

**GWINNETT PLACE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Gwinnett Place Marriott, Centennial Ballroom
January 11, 2006**

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members:

Tom Wheeler	Bruce Williams	Casey Coffey	Leo Wiener
Mark Williams	Glenn Wisdom	Scott Rolston	

Staff: Dave Rosselle, Executive Director
Lynn Rainey, attorney

Guests: Congressman John Linder
Katie Blankenstein, Jon Benson & Associates
Officer Jim Price, Gwinnett County Police Dept.
Peggy Boydston, Gwinnett County Planning Commissioner

Call to Order

Tom Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Action Items

Meeting Minutes approval

Mr. Bruce Williams moved to approve the December 14, 2005 Regular Monthly Board meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Wiener. The motion was unanimously approved.

HR policy and employee compensation plan

Mr. Rolston reported that he expects to obtain an updated copy of the Perimeter CID's updated HR policy soon and will have a proposal ready for review at the February Board meeting.

Gwinnett County proposal for CID financial support for producing a "shopper's security tips" handout

Mr. Rosselle provided a brief overview of his discussion with Office Jim Price. Officer Price was introduced and provided an overview of the problem: shoppers having high-cost purchases left in open view stolen from their vehicles by thieves breaking out the windows. The Gwinnett County Crime Prevention Team wants to launch an education campaign by distributing handouts to major retailers for their customers that provide shopper security tips. However, the police dept. does not have the funding required to reproduce the handouts.

Mr. Wisdom requested that any information provided to the public be worded as positively as possible so not to discourage shoppers from visiting local stores. Mr. Wheeler supported this strategy by pointing out that this type of problem is prevalent everywhere. Mr. Mark Williams recommended an initial run count of 5000 pieces. Mr. Casey motioned that the CID financially support the program not to exceed \$1500, seconded by Mr. Wiener and unanimously approved.

Remarks & discussion with U.S. Congressman John Linder

Congressman Linder led a question & answer session concerning the scope of the CID's transportation projects and needs. He focused on the CID proposal for an I-85 "slip road" to relieve congestion on Pleasant Hill Rd. and understanding how he could help support other CID initiatives. New funding opportunities via the Transportation Bill are not possible. However, there are numerous other funding sources. Congressman Linder recommended that the CID consider retaining the services of a lobbyist to help identify funding opportunities. He also mentioned that the January 2007 elections of the 7th District DOT Board member would be important to the CID. The candidate will likely be from Gwinnett County. Mr. Linder invited Mr. Rosselle to contact his staff executive, Mr. Derick Corbett to coordinate his ongoing support for CID efforts and projects.

CID office space

Mr. Wiener reported that he is very close to obtaining a proposed final lease agreement from Dick Freel. He expects to have the final draft of the lease ready for Mr. Wheeler's review and possible signature within the week.

Board & Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Checking Account, as reflected in the December bank statement, had a beginning balance of \$15,900.42, an ending month balance of \$19,092.46 and a current (General Ledger) balance of \$17,407.82.

The Money Market account had a beginning balance of \$321,659.13, and an ending balance of \$116,918.84. \$250K was transferred from the Money Market account to the Georgia Fund 1 account on 12/06/06.

The Georgia Fund 1 account had a beginning balance of \$300,098.24 and an ending balance of \$551,910.29.

Mr. Bruce Williams requested that the Treasurer's report include a grand total of all three accounts.

Mr. Glenn Wisdom moved to approve the Treasurer's report and ratify the expenditures, seconded by Mr. Casey. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board member's remarks

Mark Williams congratulated Mr. Wheeler on his Legacy award by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at its annual banquet held January 6th. Congratulations were also extended to Anne Williams and Debi Abbott for their community service awards. Tentative plans have been made to have the annual Button Bash on March 18th at Wild Bills. Also, a successful meeting was held 12/15/05 with Phil Hoskins, Frank Stephens, Herman Pennamon, Kingsly Corbin and Dave Rosselle to begin preliminary planning for a passive park in the Georgia Power ROW area along Venture Parkway. Parks & Rec and Public Utilities will coordinate with GA Power to prepare a conceptual sketch that meets the needs for an upgraded storm water detention pond.

Bruce Williams requested that Mr. Rosselle draft a letter for Mr. Wheeler's signature to Mr. Brian Allen thanking him for the excellent maintenance support the CID has received from all Gwinnett County DOT departments & staff.

Mr. Wheeler asked Mr. Rosselle to conduct an audit of all faded DOT signs in the district and submit a request to DOT to have the signs replaced.

Lynn Rainey reported on the status of Senate Bill 414, which includes provisions that would have a negative impact on CIDs. Upon the motion of Bruce Williams, seconded by Casey Coffey, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution opposing any legislation that would change the nature of CIDs as presently constituted. Executive Director Dave Rosselle was instructed to transmit our position to other CIDs who are authorized to inform legislators of our vote.

Satellite Blvd. Streetscape Master Plan – Katie Blankenstein, JB+a
Ms. Blankenstein provided a brief overview of the scope of the project, and its goals. She led a discussion on various aspects of the plan including signage, branding, entryway monuments, landscaping and project funding. Work sessions to obtain input from stakeholders will be planned. Handouts depicting streetscape design elements alternatives were distributed to the Board and meeting attendees who were invited to make notes indicating their preferences and ideas.

Public Comments

Ossie Randall discussed a personal vehicle break-in incident she experienced at the Satellite Place office building. She expressed support for the CID's security program initiative and offered to assist.

Peggy Boydston thanked the Board for their efforts and offered to help with local homeowner's CID awareness efforts. Mr. Rosselle offered to conduct CID overview presentations at Homeowners' Association meetings.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Gwinnett Place Marriott, on February 8th, 2006 beginning at 9 a.m.

Adjournment

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Approved by the Board this

_____ day of _____, 2005.

Secretary