hutchinson  
Warren Nielsen

OTHERS PRESENT

Len Buffington  
Joye Brown  
Fred Cantrell  
Gene Clerkin  
Laura Dedenbach  
Linda Dixon  
Paul Hoffhein  
Steve Lachnicht  
Sam Middleton  
Melissa Norman  
Ed Regan

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Therese Reuss  
Tom Reuss  
Sarah Reuss  
Shawn Woodin

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Michael Escalante  
Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Long called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Long introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the meeting agenda.  
Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

#### IV. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE OVERVIEW

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, gave a presentation concerning the MTPO's adopted Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, gave a presentation concerning the proposed Plan East Gainesville project and answered questions.

A member of the Subcommittee requested video documentation of the Plan East Gainesville project's planning and public participation processes.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that staff will contact the University of Florida School of Journalism to ask if they would be willing to produce a Plan East Gainesville project documentary.

#### V. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - SCOPE OF SERVICES

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the draft scope of services for the Plan East Gainesville project and answered questions.

Commissioner Mike Byerly asked that this project be developed consistent with the MTPO's adopted Year 2020 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan. He suggested that special consideration be given to those consultants who have planning experience in traditional neighborhood design.

**It was a consensus of the Subcommittee to amend the request for proposals to give special consideration to Consultants who have planning experience in traditional neighborhood design.**

A member of the Subcommittee asked whether it is legal for private land-owners, in the project area, to provide financial support for this planning effort. He also asked whether the MTPO could include in the consultant agreement a statement which allows the consultant to contract with a private land-owner in the project area while under contract with the MTPO.

Mr. Sanderson stated that staff will consult with the MTPO Attorney concerning these issues and report to the Subcommittee at its next meeting.

**ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to amend the scope of services to reflect that the Plan East Gainesville project will be developed consistent with the goals and vision of the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

A member of the Subcommittee stated that the scope should note that the Consultant should take into consideration past and current planning efforts in the project area.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Mr. Dan Rudez, City of Gainesville Economic Development Department Intern, is developing an inventory of planning and economic revitalization efforts in East Gainesville. He said that staff will provide this inventory to the Consultant.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to:**

- 1. amend the scope of services to note that the Consultant should take into consideration past and current planning efforts in the project area; and**
- 2. recommend that the MTPO approve the scope of services and the request for proposals as amended.**

**Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Long stated that, at the last meeting, the Subcommittee discussed funding sources for this project. He said that the Subcommittee discussed the possibility of establishing partnerships with public and private entities to fund the study.

Mr. Ed Regan, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Strategic Planning Director, stated that GRU is interested in participating in this project. He noted that GRU is looking for a site for their new operations center.

Mr. Gene Clerkin, Gainesville Regional Airport Director, discussed limitations on spending Federal Aviation Administration funds.

Ms. Joye Brown, FDOT District 2 Assistant Planning Manager, discussed FDOT's interest in participating in the project.

Mr. Shawn Woodin, Alliance for Economic Development, discussed their interest in participating in the project.

Mr. Fred Cantrell, University of Florida Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs, stated that the University is considering the MTPO's offer to participate in this project.

Mr. Eric Lewis, St. John's River Water Management District, discussed in-kind services which the District may be able to provide for this project.

Chair Long requested written responses in 30-45 days concerning each agency's level of financial and/or in-kind participation in this project.

## VI. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

This item was discussed in conjunction with Agenda Item V. Request for Proposal - Scope of Services.

## VII. COMMENTS

### 1. MEMBERS

Chair Long reported that he will give a presentation concerning the Plan East Gainesville project at a University of Florida Community Task Force meeting on August 20 at the Heritage Club.

### 2. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

## VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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