

**Town Center Area CID Regular Meeting**  
**April 26, 2011**  
**7:30 AM**  
**245 TownPark Drive, Kennesaw, GA**

**Board Members:** Mason Zimmerman, Kerry O'Brien, Karl Vittery, Kelly Keappler, Ed Allan  
**County:** Commissioner Helen Goreham, Commissioner JoAnne Birrell, Faye DiMassimo, Dan McDuff, Mike Wright, Cathy Brown, Ted Harris, and Sherry Bartley  
**Staff:** Lanie Shipp, Mary Lou Stephens, Robert Maddux, Lynn Rainey  
**Guests:** Cynthia Burney, GDOT, James Hudgins, ARCADIS, Jim Croy and Greg Teague, Croy Engineering, Ben Clopper, F&H; Holly Bass and Lindsey Burruss, CCVB.

**Chairman Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:35.**

**Minutes of the March 22, 2011 board meeting and April 12 work session were unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer's Report** -Kerry O'Brien reviewed the Financial Reports for the month ending March 28, 2011. **The board unanimously approved the Financial Reports and General & Administrative expenses in the amount of \$7,118.66**, bringing the total of April Expenses to \$94,015.36. The Georgia Fund One is only bringing about .16% at this time.

**Chairman's Report** – Mason greeted guests and thanked those who assisted with the successful Earth Day on Noonday Creek Trail last week. He thanked Russell Rogers for his time of service on the TCACID Board as he has resigned for business reasons. He acknowledged the CID's appreciation of the County Commissioners for the work they do on behalf of the citizens and the CID in particular.

**Executive Director's Report** - Lanie thanked the partners assisting with Earth Day.

- Lanie referred to Mr. Rogers' letter of resignation in the notebook
- Lanie thanked Cathy Brown of the County's Economic Development department for her recent assistance on correcting tax codes for CID properties.

**Communications** – Mary Lou Stephens reviewed several points:

- 2010 Annual Report is being mailed and has been distributed by email and is on the web.
- Thanks to the various departments in the county that helped move forward the necessary approvals for the Noonday Creek Trail markers and the addition of Cherokee Roses along portions of the trail. The signs have already received numerous compliments and the recognition that they tie in well to the CID Wayfinding signs.
- The Earth Day at Noonday was quite successful. The county helped by erecting a canopy. ValleyCrest donated time, labor and the Cherokee roses.
- *Friends of the Trail* included: The Atlanta Beat, Big Peach Running Company, Bike Cobb, Bright Side News, Cobb County, Performance Bike, Pope and Land Enterprises, REI and ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance.
- Thank you to Commissioners Goreham and Birrell for attending and helping to plant.
- The trail is well used.
- Work on Coding of tax properties continues and some were returned to the rolls as a result of the work.

**Cobb DOT Director - Faye DiMassimo** explained that the SCATS system, which the TCACID agreed to

help fund, was moved through GDOT at unprecedented speed of seven months. She introduced Ted Harris and Sherry Bartley of Cobb who assisted on the county level and Cynthia Burney of GDOT who shepherded the project through the state and federal process, obtaining 100% CMAQ funding for the completion of this project. This, in fact, means that the \$450,000 pledged by the TCACID will not be needed. Cynthia Burney also spoke and the Board members expressed their appreciation for such a pleasant surprise. Faye suggested a trip by the BOD to see Cobb's Regional *Transportation Management Center (RTMC)* soon.

**Mason asked staff to plan a trip to RTMC before the next CID meeting, if possible, and to include a tour of the full TCACID area.**

**Project Reports** - Robert Maddux reported on projects currently underway, showing a Power Point of recent photos.

- Noonday Creek Trail Phase 2c – Design Phase completed and ready to be bid
- Noonday Creek Trail Phase 2a – Now essentially complete; will be wrapped up by EOM
- S. Barrett/Greer's Chapel – Construction finished; landscape approved by QOL & BOD and working with county for final approval
- Big Shanty Connector Phase 1 & 3 - Phase 2- gravel road in so it is underway but still awaiting some ROW on Weeks property; Finalizing the start date to kick off Big Shanty Construction
- Compiling "Implementable" standards for TCACID
- Landscape Improvements – ready to present to QOL the reevaluation costs from F&H
- I-575 @ Barrett Parkway and Mall Blvd – off ramp has been submitted to GDOT and awaiting their response; under ROW acquisition now
- Busbee-Frey Connector

**Planning Committee** – Kelly reported that Karl Vittery, who serves on the Airport Advisory Board, brought Karl Von Hagel to present what all has been updated at the airport and what is on the horizon. The Committee has asked Lynn to explore the legal aspects of funding airport lighting if the TCACID would like to help advance a project.

**Quality of Life** – Ed reviewed a few of the landscaping projects and the Trail signage. He also mentioned the long-range plan of Gateway Signs that are being considered.

### **County Remarks**

- Faye updated the group on Busbee-Frey PFA (Project Framework Agreement), and the costs appear to be substantially less than initially proposed. Work continues between the CCDOT and GDOT on this. Dr Papp submitted a letter committing to donation ROW by KSU for this project.
- Commissioner Goreham mentioned Classic Collision at corner of Barrett and Barrett Lakes and it is an atypical auto shop and will be a nice addition. Also, that she has heard compliments about the improvements in appearance of the area.
- Commissioner Birrell thanks the BOD for asking the Commissioners to be a part of the earth day celebration. She reported that she would update the Board on Hidden Forest as she learns of activity there.

### **Other Business:**

- Holly Bass of CCVB explained their mission and interest in this area and asked to be included in the tour of the area when it is planned.

Mason announced that the next regular board meeting is May 24, 2011 at 7:30 A.M., same location.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 A.M.**

APPROVED BY THE BOARD this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Lanie Shipp, Executive Director