CRC Officers and Committees for FY18
By Colletta Harper, Administrative Services Director

Chairman Reggie Loper
Effingham County Commissioner

Vice Chairman Ken Lee
Mayor of Rincon

Secretary Jason Coley
State Non-Public

Budget & Finance – This committee works with the Executive and Finance Directors on the Annual Work Program and Budget, the Revised Budget, serves as the audit committee, and works on any other matters directed by Council. Members include the CRC Officers and the following:

Chairman Al Scott, Chatham Co.
Commissioner Walter Gibson, Bulloch Co.
Dan Coty, State Non-Public
Councilwoman Mary Hamilton, Ludowici
Dorothy Glisson, Ex-Officio

Alderman Julian Miller, Savannah
Chairman Carter Infinger, Bryan Co.
Tom Ratcliffe, State-Non-Public
Mayor Preston Dees, Sylvania

Ethics – This Committee investigates any ethic complaints against any members of the CRC Council or the Executive Director; findings are then reported to the Council. Members include:

Craig Root, Camden Non-Public
Chairman Donald Lovett, Liberty Co.

Mayor Harold Fowler, Richmond Hill

Economic Development – This committee encourages and fosters an environment that assists cities and counties in the creation of jobs and capital investments. Members include:

Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville (Chairman)
Allen Amason, Bulloch Non-Public
Chap Bennett, State Non Public
Jordy Evans, McIntosh Non-Public
Graylan Quarterman, Liberty Non-Public

Sean Register, Bryan Non-Public
Craig Root, Camden Non-Public
Mayor Pro Tem Julie Martin, Brunswick
Chairman Mike Riddle, Long Co.

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Highlights from Past Coastal Regional Commission Council Meetings
By Colletta S. Harper, Administrative Services Director

No July Meeting
August 9, 2017

Chairman Reggie Loper presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Chairman Thomas J. Ratcliffe, Jr. in appreciation of his service for the last two years.

Thomas Ratcliffe and Dan Coty were presented with a Georgia flag and certificates certifying that the flags had been flown over the Capitol in honor of their perfect attendance.

- Approval of June 14, 2017 minutes;
- Approval of Non-Public & Ex Officio Members;
- Approval of the following committees:
  - Budget & Finance
  - Economic Development
  - Transportation
  - TSPLOST
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  - Military
  - Infrastructure
- Approval of Resolution to Change Signatories at Southeastern Bank;
- Approval of Vendor for HVAC System;
- Approval of TPO for Transportation; and
- Approval of Coastal Greenway Projects.

Mr. Scott Scheidt, Director, Center for Applied Cyber Education, Armstrong State University, provided a PowerPoint overview of the Cyber Degree Program’s offerings, service capabilities, and the different entities they work with, i.e., GBI, Secret Service. Classes can be taken in Savannah or online. They also have a Cyber Workforce Development Program that follows the national framework. They do summer cyber camps for students and have given out $60,000 in scholarships. The Coastal Cyber District includes our 10 counties and 35 cities and they are interested in partnering with the CRC to have a satellite campus at the Darien office. The CRC membership would identify training needs and local contacts and the CRC would provide use of their meeting facility. The training cost would be per person and would be paid for by the consumer; this would save organizations money by not having to send their staff out of state for training.

September 13, 2017 – meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma

Coastal Regional Commission Council Approves Five Coastal Georgia Greenway Projects for Funding

The Coastal Georgia Greenway, a 155-mile endeavor, received funding in the FY18 State budget as a line item. It’s meant to be a part of the even-more ambitious East Coast Greenway (ECG) that will span more than 3,000 miles from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida. Projects approved for funding at the August 9th CRC Council meeting include:

- **Camden County** – $18,600 for Phase I of Gum Branch Preserve Trail, which will be an 8 foot wide concrete trail that is 2,000 linear feet. This trail will connect users to Howard Peeples Park which has ball fields, covered pavilions, and a handicapped accessible playground. In addition, this project will connect to the City of Kingsland’s bike/pedestrian path that leads to the Camden County Public Library, shopping venues, and several restaurants. The grant funding will offset the costs of trail construction to include labor and materials.

- **St. Marys** – $18,600 – to construct the Point Peter Trail Widening Project, which will consist of widening the sidewalk from the intersection of Point Peter Road to DuFour Road from 8 feet to 10 feet in width. This section will connect to a trail head already under construction at Sweetwater Park which includes construction of a full bathroom and recreational facilities. The grant funding will help offset the costs of materials for the project such as concrete, expansion joints, and form boards.
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Military – This committee works with all military facilities and FLETC to assist with any and all activities to ensure their continuation and the facilitation of their continued expansion. Members include:

Mayor Harold Fowler, Richmond Hill (Chairman)  
Herb Jones, Effingham Non-Public  
Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville  
Mayor Hugh “Bubba” Hodge, Darien  
Charles Frasier, Liberty Non-Public

Commissioner Lannie Brant, Camden  
David Boland, Glynn Non-Public  
Chairman Donald Lovett, Liberty Co.  
Graylan Quartermen, Liberty Non-Public

Transportation – This committee works with state and local governments to facilitate the planning, improvement, and funding of all transportation efforts. Members include:

Shaw McVeigh, Brunswick NP (Chairman)  
Commissioner Walter Gibson, Bulloch Co.  
Commissioner Reggie Loper, Effingham Co.  
Commissioner Rosa Romeo, Screven

Sean Register, Bryan Non-Public  
Phil Phillips, Chatham Non-Public  
Chairman David Stevens, McIntosh Co.

