



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** 78 CID Board of Directors  
**CC:** R. Sapp, Exec. Asst.; M. Couch, Special Projects; C. Lindsey, Intern  
**FROM:** Brett Harrell, Executive Director  
**DATE:** July 26, 2006

**RE:** Monthly Report

## **Administration**

Since my last report, I attended meetings with ARC, PBS&J, GS&P, GDOT, Gwinnett Chamber, Gwinnett DOT, and the Snellville DDA as well as events at the Gwinnett Chamber, Gwinnett County, and Georgia Economic Developers Association. I also attended the monthly meeting with Gwinnett CID Executive Directors.

I presented "Making 78 Great!" to the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Senior Group and the Snellville Rotary Club. I will be participating in the Gwinnett County Visioning process as a member of the core study committee.

I assisted numerous property and business owners with various issues including: easement issues at the request of GDOT with Chuck Canon, Canon Used Cars; Scott Price, Kipling Land Corp; Dan Melnick, Rivercliff Village S/C; Norma Sunwoo, Hot Topix; and Clyde Shepherd, Toco Hill; median access info for Tony Angerami; intersection status for Larry Young, Hardees; and ROW dedication for Ron Swatty; among others.

## **Funding**

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners provided \$60,000 in revitalization funds toward the Yellow River to Jessica Daron Ct sewer study. PBS&J, a county on-call water and sewer consultant, is preparing a work order for the project.

Reinvested a 90-day CD in the amount of \$101,503.70 with Wachovia Bank, the high bidder at 5.4%.

Requested documentation of the 2006 property tax digest – not yet received.

### **Projects Underway**

During July, we advanced the following projects:

- Corridor LCI Study: Began response to ARC survey.
- Landscape Master Plan: Received approval on design variance request for planted medians to include crepe myrtles.
- PPAC Study: Prepared RFP for LCI-type study for Board approval.
- Jessica Daron Ct: Received authorization from Ron Swatty to proceed with dedication and met with Survey Concepts to prepare updated plat.
- Public Relations: Lindsey "Letter to the Editor" published; WAGA TV 5 story aired July 19; began distribution of "Constant Contact" email communications including July 2006 newsletter, two Press Releases – Custar and ITS, and one traffic advisory regarding the U.S. 78 GDOT project in DeKalb County; mailed July newsletter; ads in local publications such as Our Town and Snellville Community News; radio story aired w/ Ken Shiver interview
- STWP: No further action pending comments from City of Snellville.
- Britt South IPA: No further action this month
- T.E. Grants: Received MOU from Vince Edwards, Gwinnett Co – pending legal
- Lucerne Community Banners: No further action this month.

### **Potential Projects**

During July, the following potential projects received attention:

- City STWP Projects: pending City review; responded to City request for confirmation of our support for the U.S. 78 / S.R. 124 intersection design
- GRTA / GCT Service: No response to date from Gw. Co.
- LCI Implementation Projects: Highpoint MUR residential permits pending
- Hero Service for U.S. 78: Received presentation from GDOT at June meeting

### **Public Relations**

During July, the Hwy 78 CID received positive PR in the following publications and venues: Atlanta Journal Constitution, Gwinnett Daily Post, Our Town Magazine, WAGA TV 5, WSB Radio, and the Snellville Community News.

Georgia Trend Magazine is also conducting interviews and took photos in our offices in advance of their annual issue featuring Gwinnett County.

### **Economic Development**

Our office fielded a number of calls and we assisted both existing property owners and potential purchasers in acquiring information regarding various projects. I attended the bi-monthly Economic Developers meeting at the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.

The Board authorized \$5,000 in support of the City of Snellville's creation of an Economic Development Manager position at our June meeting.

Updates on several ongoing projects:

### **Swatty Dedication**

As early as April 2004, while planning the Paxton Lane Extension, we became aware that a portion of Jessica Daron Court is privately owned by Mr. Ron Swatty. By mid-2005, with concept plans complete, it was apparent that public access and maintenance of Jessica Daron Court was in the best interest of the CID to aid in completing various road improvements in the area.

