

Draft Agenda – Economy April 24, 2006

It was suggested that the subcommittee for the economy be split into four smaller groups focusing on the four major issues that appeared to surface during the March 27th meeting.

These groups are: (committees of the subcommittee)

Economic Development

This group could focus on the issues of business recruitment, job creation, and business retention and tie in closely with the work force group.

Entrepreneurship

This group could focus on the issues of Athens developing and entrepreneurial development program and becoming Entrepreneur Friendly.

Livable Wage

This group could focus on the issues that are relevant to bringing those persons that are not currently earning a livable wage to that minimum level of income regardless of who their employer is.

Culture of Poverty

This group could focus on the cultural issues of poverty as they relate to the economy of the region.

In the April 24th meeting:

- The economy subcommittee would meet initially as one group to explain this course of action, receive other ideas and come to general agreement that this is method they would like to use for future meetings
- The groups would then split and select a citizen facilitator and citizen recorder. The groups would facilitate their own meeting guided by the economy subcommittee members and the assigned facilitators from the Fanning Institute.
- The group could look at the summary notes from the March 27th economy sub-committee meeting and determine those topical items they feel their group should address.
- The group will add topical items that were not on the original list as they deem necessary.
- The group will then begin defining and consolidating their list of topics they want to explore and better understand the basic issues
- The group facilitators and recorders will turn in their notes to the Fanning facilitators before leaving