

CID Welcomes University to Gwinnett Place

Saint Leo University comes to office center inside CID

An education institution has opened its doors in the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) with the addition of a new Saint Leo University campus.

Students attending Saint Leo classes will be making their way to the Clarkston Building at the Gwinnett Center, formerly the Koger Center, on Koger Boulevard off Pleasant Hill Road.

Joe Allen, CID Executive Director, said the District welcomes the university's presence in offering a learning alternative to adults seeking opportunities close to home.

"Saint Leo University has recognized the importance of locating inside a community's activity center, and we believe Gwinnett Place is the county's center for business and commerce," Allen said. "We are pleased to have them providing a necessary service to the District."

Allen joined other business and community leaders in officially opening the campus during a recent ribbon cutting at the Gwinnett Center location. The Gwinnett Center property owners are members of the District and recently joined during the CID's expansion campaign.

According to Saint Leo University's Web site, the school has been in operation since 1889. In addition to the Gwinnett location, the campuses are open in five other states, including Texas and California. Saint Leo students are seeking degrees in one of 41 academic programs.

More information about current projects, meetings and other events inside in the Gwinnett Place CID are available online at www.GwinnettPlaceCID.com.



CID Overlay to Receive Atlanta Regional Commission Funding

Gwinnett Place only CID project named in recent funding announcement

Leaders of the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) were pleased to receive a "yes" from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) on their application for special grant funds.

ARC staff notified the CID that matching funds will be made available to complete an Overlay District plan for Gwinnett Place. The ARC will supply \$35,000 to join another \$35,000 supplied by the CID.

The following overview summarizes the purpose of the Overlay District planning effort:

“*The main goal of the Gwinnett Place Overlay District is to provide flexible development guidelines and incentives; improving transportation systems, including street, public transportation, pedestrian, and bike facilities; and maintaining the vision of the LCI by incorporating the “look and feel” of the CID area.*”

According to the ARC, 14 applications for LCI Supplemental Study funds were submitted, and a total of six community projects were selected for funds. In each case, the applicants were required to supply matching funds of their own.

¹We are glad to know that the Atlanta Regional Commission shares our vision for enhancing Greater Gwinnett Place,² said Mark Williams, CID Chairman. ³Creating an Overlay District is a key recommendation from our recently submitted Comprehensive Redevelopment Plan. We expect an Overlay District to guide our future streetscapes and provide an overall unified plan governing the visible side of our revitalization efforts.²

The CID has also been pre-qualified for other ARC grant programs, but there have been no announcements regarding those applications.