

## **Development Review Committee (DRC) “Happy Hour”**

The Development Review Committee is a free service offered by Augusta, GA beginning in January 2016. This service allows a forum for citizens to discuss their drafted plans for prospective development (residential, commercial and industrial) with a team assembled from all of the Government's development-related departments / divisions. This avoids the inconvenience of having to visit each division separately to obtain answers to important questions or needed guidance before the plan is engineered.

The DRC is attended by a representative from each of the following departments / divisions:

- Augusta Engineering (both engineering design and E&S review)
- Augusta Utilities (water and sewer)
- Augusta Traffic Engineering
- Richmond County Health Department
- Augusta Fire Department
- Planning & Development (both planning components and Trees and Landscape review)
- Augusta IT-GIS (Road Naming and Addressing)
- License & Inspections (building permits)

When appropriate, additional representatives from groups such as Economic Development may attend.

DRC meetings are intended for projects which have a draft, concept, or sketch plan of the site layout prepared.

Once submitted, Planning & Development will review the information to ensure it is complete and meets the requirements outlined in the DRC “Happy Hour” Requestor Form. Requests that are complete and received before 5 p.m. on the third or fourth Monday of the month (depending on the month) will be scheduled for a 30-minute time slot on **the fourth Wednesday** afternoon of that same week (generally, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m.). Each 30-minute time slot will cover a single development request.

**Incomplete requests will not be scheduled until all required information has been provided.**

### **Consultation Requests / Due-Diligence Meetings**

Fundamentally different from the DRC “Happy Hour”, a tailored consultation can be arranged to discuss prospective projects that are in the preliminary stages of fact-finding and for which no draft, concept or sketch plan currently exists. This service is ideal for new or prospective property owners to conduct focused discussions on a particular aspect of a property, or a property’s proposed development, or to discuss processes with the Planning & Development Department and applicable representatives from other development-related departments / divisions. While customers are welcome to walk in during our normal business hours (8:30 – 5:00, M-F) with questions, this is a pre-arranged time slot dedicated to the developer’s or the developer’s engineer’s specific questions aimed at development-related staff members during a pre-scheduled half-hour discussion.

If you have further questions, call us at 706-821-1796 or email Development Services Administrator, Terri L Turner at [tturner@augustaga.gov](mailto:tturner@augustaga.gov).

We welcome the opportunity to assist you with your project.