

## ARC Committee Meeting Follow-up

### Land Use Coordinating Committee (LUCC)

Thursday, April 30, 2015 – Meeting Summary

<b>Members Present</b>		<b>Members Absent</b>
Dan Schulz	Barrow County	Bartow County
Margaret Stallings	Cherokee County	City of Conyers
Jessica Lavandier	City of Atlanta	City of Douglasville
Gary Cornell	City of Chamblee	City of Duluth
Phillip Westbrook	Cobb County	City of Holly Springs
Vanessa Bernstein-Goldman	Forsyth County	City of Kennesaw
Laura Beall	GRTA	City of Lake City
Bryan Lackey	Gwinnett County	City of Locust Grove
Chad Jacobs	Spalding County	City of Palmetto
<b>Categorical Members Present</b>		City of Roswell
N/A		Clayton County
<b>Other Attendees</b>		Coweta County
Mary Blumberg	ARC	DeKalb County
Mike Carnathan	ARC	Douglas County
David D'Onofrio	ARC	Fayette County
Carolyn Rader	ARC	Fulton County
Linda Abaray	City of Fairburn	Georgia DCA
Taylor Baxter	City of Johns Creek	Henry County
Shayla Harris	City of Jonesboro	MARTA
Kyethea Clark	City of Marietta	Newton County
Michele McIntosh-Ross	City of Milton	Paulding County
Jessica Guinn	City of Woodstock	Rockdale County
James Pugsley	Gwinnett County	Town of Tyrone
Denise Starling	Livable Buckhead	Walton County
Laicol Julie	Strategic Planning Initiatives LLC	<b>Categorical Members Absent</b>
Osman Ercin	The Collaborative Firm	Georgia Conservancy
		Georgia Tech CQGRD
		Georgia Tech SCarP
		Southface Energy Institute
		CNU Atlanta
		Council for Quality Growth
		Georgia/Atlanta AIA
		ULI Atlanta

- 1. Welcome and Announcements** *ARC Staff*  
Dan Reuter of ARC welcomed the group and reviewed the announcements from the agenda, which is available on the [LUCC webpage](#).
- 2. PATH 400 / Livable Buckhead Update** *Denise Starling, Livable Buckhead / BATMA*  
Denise Starling of Livable Buckhead presented on several community development, recreation, beautification, greenspace, and planning projects currently being undertaken in Buckhead. These include PATH 400, the Buckhead Village and Buckhead Core SPI zoning updates, a pedestrian circulation plan, and conceptual discussions around the potential for capping GA 400. More details are available in Ms. Starling’s presentation on the [LUCC webpage](#).
- 3. The State of Housing in Metro Atlanta** *Mike Carnathan, ARC*  
Mike Carnathan of ARC outlined current housing issues in metro Atlanta. Home sales and building permits are on the rise, along with average home price. However, the geographic distribution of the housing recovery is very uneven across the region. Many areas of metro Atlanta still exhibit low home prices, little to no building activity, and disproportionately high shares of homes with underwater mortgages. Many parts of the region also struggle with housing affordability, often due to combined housing and transportation costs for the average household. In addition, the Atlanta region ranks in the top one percent in the nation in terms of the number of zip codes with high levels of negative equity. Mr. Carnathan’s full presentation is available on the [LUCC webpage](#).
- 4. Discussion of The Region’s Plan – Draft Objectives and Policies** *ARC Staff*  
Dan Reuter discussed The Region’s Plan and provided an overview of the current draft Objectives and Policies that frame the plan. He asked for input from the committee and led a discussion on the subject. Key points included:

  - The objectives and policies under “World Class Infrastructure” should:
    - Include the need to identify new and better funding mechanisms to address the regional infrastructure backlog
    - Clearly define Regional Places (see Goal 1, Objective 2)
    - Include the need for transportation infrastructure to incorporate accessibility and universal design
  - The objectives and policies under “Healthy, Livable Communities” should:
    - Include the need to connect decisions to health impacts (see Goal 2, Objective 1 – social determinants of health, etc.)
    - Call out the need for brownfield redevelopment (potentially under Goal 1, Objective 2)
    - Contain stronger references to green infrastructure, conservation and greenspace for public health, environmental benefits, and climate change resiliency (see Goal 2, Objectives 1-2)
    - Include the need for the built environment to incorporate accessibility and universal design

Meeting was adjourned.