

ARC COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP
Community Resources Committee (CRC)
June 9th, 2016–Meeting Summary
Richard Oden, Chair

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
Richard Oden, Chair	Brant Aden
Mark Mathews, Vice-chair	Natalyn Archibong
Kip Berry	Dennis Creech
Dennis Burnette	Joan Garner
Vanessa Fleisch	Liz Hausmann
Lynette Howard	Steve Hutchison
Deborah Jackson	Larry Johnson
Mickey McGuire	Ceasar Mitchell
Charles Oddo	John O’Callaghan
Rochelle Robinson	Jannquell Peters
Steve Tumlin	Narender Reddy
Jeff Turner	Bob Weatherford
	Doreen Williams
	Yvonne Williams

1. Welcome and Chair Comments

Richard Oden, Chair

2. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

3. Regional Snapshot: Costs (of Living): Do They Benefit Atlanta?

Audrey Spiegel, ARC

Consumers and businesses weight absolute and relative costs of living highly in making relocation decisions. ARC Research uses the Council for Economic Competitiveness (C2ER)’s Cost of Living (COLI) Index to look at historical and current cost of living trends for Atlanta and other metros.

4. Climate Resiliency: Challenges and Planning Opportunities

Danny Johnson, ARC

What are the likely changes to the future climate in metro Atlanta? How will these changes affect water supply and quality? What are infrastructure adaptations necessary to ensure regional readiness to these potential changes? Danny Johnson presented on the Utility Climate Resiliency study. Lynette Howard of Gwinnett County asked Danny how many inches of water would equal 16%. Danny replied that 16% is approximately 58 inches. Commissioner Howard then asked how far back did they go to gather data to generate this information. Danny replied that the assessment for the trend line went back to the early 1900s. Danny mentioned that a lot of issues are caused by the type of culvert used by local governments. Chairman Oden of Rockdale asked if the failing culverts were slated for replacement or repair. Danny replied that if there are failures, cities and



counties should have strategies in place to replace them with sturdier materials. Commissioner Howard asked for information that she can use at her commission meetings to back up her requests to use stronger materials in culvert replacement and thwart the lobbyists. Johnson promised to send her more information. Chairman Oden asked if this is a policy issue for local government or should it be established on a state level. Johnson replied that it is generally a local government issue. Commissioner Howard asked if there is a movement away from influent infiltration. Johnson said yes, it is a costly and long term effort to end.

5. Population Estimates—Which Tell Us What, When, and Why?

Jim Skinner, ARC

Many groups, public and private, produce intracensal population estimates for metro areas, counties, and cities. Census Bureau estimates are almost inarguably “chief” among these sources-- in terms of comprehensiveness and methodology. We will review the Bureau’s estimates for 2015, as well as trace ways in which they are a key “feeder”/ contributor to ARC’s own major jurisdiction estimates that come out each August. Mayor Debra Jackson of Lithonia asked if the permit information collected for the estimates included city data. Skinner replied that they look at city/county data rolled into one. Dennis Burnette wanted information on job growth as well as areas that are seeing the growth.

6. What Happens After High School?

Mike Carnathan, ARC

A fantastic new tool developed by the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) allows us to see what happens to high school graduates a year or several years later after tossing their mortar boards into the air. We can even see this by individual high schools. Julie Ralston of ARC asked Carnathan about uses for this information. Carnathan replied that Achieve Atlanta is a focus on getting people in college. There is not a lot of support for students to make sure they fill out their FAFSA correctly and have support in choosing classes. Commissioner Howard commented that HOPE money should be tied to this as well. Chairman Oden said the number of dropouts sends a message that career pathways should be customized to people that aren’t going to college or taking trade jobs. Trades should be taught in middle and high schools again so people don’t have to pay for tech training after high school.

7. Other

Chairman Oden directed the committee to review the resolutions developed by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission’s Community Service Committee.

8. Adjourn