



DeKalb Delegation Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2019 Approved March 18, 2019

Attending: Rep Wilensky, Rep Wilson, Rep Holcomb, Rep Oliver, Rep Evans, Rep Shannon, Rep Henson, Rep Davis, Rep Mitchell, Rep Nguyen, Rep Jones, Rep Carter, Rep Kendrick, and Rep Bennett

Absent: Chair Drenner and Rep Stephenson

- I. Call to Order: Vice Chair Henson called meeting to order at 11:43pm
- II. Minutes of Previous Meetings: March 4 and February 25 Meeting Minutes Approved
- III. Reports of Officers – None
- IV. Report of Committees:
 - a. Senate Bill 7 – Rep Jones reported that he and Rep Stephenson met with Senator Jones about amendments to SB 7 on Friday, March 8. This was not a full Ethics committee meeting, so other committee members were not informed.
 - b. Senate Bill 89 – Vice Chair Henson: Rep Stephenson is the Committee Chair and since she is absent today, we will hear her report on March 18.
 - c. Discussion about desire for a working session among delegation members to discuss annexation and cityhood after session.
 - d. Sister Cities Initiative Resolution: Rep Kendrick –Objective of this is to unite N and S DeKalb cities. She asks for all delegation members to sign today. Copies will be made and sent to all Cities of DeKalb.
- V. Unfinished Business – None
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Rep Jones - Local Bill LC 1135 – Secretary Evans did first reading. Rep Jones needs to get hard copy to Vice Chair Henson so she can deliver bill to Chair Drenner so she can assign committee chair.
 - b. HB 567 – Rep Jones has a general bill to stop all annexations in DeKalb County.
 - c. Rep Mitchell LC 44 1036 – Secretary Evans did first reading of bill. Mitchell: Cuts down amount of work for staff to see if parcel is correct. Vice Chair Henson will take hard copy of bill to Chair Drenner so she can assign a chair and committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50pm.



Addendum - Notes on Program Presentations

DeKalb County Tax Assessor Update

Presenter: Tax Commissioner Irvin Johnson

Process Change for Car Tag Registration in May 2019. New system called "DRIVES"-cross over day will be Memorial Day weekend in May 2019. All staff have to be trained. Encourage everyone to register their cars early and not to procrastinate. Anticipate a lot of phone calls and questions. Tax Office is communicating via inserts in mailers to all tax payers and also visiting Senior Centers.

Here is the link to share for Car Registrations: <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/vehicle-registration>

Homestead Exemption - 2,250 eligible for homestead exemption that do not apply. Go out to community by April 1. Can apply all throughout the year. Taxpayers will need the following information to apply on line: PIN/Parcel ID and Address

Here is the link to share for 2019 Homestead exemptions:

<https://dekalbtax.org/file-homestead-exemption>

MARTA Presentation

Presenter: Justin Kirnon

Marta Successes

End of last year – re-installed a lot of different bus shelters. Will be installing 70 more across the county. Prioritize according to ridership. Over next 5 years, will be installing 300 more in DeKalb.

Great working partnership with DeKalb, ARC and Municipal Association to continue DeKalb County Transit Master Plan

Candler Road Signalization project – gives opportunities for buses to move quickly through corridor. Candler Road is pilot project. Specific bus routes on Candler Road – 19 different intersections.

DeKalb Transit Oriented Development –

Chamblee Trackside – Patillo –

East Lake Transit Station – providing station soccer.

Close out of Phase I of Avondale TOD next quarter

Kensington is in discussion – Dept. of Community Justice is allowing us to use for parking.

HB 930 – Changed a lot of how transit goes. Requirement for MARTA to co-brand their assets with ATL logo. Did this step before Superbowl. Will see MARTA and ATL logos on buses. Trains and street car.



MARTA – authorized in labor agreement up to 2021. 9% pay increases. 88% of union approved.

Referendum on Gwinnett – expansion of MARTA services. Put in 5 different languages.

On Saturday of Superbowl, moved 660,000 people.

Received 3 million in revenue during the 10 day Superbowl event.

Marta Expansion Request by citizens Presentation

Presenters: Gina Mangham and Joe Edwards

Transit is the main way to achieve economic development. Key is heavy rail, light rail, and BRT must be explored. Have we really looked at costs – need to look at long term benefits for county. Atlanta has just received 12 million to put BRT alongside rail – to access in-between rail. Initiative for BRT – Bus Rapid Transit is not heavily supported as the only option.

DeKalb Delegation is an important stakeholder. People need to be assured that they will benefit directly from their penny.

Ask of Delegation: To sign a letter in support of the expansion of Transit Oriented Development along I-20 and support of expansion of varying types of transportation options for the South End of DeKalb.

The Ray Foundation <https://www.raycandersonfoundation.org/>

Presenter: Allie Kelley

Goal to take transportation to zero deaths, zero carbon.

Designate an 18 miles stretch of working interstate memorial highway designation to join public private partnership to fund future forward with initiatives like solar in the road, solar on the side of road, beautification with pollinators, storm water runoff, etc.

Introduction of the Wheel Right program initiative in Florida and Europe with hopes of bringing it forward in DeKalb County.

The system is the first public tire safety system in the US. . Takes 8 seconds. System evaluates your tire safety. Uploading data to cloud. Kiosk on side, prints off paper and text you. Can be used for all vehicle types from commercial or personal.

Goal is to reduce carbon, reduce emissions from tail pipes.

You can read more about the program here:

<https://www.raycandersonfoundation.org/articles/wheelright-tire-safety-station-on-the-ray-now-includes-sidewall-reading>