

## **Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting Minutes For the November 9, 2005 Meeting**

### **Committee Members Present:**

Jim Boswell, Steve Bertram, Brad Fink, Linda Jones, Billy Edenfield, Charles Shaheen III, Sue Francis, Rick Lowe

### **Staff Present:**

Michael Beecham, Patrick Eidson, Lee Gilmour, Steve Engle, Jacob Cox, Jesse Fountain, Michael Whipple, Brian Trapnell

Michael Whipple of the Regional Development Center in Macon opened the first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Coordinating Committee with self-introductions by the committee members. Chairman Sanders welcomed each of the members and thanked them for their willingness to serve and help Houston County develop its Joint Comprehensive Plan for the next 10 years.

Michael Whipple then presented to the group a powerpoint presentation overview of the comprehensive planning process. He indicated that the Community Assessment portion of the Plan will be complete within the next month and that the Committee should begin focusing on the Community Participation Portion of the Plan. Following the presentation, Mr. Whipple answered questions from the group. He then distributed handouts on the planning process and its components.

Michael Whipple encouraged the Committee to begin identifying stakeholders and mechanisms for public participation in the development of the Plan. He suggested that there should be representation from the Houston County Development Authority, Chambers of Commerce and other groups, and asked if the members had any connection with these groups to encourage representation from them.

The committee members agreed to plan the next meeting for Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Location will be the Conference Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at Warner Robins City Hall. Meetings will take place every other week thereafter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Jacob Cox, Community Planner