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VCOG SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2007

MPO/VCOG/WAV Conference Room
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 120
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Members Attending

Mayor Greg Northrup, Chair - Daytona Beach Shores
Mayor Albert Erwin - Orange City
Mayor Fred Costello - Ormond Beach
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
Steve Thompson - Deltona

Mayor Alternate - Mayor Roland Via
County Alternate - Vice Chair Joie Alexander

Others Attending

Mary Swiderski - VCOG Executive Director
Don Upton - Fairfield Index, Inc.
Stephen Kintner - Volusia County Environmental Management
Kelli McGee - Volusia County Environmental Management
Jerry Brandon - VGMC [rep Ormond Beach]
Merry Smith - VGMC
Frank Bruno - Volusia County Chair
Sally Mackay - VGMC
Rich Spangler - NSB Utilities Commission
Jim Sellen - VGMC
Candace Lankford - Volusia County School Board
Karen Hall - VGMC [rep Edgewater]
Rachel Sieg - VGMC [rep Volusia County]
John Heaphy - VGMC
Joan Spinney - VGMC [rep S. Daytona]
Belinda Collins - VGMC [rep Daytona Beach]
Betty Holness - Volusia County
Jim Cameron - Daytona Beach/Halifax Chamber
Andy Kelly - Volusia County Council
Missy Kelly - Volusia County
Jack Hayman - Volusia County Council
Mayor Mark Shuttleworth - Lake Helen
Mary Curran - VCOG Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

At 11:35 AM, the Committee Chair, Mayor Northrup called the VCOG Smart Growth Committee meeting to order.

The roll was called and a quorum was declared present.
Chairman Northrup led the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2007 – Motion by Mayor Via and Second by County Councilmember Giles to approve the March 12, 2007 minutes as distributed; motion Carried Unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of Recap – as of March 12, 2007 – Motion by Mayor Via and Second by Mayor Erwin to approve the meeting recap as of March 12, 2007, as distributed. Mayor Apgar made a comment regarding the Recap and he was told the recap is inclusive from the committee's first meeting through its March 12th meeting. Chairman Northrup called for a voice vote on the motion and it Carried Unanimously.

Stephen Kintner provided an update on County staff's progress with Daytona Beach and Deltona to work out issues of Map A lands.

Mayor Apgar stated, for the record, "I have no quarrel with anything that relates to Map A, subject to working out the issues of Daytona Beach and Deltona. I still think the more specificity we get as we move more towards Map B lands, we are going to encounter even more issues where things have been developed. I still personally believe the best approach to what has been called Map B lands is agreeing on urban service areas for the respective cities around there, so you know whose land-use ultimately needs to prevail on that area."

Chairman Northrup advised members that a formal vote was not needed; therefore, he called for consensus on progressing the way they're doing with Map A. As no objections were expressed, Chairman Northrup directed Stephen Kinter to continue with the process.

VGMC Presentation – VGMC Chairman Gerald "Jerry" Brandon requested that VGMC members introduce themselves. He thanked the VCOG Smart Growth Committee for inviting the VGMC to give a presentation. Mr. Brandon gave a synopsis of the VGMC's decision to re-evaluate where they are and what they are doing, and what is the roll they play within the County. The VGMC's consultants [legal counsel/Tom Cloud of Grey Harris firm and planner/Jim Sellen] gave presentations to VGMC in February; but its members have not had the chance to discuss the direction strategy as yet. Jerry emphasized that the VGMC cannot enact anything until the County Council has given its approval. He indicated that the VGMC is open to suggestions that will help it to better serve the County and all the jurisdictions. Mr. Brandon mentioned a booklet "VGMC Rules and Procedures" and document "Volusia 2050 Strategies for Smart Growth" that were distributed for VCOG Smart Growth Committee members' information.

Jim Sellen presented some demographics of population, households, and land-use design. He reported the VGMC has worked since 1988 with local governments of Volusia to try and resolve issues that affected more than one jurisdiction; that the VGMC certifies comprehensive plans or plan amendment [he commented, "The VGMC has done this with a very soft glove."]. Mr. Sellen gave an overview of items on the "Volusia 2050 Strategies for Smart Growth" document.

Chairman Northrup recalled from the Smart Growth workshops one of the things that was a big concern was we needed something with more teeth in it than what the VGMC had at the time.

Mr. Sellen explained the VGMC has a pretty broad set of powers about anything in a comp plan and its consistency. The VGMC has the right to say no but has only said no twice and the only

appeal is through the court. He conveyed that the VGMC has to be very careful and very deliberate in how it uses those powers.

Mr. Dinneen pointed out any changes to the VGMC have to be reviewed by the County Attorney and following that it has to come before the County Council for consideration. He thought the County Council will want to hear from everybody else so they can have an idea how other people feel about any suggested changes to VGMC.

Mayor Costello offered a couple of recommendations for the VGMC:

- 1) Recommend VGMC exercise its power to have input into accepting, modifying, or rejecting comp plan issues - do not change; and that the VGMC not restrain from exercising the ultimate authority it has.
- 2) Would not give VGMC more authority in other things but give them more oversight over other things that they can then make recommendation(s) to the County, or to the cities, or VCOG et al.
- 3) Regarding service areas - rather than issues going to the County Council or municipal governing body, if a service area issue comes up the VGMC could review that and make recommendation(s).
- 4) Regarding issues between neighboring jurisdictions having issue of different standards for roads, if the MPO's Level of Service Subcommittee doesn't address issue(s), then have the VGMC look at that and make recommendation(s).

