

## **Charleston County News Release**

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## Greenbelt Advisory Board Meets Tuesday, April 7 at 3 p.m.

<u>Charleston County</u>'s <u>Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB)</u> for the <u>Transportation Half-Cent Sales Tax</u> will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held in County Council's Committee Room on the second floor of the Lonnie Hamilton III, Public Service Building (4045 Bridge View Drive off Leeds Avenue in North Charleston).

The GAB will be reviewing the 2008 Urban Greenbelt Program Annual report as well as electing new officers.

The GAB was established by <u>Charleston County Council</u> to make recommendations on Transportation Sales Tax expenditures for greenbelt projects. The initial role of the GAB was to prepare and deliver recommendations and comments on the <u>Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan</u>, which was adopted by Charleston County Council on June 6, 2006.

The GAB will continue to receive public input while advocating the implementation of the <u>Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan</u>. Additionally, the GAB will evaluate the implementation of both the Rural Grants Program and the Urban Grants Program.

The GAB consists of 14 members selected by Charleston County Council and the elected councils of each of the three major municipalities in Charleston County (city of Charleston, town of Mount Pleasant and city of North Charleston).

## The current GAB members are:

- Chair: Louise Maybank (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Dickie Schweers)\*
- Vice Chair: Warwick Jones (recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Henry Darby)
- George Freeman Rural North\*
- Curtis Bostic Rural South\*
- Raymond H. Anderson, Jr. City of North Charleston\*\*
- Charles Bennett, Jr. (recommended by Charleston County Council member Teddie Pryor)
- Eileen Duffy (recommended by Charleston County Council member Victor Rawl)
- Thomas Johnson (recommended by Charleston County Council member Curtis Inabinett)
- Gerald Lahm (recommended by Charleston County Council member Elliott Summey)
- Diane Derry (recommended by Charleston County Council member Colleen Condon)
- Jim Koenig (recommended by Charleston County Council member Joe McKeown)
- Jeremy Read (recommended by Charleston County Council member Paul Thurmond)
- Lawrence O. Thompson City of Charleston\*\*
- Eric DeMoura Town of Mount Pleasant\*\*

<sup>\*</sup>Recommended by Charleston County Council Chairman Pryor for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2009.

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All other seats run co-terminus with the Charleston County Council member who recommended representative.

Call Cathy L. Ruff at (843) 202-7204 for more information about the upcoming meeting, or visit the Transportation Sales Tax Web site at <a href="www.smallchangeforbigchange.org">www.smallchangeforbigchange.org</a> to review the <a href="Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan">Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan</a>, learn about greenbelt initiatives, and find out about upcoming meeting dates.