

Minutes Are Not Verbatim

**Eglin Installation Growth
Subcommittee Meeting
April 27, 2007**

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Board members in attendance were Don Amunds, Chairman, Thomas Cox (sitting in for Tommy Kranz) and John Rogacki, Education, Charles Hunt, Eglin AFB, Major Larry Donaldson and Chris Simpson, Law Enforcement, Lois Hoyt and Kathy Foster, Citizens Advisory, Larry Sassano and Darrel Jones, Economic Development, Jason Autrey and Jim Bagby, Planning, Ellen Holt, Housing, Danielle Slaterpryce, Transportation, Larry O'Donnell, Environmental, Sandy Sims, Utilities, and Bill Head, Public Health. Growth Management was represented by Jeff Fanto, Growth Project Coordinator.

Jeff Fanto stated the subcommittees are the heart and soul of this project because contained in them are the experts in their particular fields and will work closely with the contractor [when he/she is hired] to put this study together. The contractor will be a validator and assembler of the data and information that is generated by each subcommittee. This information will be used to welcome the new military members, civilian employees, contractors and their families into Walton, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa Counties.

Prior to advertising, a Statement of Work (SOW) will be drafted. This SOW will be a fairly involved document that will layout what is needed from each subcommittee; there will be approximately ten sections. Once the contractor is on board the planning process will get started to develop a worthwhile body of work that the local municipalities and counties can use to plan for the future growth that these new missions will bring.

Mr. Fanto stated he would like to incorporate the work being done by the Committee for a Sustainable Emerald Coast with JLUS/EIGC.

Sandra Sims gave a brief preview of the work being done by the Committee for a Sustainable Emerald Coast (CSEC) looking outward to 2030 for Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton County. She stated she would like input from all of the subcommittees that their mission is to study long range planning issues of regional importance, to ensure that there is sustainable growth and development, to preserve the regions heritage and enhance the Emerald Coast natural resources and economic prosperity and quality of life. Their final report is due back to the governor by December 31, 2007. Their next meeting is May 17, at the University of West Florida Campus at Pensacola. The morning session will be the full committee and general session and at noon they will break into subcommittees. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so. Visit www.sustainableemeraldcoast.org for more information.

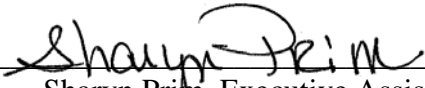
Mr. Fanto stated there is a success story within JLUS/EIGC group for Housing Subcommittee or Essential Workforce Housing. Chairman Ellen Holt advised their group started out with two committees. The first committee was the Workforce Housing Task Force that was formed after the symposium done by the EDC and Chambers put on in February 2006 and then the Housing Subcommittee that was formed in June 2006. Larry Sassano recommended the merging of these two and they have now ended up with more members for more input. This committee is looking at bringing affordable housing to area [not to be confused with Section 8 or subsidized housing] for the essential workforce personnel ie. nurses, utility workers, teachers, county and city employees. A list of issues was created (attached) and they meet once a month to discuss these issues and see what can be done to address them. To keep the public notified and educated of these issues, they have created a Power Point presentation (attached) for the area Chambers of Commerce and different organizations. They have also spoken with local and out of state builders to see why they can't build affordable housing in the area including employer housing assistance that match funds for down payments/closing costs. Another example is the Community Land Trust where homes are built and the property is owned by the Trust. When the house is sold to a qualified buyer and they would only be allowed to make a certain amount of equity per year. This would keep that house affordable to all owners. Ms. Holt also stated Harmony Village, in the Laurel Hill area, is ready for construction of 409 units in Phase I starting at \$116,000 - \$160,000 which is the target price her group is looking for. She feels their success is due to them meeting once a month and doing extensive research.

Mr. Fanto stated that at present most of the committee members are from Okaloosa County. He assured everyone he is working on getting more tri-county participation and requested the assistance of all committee members to help, also. He also stated he had heard about a new development in the Mossy Head area that will affect residents in Walton County so getting input from them is needed.

He also stated he would like to know all the members of each subcommittee and needs the help of each and everyone to ensure the end product is complete. He encouraged everyone to try and attend the meeting in Pensacola May 17 as valuable information can be obtained from the work the CSEC has already gathered. Mr. Fanto hopes that within a couple of months the subcommittees will have the information needed for the SOW.

Commissioner Amunds stated the subcommittees are more than welcome to utilize the resources of the Growth Management Department for photocopying, etc.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

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