

Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting Minutes For the December 14, 2005 Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Brad Fink, Linda Jones, Billy Edenfield, Rick Lowe, Jack Steed, Bill Douglas, Jim Boswell, Steve Bertram, Chuck Shaheen III, Doug McDowell, Sue Francis

Staff Present:

Steve Engle, Jacob Cox, Jesse Fountain, Jessica Swecker, Michael Whipple,

Michael Whipple of the Regional Development Center in Macon opened the fourth meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee by asking the Committee members if they were all receiving notices, information and messages by email or by regular mail.

Mr. Whipple then discussed questions that were asked of him earlier about the purpose of the Committee and how the work of the committee would be used by the local governments. Staff members Steve Engle and Jesse Fountain each discussed the reason and purpose of having the Committee, the Comprehensive Planning process, the requirements from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for such a group and the reasoning why a plan is and must be put together.

Following this discussion, Committee member Jack Steed spoke on the tremendous need to clean up the area of Houston County on Highway 247 from the Echeconee Creek South to Robins Air Force Base. A discussion related to the various aspects related to this subject ensued.

The need for sidewalks in the community was brought up and the relationship between sidewalks and schools was discussed at length. It was noted that sidewalks increase the marketability of neighborhoods and that new road improvements in the area should include sidewalks.

Clarification regarding group functions and leadership strategy were broached at the end of the meeting and will be discussed further at the next meeting as well as in the interim.

It was decided by the group that the next CPC meeting would be held on January 4th, 2006 at 8:30 AM at Warner Robins City Hall in the 2nd floor conference room.

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

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