

ARC Advisory Committee on Aging

PLAN 2040 presentation: May 4, 2010

Notes from Discussion

The group participated in a presentation on PLAN 2040 2009 regional assessment results and 2010 draft plan vision, goals and objectives. The group was then asked to think about the most important thing they want the plan to focus on going forward and suggest how ARC planners might measure the plan's success in making those things happen.

The most important things to focus on going forward:

- Transportation
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- Transportation – is the thread that occurs through all the objectives, the vision and the goals
- Transportation – better transportation from rural areas. Energy and resources efficiency while preserving the environmental
- Transportation accessibility for aging and/or developmental disability population
- Transportation is vital in every city
- “Transportation planners” need to have a direct link to “aging planners”.
- Find a way to educate public on the importance of friendly senior communities with transportation and affordable housing.
- Person-friendly housing in the community with transportation to amenities and schools.
- Affordable housing – establish a common definition of what this is.
- Affordable/subsidized housing
- Friendly communities for all ages with transit close by to connect me to the rest of the world.
- Education: more capital for more teachers

Measures to apply:

Transportation: Air quality – less cars, better fuel, more use of greenspace

Accessibility

Increased number of sidewalks, golf cart paths and bike paths

Interconnect with transit

More connections between transit and neighborhoods

Increased signage, lighting

Visibility of security personnel

- Housing:
- Increase density limitations
 - Place more emphasis on housing within a community
 - Allow for intergenerational families to live together
 - Recognize that there are homeless seniors in places as “rich” as Alpharetta
 - Locate more housing near parkland
 - Encourage mixed income neighborhoods
 - Encourage more leniency on developmental disabled housing – fairness is important