

## Town Center Area CID Regular Meeting

February 23, 2010

7:30 AM

245 TownPark Drive, Kennesaw, GA

Board Members: Mason Zimmerman, Skip Spann, Kerry O'Brien, Gina Diodati  
Karl Vittery, Ed Allen  
County: Bob Galante, Cathy Brown, Mike Wright  
Staff: Lanie Shipp, Mary Lou Stephens, Joel Stone, Lynn Rainey, Alison Paul  
Guests: Jay Simone and Keith Franklin, Florence and Hutcheson; Jim Croy, Chris Rideout,  
and Greg Teague, Croy Engineering; James Hudgins, Arcadis; Tim Miller, Miller EG  
Design; Allen Krivsky, Heath & Lineback Engineers.

Chairman Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

Minutes of the January 26 board meeting were unanimously approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Kerry O'Brien reviewed the Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2010. **The board unanimously approved the Financial Reports for January and General & Administrative expenses for January in the amount of \$855.76.**

### Chairman's Report

Chairman Zimmerman reported that progress being made on the CID committees and at the TMA, and that updates were available on most projects, including I-575 and Barrett construction, Noonday, Greer's Chapel, office space, and wayfinding signs.

### Executive Director's Report

Lanie Shipp announced two recommendations from the Board.

1. GDOT has proposed that TCCID consider expanding the scope of our current PE contract with Arcadis to include the PE and environmental studies required for the proposed construction of two turn lanes heading west on Barrett Pkwy onto southbound I-575. Arcadis has provided a revised scope of work and PE estimate of \$175,678.01 to include the enhancement proposed by GDOT. In return for the CID paying for the PE and environmental work for the proposed improvements outlined above, GDOT has indicated that they would pay 100% of the construction cost of our project and their proposed road improvements. GDOT would take over the project through completion. Cobb County DOT supports this proposal. It is the recommendation of the Infrastructure Sub-Committee that the Board approve the increase in the scope of Arcadis' current PE contract to include the increase scope of work proposed by GDOT.

**The Board unanimously approved the recommendation \$175,678.01**

2. The Quality of Life Committee has met and discussed a request to amend the existing contract with F&H to complete the design and environmental work for the Noonday Trail Phase IIc. The additional funds will compensate for work due to requirements from GDOT and the relocation of the Dam in the project alignment. The amount of compensation needed for this effort is \$36,714.43. There is additional work to be done to amend the Environmental Analysis to account for the final Dam site and to pay for re evaluation of the total Environmental Document at a cost of \$34,615.97. This work would save the Trail construction costs and thus the CID about \$150,000. The Committee recommends that the contract with F&H be amended to add an additional \$71,330.40.

**The Board unanimously approved the recommendation \$71,330.40.**

The Overhead Committee made good progress with the search for office space. The county has approached Karl about housing the CID in a former Kids R Kids building. The Board scheduled a tour of this property following today's meeting. The CID would occupy a portion of the 10,000 sq ft space. Concerns mentioned included the timing of the move, being in the building alone, access during construction, insurance, and suitability. Lanie indicated that feedback would be provided after the tour, and that other options were available.

Several applications have been received for the Project Manager. The committee will review the applications when all members are available to meet.

The groundbreaking for Big Shanty will most likely take place the second week in April, with assistance from the county with logistics, tents, chairs, etc.

### **CobbRides**

Mary Lou Stephens reported that she plans to meet with the Quality of Life committee regarding TMA activity. CobbRides continues to focus on local initiatives and the CID has been reimbursed by the ARC through November, placing CobbRides' reimbursement ahead of most of the other TMAs.

### **Project Reports - Joel Stone reporting**

#### ***Noonday Creek Trail***

Phase 2C should be ready to let before the end of the year, and must be let during the fiscal year when LCI money is available. Coordination with dam construction is ongoing, and it is time to put plans together, including the required environmental work. Bob Galante indicated that that Phase 2B will most likely be completed after April due to rain. A discussion was held regarding a ribbon cutting for the completed Trail in May. The QOL committee will work with the Path Foundation to plan the event. The Chairman indicated an interest in holding a 5K run on the trail in conjunction with the Ribbon Cutting.

#### ***South Barrett/Greer's Chapel***

Progress is being made, project remains on schedule to be completed in June.

#### ***Big Shanty Connector***

- Phase 1 - under construction
- Phase 3 - no updates
- Phase 2 - Right of Way is in progress. ROW on the trail section is still in the design stage with Croy. Jim indicated that the TownPoint trail can be separated out of Phase 2 should the board decide to proceed with construction of the trail separate from Big Shanty 2. Plans should be available this week. There is no update on SRTA funding.

#### ***Wayfinding Signs***

Tim Miller has the county permits and the contract in hand. Tim said that this project will solidify the CID's work for the last 2 years. Engineering on the signs will begin right away; stamped drawings will be available in 2-4 weeks and then construction will begin. Foundations will be put in very soon, and the signs will be up in 6-8 weeks. Tim encourages use of signs for media events and he will be looking for areas for future signs.

#### ***Master Plan Update***

Joel shared that it has been 3 years since the transportation land use master plan was updated. It will be discussed further at the March 16 Planning Committee meeting.

**County Remarks**

Bob Galante reported that at a recent Board of Commissioners meeting, the decision was made not to proceed with SPLOST due to the economy and changes resulting from upcoming elections. This decision only affects new projects. The state is proceeding with their transportation goals and will put a list of projects to vote in a November 2012 referendum. A CID project could receive support in the next round of Stimulus funding. In addition, the Park and Ride near the former Kids R Kids building should be completed in May.

**New Business**

Jim Croy is ready to go before the Planning Committee, March 16th regarding the Chastain project and talk with GDOT. Property owners have reviewed the alignment plans and are comfortable with the proposal. The contract with Croy carries the project through negotiations with GDOT, getting comments back on ramp on 1-75 and then getting a concept plan forward. The next step will then be to work on possible funding sources. This could be a potential project for Stimulus 2.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting is March 23 at 7:30 am. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15am.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Lanie Shipp, Secretary