

## **Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting Minutes For the May 17, 2006 Meeting**

### **Committee Members Present:**

Jim Boswell, Bill Douglas, Bob Hubbard, Linda Jones, Rick Lowe, Doug McDowell, Chuck Ramsdale, Chuck Shaheen, Jack Steed

### **Staff Present:**

Michael Beecham, Phil Clark, Jacob Cox, Steve Engle, Jesse Fountain, 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 May 3 meeting. Corrections to the May 3 minutes were brought up to include and record Bill Douglas' and Jack Steed's attendance at the May 3 meeting. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Lowe then addressed the first agenda item concerning the public input meetings. Mr. Lowe asked Jesse Fountain and Steve Engle for input. Jesse suggested an overview in the public input meeting of (1) what the committee is doing, (2) where we are currently, and (3) have open discussion and feedback from the audience and note their input into the plan. Steve Engle said the agenda and flow of the meeting would depend on the size of the crowd. If a large crowd, discussion topics could be at various parts of the room and attendees could flow from one to another giving comments and input. A small crowd, he said, would allow for more open discussion.

Discussion then shifted to a question about why Houston County is experiencing such steady and increasing growth. Many ideas and reasons were discussed and a question posed was how can Houston County capitalize on the reasons for the growth. It was suggested that would be a good question to ask the attendees at the public input meeting.

A discussion next focused on the question of why industry was not following the same pattern in Houston County as residential growth. Suggestions were discussed, and it was agreed this would be a good topic to incorporate in the Issues and Opportunities planning element.

Citing his experience in public input meetings, Chairman Lowe asked Jack Steed to assist Mr. Clark in developing an agenda for the two public input meetings to take place in late June.

Phil Clark suggested that during the public input meetings, an examination of a future development map should be covered, as well as a discussion of character areas and a review of the Issues and Opportunities List.

Phil Clark also stated that he would be completing the planning elements by the next CPC meeting and would then contact the stakeholders by email to review with them what the Committee was doing, direct them to the website for comments, and invite the stakeholders to the public input meetings in June.

Phil stated that at the next CPC meeting, he planned on the Committee finalizing the Issues and Opportunities Element, reviewing the quality objectives list and examining the meeting agendas that he and Jack Steed will develop for the public input meetings in June.

Chairman Lowe reminded each member that the next CPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at 8:30 a.m. at Warner Robins City Hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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