

Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting Minutes For the April 19, 2006 Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Jim Boswell, Linda Jones, Jack Steed, Rick Lowe, Doug McDowell, Sue Francis, Bob Hubbard, Chuck Ramsdale, Alan Dooley

Staff Present:

Michael Beecham, Steve Engle, Jacob Cox, Jesse Fountain, Phil Clark, Jessica Swecker

Chairman Rick Lowe opened the meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) with a review of the meeting's agenda. He then asked for a motion to approve minutes of the April 5 and April 11 meetings. Minutes were approved.

Chairman Lowe then addressed the first agenda item regarding the scheduling of future CPC meetings. Chairman Lowe asked for a time preference from the Committee: 8:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., or 4:00 p.m. A vote among the Committee members indicated a preference for the current meeting time of 8:30 a.m. Location will remain the Warner Robins City Hall. A Technical Committee meeting could take place between the regularly scheduled bi-weekly meetings if necessary.

Phil Clark presented an update on the community assessment elements. He indicated that the Natural and Cultural Resources, Community Facilities and Services, Intergovernmental Coordination and Transportation elements were not yet complete, but he would be working on an abbreviated summary for each.

Phil suggested from May to early June, there may be a need for the CPC to meet weekly and he discussed a detailed plan for upcoming meetings. He also suggested that the Technical Committee meet weekly as well. Phil further recommended holding the required public hearing for the community assessment and community participation program in the north and south of the county and then holding visioning meetings during the development of the community agenda within each city and unincorporated area of the county. The CPC should submit the plan to the local governments by October 31, 2006.

A meeting of the Technical Committee was recommended to be held on Thursday, April 27, to map the character areas in Houston County and identify areas needing special attention, and to bring these recommendations to the CPC at the May 3 meeting.

Agenda items for the May 3 meeting were discussed. These items include: reviewing the recommendations from the Technical Committee regarding character areas and areas requiring special attention.

Phil Clark will complete the Natural and Cultural Resources element and the Intergovernmental Coordination element before May 10.

Jesse Fountain gave a presentation about the Russell Parkway Overlay Ordinance which included a briefing on a report prepared by University of Georgia's School of Environmental Design based on their charette for the Russell Parkway Extension, and a report from the University of Georgia's Law School that examined the various legal aspects of accomplishing such development.

Chairman Lowe reminded each member that the next CPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, at 8:30 a.m. at Warner Robins City Hall in the 2nd floor conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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