



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC)
concerning the lack of public involvement in its programs
and activities**

Introduced By: **Communications and Public Involvement Committee**

WHEREAS, MARC wishes to involve the general public in its activities

WHEREAS, the public wishes to know how to get involved

WHEREAS, a website would provide a fun and interactive strategy to involve the
public and include the public through blogs

WHEREAS, both children and adults would be able to obtain information about
their community and environment

WHEREAS, members of MARC as well as the public should be educated about
their community and environment on the same level

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that we would provide a MARC website
informing and educating the public about MARC, ARC and the community.

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that even those with minimal interest in the
MARC will learn and know about our involvement and activities as well as what we stand
for.



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) concerning the lack of awareness of the Model Atlanta Regional Commission program and agenda.

Introduced By: Communications and Public Involvement Committee

WHEREAS, the Model Atlanta Regional Commission wishes to spread the word of our program and the activities that follow

WHEREAS, youth are more willing to help/find an outlet to help out environment and the growing and shaping of our community

WHEREAS, the willingness and determination of youth is counteracted by detrimental ways of living

WHEREAS, more youth will become involved if the MARC provides avenues for community involvement.

WHEREAS, an increased interest in the MARC through social media will garner more notoriety and support for the program and its activities

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we shall create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to showcase the greatness of the MARC, ARC and their impact in our communities. The PSA will be shown in schools and posted on commonly used websites including but not limited to Facebook, Youtube, and Myspace. The PSA will be relevant to the youthful demographic of such sites as to increase youth interest in the MARC program.

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that with the public service announcement the youth and general public will become more aware of the MARC and its activities.



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Subject: Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission concerning the creation of an after school program to assist and mentor students in the region.

Introduced by: Community Service Committee

WHEREAS, The Model Atlanta Regional Commission wishes to create an after school program that would use students to mentor and tutor other students who were having trouble in school or other issues; and

WHEREAS, 25% of kids, from kindergarten to seniors in high school, are home alone after school; and

WHEREAS, Georgia ranked 47th out of 48 states in 2007 for 8th grade standardized reading standards testing scores; and

WHEREAS, Between 2005 and 2007 Georgia's math proficiency standards for 8th graders decreased by 11.7 points; and

WHEREAS, Tutoring children who are having trouble in school and need a mentor would provide them with motivation to succeed in school

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Model Atlanta Regional Commission, in order to increase the testing scores of middle and high school students in the region, proposes an after school tutoring program that would provide students, ones that have been deemed in need of assistance by their teachers due to subpar academics and repeated disciplinary conflicts, with a student buddy, one who was nominated by a teacher for excellence in academics and has shown a true passion for assisting his/her peers, from their own school. The program would simply take place after school and would not require additional funding.



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission concerning the creation of an after school program to assist senior citizens by going to their homes and helping them run errands.**

Introduced by: **Community Service Committee**

WHEREAS, Many senior citizens in the Atlanta region are unable to get out of their homes on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Having professionals come to the house everyday to help out can be expensive; and

WHEREAS, Teens in metro Atlanta need to participate in community service as a requirement for school; and

WHEREAS, The Model Atlanta Regional Commission wishes to establish an after school opportunity for upper classmen to help the elderly as one way to earn community service or Beta hours; and

WHEREAS This assistance could include anything from taking seniors grocery shopping to a walk around the neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Model Atlanta Regional Commission proposes the creation of a program to serve older adults in the community; and

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that students participating in this program must have at least a B average and a valid driver's license and two teacher recommendations to ensure they have the maturity needed to understand the delicacy of the situation; and

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a nonprofit organization be created to raise money to help reimburse students for their expenses, such as gas money.



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Subject: Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission concerning the installation of permeable asphalt in parking lots.

Introduced by: Environment and Land Use Committee

WHEREAS, The Model Atlanta Regional Commission desires to decrease the Atlanta region's susceptibility to flooding, improve the quality of its potable water and prolong the lifespan of its water supply by using the water within it responsibly; and,

WHEREAS, Parking lots play a major role in transporting increased stormwater runoff and contaminant loads to receiving waters, and alternative paving materials can be used to locally infiltrate rainwater and reduce the runoff leaving a site, which may help to decrease downstream flooding, the frequency of combined sewer overflow events and the thermal pollution of sensitive waters; and

WHEREAS, Two-thirds of the 938 stream miles in the Chattahoochee River basin have water quality so poor that fishing is rendered unhealthful and unlawful; and,

WHEREAS, The Atlanta region has recently suffered economically and socially from a flood more damaging and severe than floods of the past; and,