Infrastructure – This committee works with state and local governments to assist in addressing issues with water, wastewater, and storm drainage. Members include:

Tom Ratcliffe, State NP, (Chairman)  
Mayor Harold Fowler, Richmond Hill  
Mayor John Morrissey, St. Marys  
Chairman Bill Brunson, Glynn Co.  
Ray Howard, Long Non-Public

Alderman Julian Miller, Savannah  
Mayor Jan Moore, Statesboro  
Mayor Ken Lee, Rincon  
Chairman David Stevens, McIntosh Co.

TSPL0ST – This Committee will work with the Executive Director to determine the interest of our counties in pursuing another TSPL0ST. Members include:

Reggie Loper, Effingham Co.  
Chairman Carter Infinger, Bryan Co.  
Craig Root, Camden Non-Public  
Mayor Ken Lee, Rincon  
Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville  
Chairman David Stevens, McIntosh

Charles Frasier, Liberty Non-Public  
Mayor Jan Moore, Statesboro  
Chairman Al Scott, Chatham Co.  
Shaw McVeigh, Glynn Non-Public  
Chairman Mike Riddle, Long Co.  
Mayor Preston Dees, Sylvania

All committees of the CRC meet as needed.

Finance, Investment and Economic Development

By Lupita McClenning, Director Planning & Government Services

Dan McRae of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, a national law firm, and his team of experts presented a day-long comprehensive Sidebar Conference and Development Authority Board Member Training on Thursday, August 31, 2017. The session was a summer 2017 highlight for education and outreach activity for the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC). While learning with colleagues, development authority board members earned training credit hours.

Dan described why we have development authorities, where they came from, and what they can do. Participants were armed with the incredibly important understanding of the internal and external functions of development authorities, their stakeholders and their overall governmental mission.

As part of the training, regional constituents learned the art of the deal making for development authorities. An inspirational presentation showcased LaGrange, GA on closing the large deal and being prepared before opportunity arises. Stakeholders heard a robust update on the Georgia Port Authority projects; were enlightened on what bonds development authorities can and can’t issue and why; and were provided information for small business credit initiatives.

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⇒ **Chatham County** - $17,800 - to construct an additional 0.75 miles shared use path for the Canebrake Road Improvement Project. The project will provide connectivity with an existing shared use path along Basin Road. The new portion of the Coastal Georgia Greenway will provide connectivity from US 17 at the Ogeechee River, north to State Route 204.

⇒ **Jekyll Island Authority** - $17,000 - to construct an additional 200 linear feet of Phase I of the Island Hopper Trail along the north side of the Jekyll Island Causeway (also referred to as Musgrove Causeway, SR 520). The new constructed trail will consist of asphalt and will be 10 ft. in width.

⇒ **City of Brunswick** - $18,000 - to complete the trail from Howard Coffin Park to Sydney Lanier Park. The City intends to utilize Special Purpose Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) proceeds to construct bike trails/greenways and has allocated $100,000 in funding for FY2018 for the design and construction of paths/trails within the City.

The legislature approved $100,000 again this year for Coastal Greenway projects. The CRC invited counties and cities to respond to a request for proposal to apply for funding to implement the trail construction. Five proposals were received; $90,000 is allocated for projects and 10% for the CRC’s administration of the project. “We are pleased that the legislature saw the value of the return on their investment last year and provided funding again this year for additional projects,” stated Executive Director Allen Burns.

CRC UPCOMING MEETINGS (All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and are at the Richmond Hill City Center)
1. **CRC Council Meetings**: October 11, 2017; November 8, 2017; no meeting in December
2. **Aging Services Advisory Council Meeting**—October 24, 2017
3. **CCSP/ADRC Council Meeting**—November 28, 2017

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During the afternoon session, participants learned of the growing trend of international projects; and the importance of open meetings, open records and ethics. A highpoint of the training session was the module on incentives, describing how the market affects incentive offers and measuring incentives.

Special thanks to Dan’s team of experts including, Kevin Shea, President, Georgia Economic Developers Association; Scott Malone, LaGrange; Tim Smith, Program Manager, Georgia DCA; Stacy Watson, Georgia Ports Authority; Matt Lowell, Ryan Consulting; Charles Stallworth, Sr. Project Manager for Economic Development, Georgia Power Company; Kevin Brown, Seyfarth Shaw LLP; and, Matt Forshee, Project Manager, East Region, Georgia Power Company.

Mark your calendars! If you’re in the Coastal Region, Dan and his team are headed to Statesboro, GA for the Statesboro Sidebar Conference on December 6, 2017.

To learn more about economic finance and incentives, read white papers by Dan McRae by visiting [http://www.danmcrae.com/white-papers/](http://www.danmcrae.com/white-papers/). To learn more about technical training opportunities provided by the CRC write to lmcclenning@crc.ga.gov.