Beginning in July 2005, I had a series of meetings with Gwinnett DOT, Planning, and Legal Departments to determine the process necessary for dedication and acceptance of Jessica Daron Court as a county-maintained public street. In August 2005 I contacted Mr. Swatty and in September 2005 I met with Mr. Swatty at his business in Kennesaw.

The result of these meetings was that the County would accept the dedication at no cost, Mr. Swatty would consider the dedication at no cost and contingent on maintaining signage at U.S. 78, and the CID would pay the fees necessary to prepare an updated survey, appraisal, dedication plat, deed, and recording. The Board voiced support for the project during our November 2005 Work Retreat.

On July 17, 2006, Mr. Swatty phoned and provided me the go-ahead to proceed with the dedication. I met on July 19 with Dane Peterson and Bryan Claxton of Survey Concepts, a Hwy 78 CID business, and authorized the firm to prepare the survey, plat, and legal description for the dedication. Once complete, I'll contract with an appraisal firm and then forward all documents to Andrew Mertz, our attorney, to finalize for recording.

Finally, I'll schedule with Gwinnett County for the dedication to be on a Board of Commissioners agenda to finalize the conversion of Jessica Daron Ct to a public street.

### **Removal of Hwy 78 Standpipe**

On August 16, 2005, I met with representatives of the City of Snellville and Gwinnett County Department of Public Utilities to discuss the removal of the standpipe (smaller, brown water tank) on Hwy 78 behind the former Wendy's (now Triangle Rental Car). The CID aided contact with area business owners and supported Gwinnett County and the City of Snellville facilitating the project.

On July 2, 2006, Gwinnett County issued a notice to proceed. The contractor, All Industrial Services, will begin work the week of July 24 and will be complete no later than August 15, 2006. Work will be completed during normal business hours and during weekdays. Gwinnett County will have a resident observer out with the contractor while he is performing work. All access to the property will be from Highway 78 through the Triangle Rental Car property.

**T. E. Grant Project – Yellow River Scenic Trail**

As you know, the Highway 78 CID applied for several Transportation Enhancement (T.E.) grants on September 23, 2005. On January 25, 2006, we received notice from the Georgia Department of Transportation of a \$150,000 award for the Yellow River Scenic Trail Phase 1.

Vince Edwards, Gwinnett County DOT T.E. Coordinator, provided a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for execution by the CID on June 29, 2006 to begin the project.

In discussion with my counterparts at Gwinnett Place and Gwinnett Village CIDs, I have received recommended modifications to the MUR suggested by Lynn Rainey, attorney for the Gwinnett Place CID. At present, I intend to hold the MUR until such time as I am informed whether or not the County accepted the suggested revisions and at that time I will forward the revised MUR to our attorney Andrew Mertz for final review prior to requesting the Board authorize our Chairman to sign.

**T. E. Projects Not Funded**

The other two T.E. grant applications that were not funded by GDOT are the West Park Place Gateway planting and the Pedestrian Bridge crossing at the Yellow River. As is our practice, we seek multiple funding sources for each project. I am pleased to report that the WPP Gateway has been included into the median project as part of the Isakson earmark. We are currently working with GDOT to substitute the PVC sleeving included in the median project for the Pedestrian Bridge. We have also submitted the Pedestrian Bridge to Gwinnett County as a qualifying SPLOST sidewalk project.

**Mowing and Maintenance Agreement**

We have executed the required documents, provided the details of Leach Landscape's maintenance efforts including the additional \$5 million in liability coverage, and received notification from GDOT that our permit is ready for pick up. We must, however, provide a \$3,000 performance bond to GDOT when we obtain the permit and our Treasurer is working to secure that bond.

If there are other projects or issues that you would like a status report on, please ask.