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VCOG SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2007

MPO/VCOG/WAV Conference Room
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 120
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Members Attending

Mayor Greg Northrup, Chair – Daytona Beach Shores
Mayor Albert Erwin – Orange City
Mayor Mike Thomas - Edgewater
Mayor Robert Apgar – DeLand
Council-member Art Giles – Volusia County
James Dinneen – Volusia County
Jim Chisholm – Daytona Beach
Kassandra Blissett – Ponce Inlet
Kenneth Parker – Port Orange
Maryann Courson - DeBary

Mayor Alternate – Mayor Roland Via

Members Absent

Mayor Fred Costello – Ormond Beach
Steve Thompson - Deltona
County Alternate - Vice Chair Joie Alexander

Others Attending

Mary Swiderski – VCOG Executive Director
Kelli McGee – Volusia County Environmental Management
Stephen Kintner – Volusia County Environmental Management
Greg Blöse II – Volusia Home Builders Association
Belinda Collins – Daytona Beach
Candace Lankford – Volusia County School Board
Jim Cameron – Daytona Beach/Halifax Chamber
Mark Garrett – Kirkland Sod
Jack Hayman – Volusia County Council
Betty Holness – Volusia County
Andy Kelly – Volusia County Council
Missy Kelly – Volusia County
Mary Anne Connors – Volusia County
Mayor Mark Shuttleworth – Lake Helen
Mary Curran – VCOG Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

At 12 noon, Committee Chairman Northrup called the VCOG Smart Growth Committee meeting to order.

The roll was called and a quorum was declared present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Northrup led the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2007 and February 19, 2007

Motion by Mayor Via and Second by Mayor Thomas to approve the minutes of February 5, 2007 and February 19, 2007, as distributed; motion Carried Unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of Recaps February 5, 2007 and February 19, 2007

Motion by Mayor Erwin and Second by Mayor Via to approve the meeting recaps of February 5, 2007 and February 19, 2007, as distributed; motion Carried Unanimously on a voice vote.

Mayor Erwin made the point, when the Committee starts reviewing Map B, Orange City wants assurance that everyone understands the ground rules on Map B; because in their area, some of Map B areas are already being developed and he assumed that's so in other cities too.

Vote on Map A – All cities should have reviewed Map A

Chairman Northrup mentioned that a couple of people had said there is no need for a vote on Map A; that everybody is talking about doing JPAs on Map A.

Jim Chisholm reported that Daytona Beach has worked with Steve Kintner but there are some areas that need further defining. He suggested it's better for individual cities to talk to the County about areas that may be impacted and do a JPA rather than adopt a map.

Jim Dinneen acknowledged that some areas in Daytona Beach need clarifying; however, it was his understanding, the Committee would come to a consensus on the boundary line(s) for Map A so he suggested the Committee continue to work on figuring out where that line is and, as a group, endorse that.

Chairman Northrup suggested the Committee could do a motion that adopts all of Map A except for the two disputed areas in Daytona Beach and Deltona that County staff will work through with them; after the Daytona Beach and Deltona and the County have reached agreement, the Committee can add that acreage in.

Mr. Dinneen responded that the County is willing to continuing working with Daytona Beach and Deltona.

Mr. Chisholm suggested the Committee could do a motion to table action on this item until the end of April; to which Mr. Dinneen voiced agreement.

Mayor Via pointed out that this item can be pulled from the agenda at the discretion of the Chair; at which point Chairman Northrup did so.

Discussion on development standards in Map A.

Steve Kintner reported that County staff and Mary Swiderski did some research and went up to University of Florida – the recognized experts in the nation on this subject – and came back with a proposal to work with them to help us develop an effective tool box. Steve requested direction to start developing a contract with the University of Florida to come and do a presentation.

Chairman Northrup inquired if this would take place before the Smart Growth Summit; to which Steve Kintner responded they would like to move forward on it. Jim Dinneen added that he is willing to move forward and he had told them to investigate what it would cost.

Mayor Via mentioned having attended a myregion.org meeting on "How Shall We Grow" with Jim. Dinneen, Frank Bruno and Candace Lankford. He recalled a survey by myregion.org and the four maps they created on smart growth (current trend, city centers, transportation, green space) future 2050. Mayor Via suggested the Committee look into that to see a regional overview.

Maryann Courson indicated that almost everyone knows the basic concepts of smart growth but as they are soon getting into discussions of very detailed and very complex development standards that are very confusing, she agreed with having experts come to explain the various options in detail of what has worked in other areas.

Jim Dinneen concurred and he added that it would be nice to figure out some uniform set of standards that could be adopted countywide.

Chairman Northrup asked if the County can put a meeting together with the University of Florida, sometime mid April after Easter; and have it in a facility big enough to accommodate all cities/County council/commission members and their staff.

Following Committee members' discussion on ideas for University of Florida to address in its presentation, it was decided to schedule a meeting for Monday, April 9, 2007, from 4 – 6 PM, at a location to be determined.

Where do we go from here? [Additional meetings past March 26, 2007]

It was decided that the March 26th meeting will focus only on the Volusia Growth Management Commission.

Mayor Roland Via made a recommendation that a Volusia County School Board member be appointed to serve on the VCOG Smart Growth Committee. Chairman Northrup pointed out this would have to be brought to the VCOG Board for decision.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

- Next Meeting Dates
Monday, March 26, 2007 at 11:30 AM
Monday, March 26, 2007 at 5:00 PM - Update and Recommendations to the VCOG Board.

VCOG Smart Growth Summit – June 16, 2007- Location pending