WHEREAS, The Atlanta region is currently involved in a tri-state water war due to an inefficient amount of potable water for Alabama, Georgia, and Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Water collected under permeable parking surfaces can lawfully be reused as grey water in toilets and irrigation and, after installation, be economically salutary by lowering the cost of water bills for a business; and,

WHEREAS, Urban runoff constitutes 75% of the pollution problems of the Chattahoochee river system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Model Atlanta Regional Commission, in order to preserve its water resources, proposes that tax breaks be given to businesses that install a permeable surface in a new or existing parking lot;

AND, LET BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all new government projects incorporate permeable surfaces in their parking lots;

AND, LET BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that companies that further install a water collection mechanism underneath the permeable parking lot to provide grey water to their facilities will receive additional tax breaks.



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Subject: **Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission concerning the integration of composting into community recycling centers.**

Introduced by: **Environment and Land Use Committee**

WHEREAS, The Model Atlanta Regional Commission wishes to improve the quality of its soil and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills; and,

WHEREAS, Twenty-five to 30 percent of domestic waste consists of compostable kitchen scraps and garden clippings; and,

WHEREAS, If community composting were practiced, liability for landfill tax by waste disposal companies would be lessened, thereby lowering the overall cost of dealing with waste; and,

WHEREAS, The increased availability of composting centers for garden clippings would lessen the practice of burning the scraps in bonfires, which is a contributor to air pollution; and,

WHEREAS, The end product of composting can be a soil improver, mulch or potting mix ingredient. These recycled products can be used instead of peat, which is good news for threatened wetlands and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Model Atlanta Regional Commission, in order to increase the quality of Atlanta's soil, decrease air pollution, protect wetlands, and decrease the amount of land taken up by landfills, proposes that composting mechanisms be installed in every existing community recycling center within the Atlanta region and future recycling centers to be built in the future.

AND, LET BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rich soil produced by these composting piles be donated to the Atlanta Food Bank, which will use the soil in its many community gardens in the Atlanta region that grow food to feed the needy.



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Subject: Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission concerning Atlanta's effort to prepare for the installation of a High Speed Rail Hub.

Introduced By: Transportation and Air Quality Committee

WHEREAS, The Model Atlanta Regional Commission desires to improve Atlanta's preparation for the federal installation of a High Speed Rail Hub in Atlanta and surpass the efforts of other competing southeastern cities; and

WHEREAS, If another southeastern city (some of which are already exceeding Atlanta's preparations) succeeds in winning the federal government's approval for the building of the hub in their city, Atlanta's economy and role as the international hub of the southeast could be compromised; and

WHEREAS, Having the hub located in Atlanta will improve the connectivity of the metro-Atlanta region and also improve the connectivity of the Southeast mega-region; and

WHEREAS, The introduction of a High Speed Rail hub in Atlanta will improve business and attract companies to establish their bases in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, The High Speed Rail Hub would increase tourism in the region, bringing in more revenue, and therefore improve the economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the hub's proximity to the international Hartsfield-Jackson Airport would bring more international attention to the region;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Model Atlanta Regional Commission, in order to improve preparation for the High Speed Rail Hub, proposes to work in collaboration with the Communications and Public Involvement Committee to encourage public knowledge and support of the High Speed Rail project. This will be achieved through media advertisements and also Transportation and Air Quality Committee representatives who can inform the public, along with local companies and businesses, knowledgably about the High Speed Rail project and the importance of the Atlanta hub.

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that to supply further publicity and the financial backing that the project requires, the Model Atlanta Regional Commission proposes to win the support and investments of Atlanta's leading companies in order to keep all aspects of the region involved. The cooperation will be advertised as joining together to work towards an improvement for the entire region.



MODEL ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Subject: **Resolution by the Model Atlanta Regional Commission concerning the lack of use of public transportation by metro Atlanta's citizens.**

Introduced by: **Transportation and Air Quality Committee**

WHEREAS, The public image of the Atlanta public transit system, namely MARTA, has kept people from using it; and

WHEREAS, Many members of the populace do not know about ongoing transit projects, such as the Beltline and plans for high-speed rail, and are therefore unable to have any sort of involvement; and

WHEREAS, Metro Atlanta has incessant traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, Use of public transportation could reduce traffic and pollution; and

WHEREAS, Use of public transportation saves money on gas for employees and on parking for employees

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Model Atlanta Regional Commission proposes that an educational campaign be initiated to portray metro Atlanta public transportation in a good light and inform the populace about ongoing transit projects;

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Model Atlanta Regional Commission encourage businesses to offer employees public transportation plans, to encourage their employees to use public transportation.