

Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, September 21, 2023

Members Present:

Jacquelyn Bettadapur
Lindsay Edwards
Marline Elkins
Wilmark Harris
Essence Johnson
Gene Lewis
Felicia McDade (V)
Michael McNeely
Alice Summerour
Frank Wigington
Deidra R. Willis
Matthew Yarbrough

Members Absent

Steve Byrne
Wilmark Harris
William de St. Aubin

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Bill Volckman, CFO
Kimberly Lemley, CIO
Yolanda Rucker, IS Tech Services Manager (V)
Barbara Savage, Parks, Program Manager
Jonathan Yee, CDOT, Deputy Director
Jenny Xu, Finance
Anne Miller, Admin, DOT

City of Kennesaw:

Marty Hughes, Assistant City Manager

City of Powder Springs:

Pam Conner, City Manager

Chairperson Michael McNeely called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:05 PM on Sept 21, 2023. As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting. A motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair McNeely introduced and welcomed Deidra R. Willis as the new District 4 appointee to the committee.

Jenny Xu, Accountant, Finance Department briefed the committee on the 2022 SPLOST Revenue Summary and included financial updates on the 2005, 2011, 2016 and 2022 SPLOST programs. 2022 SPLOST revenues collected as of July 20, 2023 are \$338,064,433.55 and are \$141 million over budget projections. The 2022 SPLOST budget is \$750,000,000.

Old Business

Cobb County CIO, Kimberly Lemley and Yolanda Rucker, IS Tech Services Manager gave a final update on the new SPLOST project reporting platform developed by AchieveIt. George Sparrow from AchieveIt walked the committee through the features of the new report. The new report is expected to go live on the 1st business day of October.

City of Kennesaw

Presenting: Marty Hughes, Assistant City Manager

2011 SPLOST

Projects Highlighted:

Cherokee St. Road Improvement (Budget \$5.5 million, 43% obligated)

Estimating Winter 2023 to complete all acquisitions/rights

Will link with Ben King Road Improvements project (2016) to save money

2016 SPLOST

Projects Highlighted:

Ben King Road Improvements (Budget \$3.1 million, 35% obligated)

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Sardis Street Overpass (Budget \$6 million)

Sardis Street Extension Improvements (Budget \$2.5 million, 78% obligated)

Resurfacing and Sidewalks (Budget \$530K, 30% obligated)

Park improvements (Budget \$1.8 million, 92% obligated) – dog park upgrade, parking enhancements, playground synthetic surface, accessible playground, new tennis courts and pocket park improvements

Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements (Budget \$1 million, 66% obligated)

2022 SPLOST

Conditional Project Schedule – one project will be substantially completed before another begins.

Depot Park Amphitheater, 2022-2023: Budget \$6 million

Public Safety Facility, 2023-2025: Budget \$8.5 million

Cathey Lane and Rutledge Road, 2025-2026: Budget \$4 million

Sardis St Extension and Overpass, 2026-2027: Budget \$6 million

Projects Highlighted:

Depot Park Amphitheater (Budget \$6 million, 5% obligated, ECD Spring 2024)

Facility Improvements (Budget \$3.5 million, 8% obligated)

Neighborhood Improvements (Budget \$758K, 0% obligated)

City of Powder Springs

Presenting: Pam Conner, City Manager

2016 SPLOST

Receipts \$21.3 million; Expended & Encumbered \$20.4 million

Projects highlighted:

Public Safety Radios, Software, New Vehicles (completed Aug 2021)

Linear Park Improvements (completed June 2018)

Hopkins Road and Lancer Drive Parks (completed Sept 2020)

Facility Improvements (completed April 2021)

General Street Improvements (completed May 2023)

Flint Hill Road Project (completed July 2021)

Intersection Improvements, Sailors Pkwy & CH James Pkwy (completed May 2021)

Road Resurfacing (completed Sept 2022)

Marietta Streetscape (completed Feb 2022)

Intersection Improvements Florence Rd @ CH James Pkwy (completed July 2022)

Powder Springs Park Phase 1 (completed September 2022)

Linear Park Skatepark (completed July 2023)

Pineview Trail (scheduled to begin construction Sept 2023)