Mayor Erwin commended the VGMC for looking into its function and reassessment itself. He proposed to not make any recommendations at this time, to let the VGMC go ahead and see what they come up with and what they can work out on their own; and then, if down the road somewhere, if we don't feel it's sufficient, we can readdress the VGMC's function.

Mayor Apgar offered a caveat that until the VCOG Smart Growth Committee has finished its work and know what they are going to do, it's a little hard to make recommendations that the VGMC needs to do more of this or less of that; when the VCOG Committee work is done, Jim Sellen may see an entry point into what we are doing that is good for the VGMC or we may as a result of that.

County Council-member Giles recalled one question discussed at the Charter Review workshops was about the make-up of the VGMC - whether or not Commission should consist of County and municipal staff people. He indicated that he would like to take another look at member representation of the VGMC.

County Council-member Hayman commented that it really gave him great satisfaction to hear the VCOG Smart Growth Committee talk about collaborative efforts; and to hear the VGMC talk about how it needs to proceed. He imparted the idea is for leadership to make sure that we are collectively interfacing the results of independent work groups. County Council-member Hayman remarked that he had not heard anything today that he could object to.

Ms. Lankford stated that she would like to request the VGMC dialog with Clay Henderson before proceeding. She recalled from the Volusia Smart Growth Implementation Committee meetings that Mr. Henderson was one of the critics of the VGMC's function.

Chairman Northrup thanked Mr. Brandon and Mr. Sellen for coming to the meeting and he complimented them on doing a good presentation.

[Update on the Smart Growth Summit, scheduled Saturday, June 16, 2007](#)

[Presentation of Don Upton with Fairfield Index to facilitate Summit](#) - Don Upton mentioned several projects his firm is involved with. He outlined some ideas for the summit and stated he

can work with VCOG to build an agenda around a few key elements:

- Instead of having tutorials and blocks of time in the summit, presumably there will be subject matter experts available to answer questions and make basic statements.
- Set up at beginning of summit exactly what they are trying to accomplish.
- Create an environment for active listening and discussions.
- Be open to tough questions.
- Be constructive about dealing with multiple agendas.
- At the end of the summit, Mr. Upton hoped to say that in 3-4 days his firm will have a document that represents the aspirations and the framework the community expects and will submit it as quickly as possible.
- Summit will be a one conversation function with 2 or 3 key questions throughout the day.

Mr. Upton remarked that Florida is the test base for growth; i.e., how shall we grow, how shall we compete, and how shall we live.

Mayor Costello declared that "How Shall We Live" would be a good title for the Summit. Mayor Via enthusiastically agreed to that being the title of the Summit.

Mr. Upton expressed thanks to the Committee and stated that he's looking forward to the upcoming summit.

Mayor Roland Via announced that packets from myregion.org were distributed to everyone. He gave a summary from the general information sheet:

- Central Florida Regional growth vision is 15-month endeavor which will conclude August 2007.
- Funding partners are: Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Department of Transportation, Central Florida MPO Alliance, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, myregion.org, and Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- The efforts and the preliminary conclusions have been endorsed by the Audubon Society.
- There will be a Community Summit for "Consensus on Action" in August 2007.
- The final scenario framework will include recommendations to serve as guidelines for community leaders on land and transportation plans.

Mayor Via showed the packet includes a "Proposed Regional Growth Compact" [e.g. a simple constitution of growth]. He requested that officials at this meeting review the draft because it contains six primary "Key Actions" and he wanted feedback from anyone on that. He set a deadline of April 4th for commenting and he instructed that all comments be sent to Mary Swiderski. Mayor Via explained he is one of seven mayors that sit on the Policy Framework Commission and they need this feedback. Mayor Via acknowledged Frank Bruno, who serves as the County's representative, and Candace Lankford, who is the Volusia School Board representative. Mayor Via repeated that all comments re the policy framework sheet be sent to Mary Swiderski by April 4th.

Where do we go from here?

Additional meetings past March 26, 2007 - Chairman Northrup reminded everyone of the meeting scheduled Monday, April 9th. It was decided to meet at the Daytona Beach International Airport, at 4:00 PM

Chairman Northrup verified the VCOG Smart Growth Committee is going to discuss development standards for Map A on April 9th. Mary Swiderski added that a speaker is coming in from Gainesville.

Chairman Northrup surveyed members of where they wanted to go from that point; what do they want to get done. After hearing comments, Chairman Northrup surmised what Committee member can do at upcoming meetings is take suggestions of what members want to talk about, research it and go forward with that, and continue meetings twice a month.

Mayor Erwin indicated, following the Summit, having a couple of meeting to solidify the VCOG Smart Growth Committee's recommendations. Chairman Northrup concurred.

Chairman Northrup and Mary Swiderski will come up with a schedule of tentative meeting dates. There will be one more meeting in April following the one of April 9th; a couple in May; the June 16th Summit; and whatever may be suitable thereafter.

Mary Swiderski asked if she should put on the April 9th agenda, approval of Map A. Chairman Northrup, Mayor Costello and Mayor Apgar advised against that.

Chairman Northrup directed just talking about the standards on April 9th.

Mayor Costello agreed and suggested for the second meeting in April to discuss issues and spheres of influence.

Mayor Apgar anticipated the meeting on the 9th to bring conclusion on Map A and hopefully from the consultant's presentation will help members determine what tools they will recommend for Map A. He commented that he would like a couple of weeks, after the April 9th workshop, to review what the consultant has talked about.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

- Next Meeting Dates
Monday, April 9, 2007 at 4:00 PM; DB Airport

VCOG Smart Growth Summit - SATURDAY, June 16, 2007 at Embry Riddle