



MEMORANDUM

TO: 78 CID Board of Directors
CC: C. Fox, Administrator
FROM: Brett Harrell, Executive Director
DATE: April 22, 2005

RE: Monthly Report

Administration

During April, I attended events at the Snellville Commerce Club, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Forum, Council for Quality Growth, Atlanta Regional Commission, and visited with CID property owners and businesses among others. I met with Don Beaver of the Cumberland CID, Brian Bates of Doraville regarding a potential Buford Hwy CID, and consulted with representatives of the Gwinnett Chamber regarding the formation of the Gwinnett Place CID. I presented to and received approval from the Snellville City Council for the CID's Landscape Master Plan.

Funding

Property tax revenues are at 99% of the 2004 billing – property taxes receivable is \$7,692.54 as of April 15, 2005. Our auditors, Smith and Howard, presented a clean audit with no findings. The Gwinnett County SPLOST Committee will meet on April 14, 2005 and will meet again on April 28 to finalize sidewalk projects.

H.R. 3 – TEA-LU has yet to be placed on the full Senate agenda. Information received from the Federal Highway Administration suggests that HPP earmarks are distributed annually over the life of the bill and the anticipated allocation for the upcoming bill is: FY 05 – 22.4%; FY 06 – 20.2%; FY 07 – 19.3%; FY 08 – 19.7%; FY 09 – 18.4%.

Key Contacts

In addition to numerous property and business owners, our office had contact with the following and/or their representatives during April: Governor Perdue's office; Sam Olens, Chair of ARC and Chick Krautler, Executive Director of ARC; Charles Bannister, Chairman; Mike Beaudreau, District 3 Commissioner; and Mayor Oberholtzer among others.

Legal

Required ads appeared in the Gwinnett Daily Post advertising our Board election and proposed FY 2005 property tax millage rate. Additionally, Andrew Mertz completed preparation of a joint driveway easement document for CID use in future IPA projects.

Projects Underway

During April, we advanced the following projects:

Wentz-Reeves IPA: Plans under review by GDOT and GwDOT

Corridor LCI Study: Received proposals from HOK, PBS&J, TSW, & Pond & Co and propose award to PBS&J at April meeting.

Landscape Master Plan: Board approval March 23 and City approval April 11

ITS / ATMS – Provided notice of award to GS&P

Potential Projects

During April, the following potential projects received attention:

Niknafs IPA: Property owner Cail no longer interested

PPAC Study: Adopted timeline will issue RFP May 13, 2005.

Public Relations

During April, the Hwy 78 CID received positive PR in the following publications and venues: Atlanta Journal Constitution, Gwinnett Daily Post, and Gwinnett Business Journal. The Hwy 78 CID was represented to the more than 300 attendees of the ULI / ARC Urban Marketplace Seminar. Caron emailed our online subscribers a 78 CID Update newsletter. Governor Perdue announced the appointment of a Congestion Mitigation Task Force that I am honored to have been appointed a member. The Task Force will meet for the first time on May 3, 2005.

Economic Development

Our office fielded numerous calls and assisted several property owners with development issues. Our office referred several other prospective real estate agents and/or businesses to the property owners or their agents. I chaired a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting during the month of April at DCA that adopted revised community planning standards for statewide application.

Advocacy

I sent a letter in support of Gwinnett County's water discharge permit to Dr. Couch at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Staffing

The CID will partner with the Snellville Downtown Development Authority on providing funding for a summer intern. Chris Lindsey, a Shiloh grad, Eagle Scout, and rising sophomore at UGA will begin work at the CID offices on Monday, May 16. Chris will work four days a week on projects such as cataloging available properties, business surveying, funding opportunities, and identifying potential investment within the corridor.