

Chair: Wendy Zara

Staff support: Carlotta Ungaro

Meeting date and time: Second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Blackstone's – Dutch treat – pay cash

Number of committee members: 17

Average meeting attendance to date for 2008: 48%

Committee mission statement: to affect policy and provide educational opportunities on managing growth issues so that the marketability of the area is not threatened, including but not limited to, concerns about infrastructure improvements and availability of workforce housing.

Program of Work

Action Item	Deadline	Measure
Monitor and participate in, when appropriate, the implementation process of the Northern Beaufort County Plan	ongoing	
Monitor zoning and land use planning in partnership with the EcD committee	ongoing	
Identify best practices in workforce housing and work with local governments to improve availability of housing	date	
Identify infrastructure needs, (i.e. transportation, water and sewer, etc.)	date	
Have a forum on a relevant topic that is timely	Date	
Monitor local and state government actions: State and local positions currently adopted by the Chamber: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participate in the implementation of the Northern Beaufort County Plan to advocate for effective sections of the plan relative to economic development and transportation and workforce housing. ▪ Support the parking garage project based on the recommendations from the updated Main Street Beaufort Study encouraging the City to move this project forward as quickly as possible so that it can be built in the most cost-effective manner, whether privately or publicly funded ▪ Support an increase in state transportation funding, including consideration of increasing the motor fuel user fee to provide more predictable funding sources for transportation projects. Additionally, in setting priorities, support using criteria based on reducing congestion, improving economic development and addressing safety, including hurricane evacuation. ▪ Support state legislation to include tourism traffic counts in transportation fund allocation. ▪ Support widening I-95. ▪ Fund adequately maintaining the ICW, including dredging. ▪ Support enabling legislation to establish real estate transfer fees where the funds stay within Beaufort County instead of going to the state. ▪ Urge the state to develop a comprehensive energy policy that encourages wise use and management of South Carolina's natural resources, ensures adequate supplies for the future that are reasonably priced and generated in an environmentally responsible manner; works with our surrounding states and federal government to seek alternative energy solutions and carefully considers the comprehensive impacts of the development of any alternative energy sources. ▪ TDR – pending ▪ Home rule – pending ▪ Building heights - pending 	ongoing	