

**MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008  
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Those in attendance included: Mayor Cox, Council members Jonathan Cox and Mike Wilson; Planning Commission Chair Claire Sharp and member B.J. Farley; City staff Kim Cornelison and Steve Holder; and Adam Hazell, GMRDC.

Adam Hazell, Planning Director from Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center, welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Adam explained that the purpose of the meeting was to:

- 1) Identify key stakeholders from the public sector for serving on an advisory committee;
- 2) Identify the process and schedule for soliciting general public involvement; and
- 3) Begin discussing and evaluating the current list of issues and objectives for Dawsonville as outlined in the Community Assessment.

A general list of stakeholders was established with the understanding that everyone could supply Adam with more potential stakeholders by contacting him directly at GMRDC. The initial list of stakeholders included city residents, business owners, and community leaders who have a vital interest in downtown.

The next item addressed was the process and schedule for soliciting general public involvement. Consensus was reached to schedule public involvement meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 4<sup>th</sup> Monday and/or Thursday of each month. Steve Holder and Adam Hazell are responsible for firming up the dates from a list of potential dates that Kim Cornelison will provide them. Consensus was reached to keep the meetings in the evening to try and have better community input since many citizens commute during regular business hours.

The third objective of the meeting was to review the Community Assessment that was previously established by GMRDC and City Staff. General consensus was reached in that those items outlined in the Community Assessment should be the target items used to help develop the new comprehensive plan.

While discussing the goals of the third objective a significant amount of discussion was held to determine alternative ways to get city resident input. Consensus was reached to include a survey asking specific questions relative to developing the plan and including it in the next mailing of the utility bills, to all apartments, and to all properties annexed within the past few years. Adam Hazell will develop the survey and Kim Cornelison will see to its mass distribution and posting on the web site.

Respectfully submitted:



Kim Cornelison,  
City Administrator/Clerk