

Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting Minutes For the February 22, 2006 Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Linda Jones, Rick Lowe, Sue Francis, Chuck Shaheen, Doug McDowell, Billy Edenfield, Bill Douglas, Jack Steed, Bob Hubbard, Chuck Ramsdale, Brad Fink

Staff Present:

Steve Engle, Jacob Cox, Jesse Fountain, Jessica Swecker, Michael Whipple, Mike Beecham, Patrick Eidson

Chairman Rick Lowe opened the eighth meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion made to approve. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman Lowe turned the meeting over to Michael Whipple of the Middle Georgia RDC for discussion of the first agenda topic. Mr. Whipple asked for input from those committee members who spoke to their city council or commission members about the status of and progress made to date by the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC). Committee members gave feedback as to their presentations to the city councils of Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins and to the Commissioners. Response from the elected officials was positive. Warner Robins City Council said it would put a link from the cities' website to the CPC's website to increase public notice and participation.

A question was raised concerning the CPC having an affiliation with Vision 20/20. Steve Engle of the Board of Commissioners said the two organizations were unrelated but serving similar concerns. The idea to work together in the formulation of joint comprehensive plan reflects the intention and goals of Vision 20/20 to work together issues facing local governments on a regional basis. Having the public participation announcement scheduled for the March 29th meeting was done because elected officials from each jurisdiction will be present along with media.

Discussion then centered on speaking to groups in the community about the Comprehensive Plan. It was agreed that various members would serve in this capacity. Chuck Shaheen agreed to develop a draft power point presentation and printed handouts for use by Committee members presenting at public groups. Michael Whipple will develop a comment and input card that can be distributed. Steve Engle will develop a frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet about the Comprehensive Plan process for presenters. Brad Fink will develop a tag line brand or slogan for the CPC's review. Jack Steed will develop a list of potential groups for presenters to speak to concerning the Comprehensive Plan process. Michael Whipple will distribute the list to committee members for additional suggestions. Jesse Fountain will make sure the City of Warner Robins does put a link on its website to the comprehensive plan website.

In discussion about the total population figures that had been emailed to the committee, the members agreed to adopt figures that Mr. Engle had developed and suggested. These

will be included in the population element of the Comprehensive plan along with a description of the methodology.

Mr. Whipple said the housing element draft will be available for CPC review soon.

Mr. Whipple talked with the committee about the upcoming topic of character areas within Houston County and the three cities. Committee members will review Character Area related information, available on the documents page of the Joint Comprehensive Plan website, in preparation for the next meeting. It was mentioned that it will be helpful also for members to view the WRATS land use plan in advance of this meeting.

Mr. Whipple announced that the next Committee meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th at 8:30 AM at Warner Robins City Hall.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lowe.

Minutes submitted by Jacob Cox, Community Planner – 542-2117

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<http://www.mgrdc.org/jointplan>