Sailors Pkwy @ Powder Spring Rd & Forest Hill Rd (construction to begin Q1 2024)

Brownsville Rd Improvements (scheduled to complete Oct 2023)

Powder Springs Dallas Rd @ Florence Rd (in design)

New Macland Rd & Macedonia Rd (in design)

2022 SPLOST

Receipts (as of 6/30/23) \$5,759,761; Expended & Encumbered (as of 7/31/2023) \$2,512,106

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Projects highlighted:

Public Safety Mobile Cameras, Body Cameras, New Vehicles (completed Nov 2021)

Downtown Parking Deck (to be completed by Q4 2024)

Traffic Signals (to be completed by Fall 2024)

Powder Springs Park Phase 2 (design to begin Q1 2024)

Transportation

Presenting: Jonathan Yee, CDOT, Deputy Director

2005 SPLOST

381 Transportation projects completed.

Board of Commissioners authorized the closeout of 2005 SPLOST program on July 11, 2023.

Budget: \$538,459,495

2011 SPLOST

219 Transportation projects: 210 completed, 5 construction in progress, 4 pre-construction in progress

Current budget (as of 9/1/23): \$371,828,153

Remaining funds less encumbrances and expenditures (as of 9/1/23): \$31,642,140

Projects Highlighted:

Pre-construction

Lower Roswell Road

Woodlawn Drive Sidewalks (included w/ Lower Roswell Road)

Marietta Transit Center Site Selection Study

Cumberland Transit Center Site Selection Study

Construction

Traffic signal upgrade projects (Due West Rd at Midway Rd, Akers Mill Rd at Overton Park, Cumberland Pkwy at Adams Lake Dr)

Traffic Signal Rebuild Projects (Powder Springs Rd at Hopkins Rd/Carter Rd, South Gordon Rd at Old Alabama Rd)

2016 SPLOST

305 Transportation Projects: 269 completed, 20 construction in progress, 16 pre-construction

Current budget (as of 9/1/23): \$515,993,634

Remaining funds less encumbrances and expenditures (as of 9/1/23): \$29,928,867

Projects Highlighted:

Planning Studies – Various (Austell Powder Springs Trail, Noonday Creek Trail)

Mableton Parkway Pedestrian Improvements, Phase 1

Canton Road at Shallowford Road/Highland Terrace

Mars Hill Road Bridge over Allatoona Creek

2022 SPLOST

175 Transportation Projects: 63 completed, 17 construction in progress, 43 pre-construction in progress, 52 not started

Current budget (as of 9/1/23): \$362,342,079

Remaining funds less encumbrances and expenditures (as of 9/1/23): \$225,504,206

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Projects Highlighted:

Bells Ferry Road over Noonday Creek
Riverside Parkway at White Road
Atlanta Road Bridge over CSX RR

Parks

Presenting: Barbara Savage, Program Manager, Atlas Technical Consultants

2011 SPLOST

Funds expended and encumbered (as of 9/1/23): \$85,270,182

Projects highlighted:

2016 SPLOST

Funds expended and encumbered (as of 9/1/23): \$73,143,487.65

Projects highlighted:

Old Clarkdale Park Community Center
Stout Park, Phase 1 construction of 300 acre equestrian facility
Osborne Area Community/Recreation Center
Jim R. Miller Park Outdoor Arena

2022 SPLOST

Funds expended and encumbered (as of 9/1/23): \$8,033,690.22

Projects highlighted:

Big Shanty Park Parking Lot Expansion
Cobblestone Golf Course Cart Path Repair/Replacement
Installation of License Plate Readers & Security Cameras in Various Parks and Facilities
Aquatic Center Repairs & Improvements
Gym Floor Replacements
Synthetic Turf Conversion of Athletic Fields (Lost Mountain Park, Wallace Park)
Electrical, Lighting Upgrades in Fullers Park
Paving, West Cobb Aquatic Center
Kemp Family Park
Ebenezer Downs

Other Business

The 2024 SPLOST COC meeting schedule will be discussed and approved at the next meeting. Chair McNeeley reminded the committee of previous discussions regarding changing the frequency of county department reports. The November meeting agenda has been amended based on these previous discussions.

The next SPLOST COC meeting will be on November 16 at the PARKS facility, 1792 County Services Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30008.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.