

Barrow County SPLOST Citizen Committee

Monday, 10/17/2016 | Meeting Notes | John Devine, AICP (Northeast Georgia RC)

Manager Mike Renshaw presented detailed information on past, present, and future SPLOST workings in Barrow County. Topics included previous bond and SPLOST packages, current needs and intergovernmental relations between the county and municipalities, and projected revenues and potential alternatives for the next referendum.

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Senior Planner John Devine, AICP then facilitated a three-part visioning and needs analysis of the assembled Citizen Committee.

1. General Programmatic Goals

The Committee identified the following broad focal points for the next SPLOST package:

- Parks and recreation
- Transportation (including bicycling and walking)
- Cultural and civic center(s)
- Partnerships with school district, state park, and other associated entities

2. Small Group Exercise: Project Needs

Committee members were split into groups of four to six individuals and asked to list the five most critical project needs for the next SPLOST. Project locations were not taken into account. The needs included:

- Aquatic Center
- Multi-Purpose Fields
- Recreation Center Expansion
- Bicycling and Walking Facilities (Including Trails)
- Police Equipment
- Cultural Arts Facilities
- Civic/Convention Center
- General Recreation Parks (not simply sports fields)
- Reuse of Existing Facilities (ex: disused schools)
- Library Expansion and Investment in New Technology
- Water/Sewerage
- Accessibility and Connectivity (allow for all ages and abilities to move around the county)
- Partnerships with Schools
- Roads and Bridges
- Use Fort Yargo SP

3. Individual Preferences (Sticky-Dot Voting)

Each member voted for his/her top six project needs from the list above (Part 2). Ordered results follow:

1. Multi-Purpose Fields **16**
- T2. Use Fort Yargo SP **11**
- T2. Aquatic Center **11**
- T4. Bicycling and Walking Facilities (Including Trails) **9**
- T4. General Recreation Parks (not only sports fields) **9**
6. Water/Sewerage **8**
- T7. Cultural Arts Facilities **7**
- T7. Roads and Bridges **7**
- T9. Partnerships with Schools **6**
- T9. Reuse of Existing Facilities (ex: disused schools) **6**
11. Police Equipment **5**
- T12. Accessibility and Connectivity (allow for all ages and abilities to move around the county) **4**
- T12. Library Expansion and Investment in New Technology **4**
- T12. Civic/Convention Center **4**
15. Recreation Center Expansion **3**



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