

**EVERMORE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD METING**

**Held at
Stone Mountain Tennis Center
5525 Bermuda Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30087
On
February 24, 2010**

Attendees

Forrest Adair, Dwight Harrison, Don Robison, Kenny King, Emory Morsberger, Tommy Carraway, Gary Custar

Officer

Bill Gower – Secretary-Treasurer

Staff

Jim Brooks, Executive Director
Amanda Soesbe, Recording Secretary

Board Counsel

J. Lynn Rainey, P.C.

Call to Order

Chairman Adair called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. He thanked everyone present for their interest and support of the CID, the Stone Mountain Memorial Association for the meeting and office facility and the smooth move, GCVB for refreshments, and introduced visitors and guests.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Mr. King made a motion to amend the Agenda to include discussion of a budget item for unexpected landscape expenses, added as Action Item "D", seconded by Mr. Morsberger. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Brooks on behalf of Mr. Norton, made a request that a motion be made to amend the Agenda to postpone the Approval of the By-Laws. Motion was made by Mr. Custar and seconded by Mr. Robison. After discussion, the motion failed 5-2 with Mr. Custar and Mr. Robison in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morsberger made a motion the Minutes of January 27, 2010 be approved which was seconded by Mr. Harrison. The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Items

(a) Mr. Gower, Treasurer, presented the Board with the recommendation of Smith & Howard as External Auditor for 2009-2011. Mr. Rainey suggested that a contract be provided with termination privileges. Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve a contract subject to review of Board Counsel. Seconded by Mr. King. The motion was approved unanimously.

(b) Mr. Rainey presented the Board with the Election Schedule for the open Board Positions (Posts 1 & 4) and Millage Vote. Mr. Morsberger made a motion to call for a Caucus of Electors for April 28, seconded by Mr. Harrison. The motion was approved unanimously.

(c) Mr. Harrison discussed historic issues that have surrounded the By-Laws. He then provided reasoning made by legal counsel Brock & Clay for the need for approval. At this time it was discovered that although the proposed By-Laws for consideration had been previously distributed to the Board, the document for review in the Board binders was a previous version. To avoid confusion, a motion was then made to table the discussion by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Morsberger until photocopies of the By-Laws recommended by Brock & Clay could be furnished. The motion to table carried unanimously. Later in the meeting, after photocopies of the By-Laws recommended by Brock & Clay had been distributed, Mr. Harrison made a motion to take the Agenda item from the table, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0. After much discussion and at the recommendation of Mr. Robison, the Board agreed to make one change in Brock & Clay's draft, Article III, Section 2 (A), to insert between "at such place" and "as may from time to time", the words "in Gwinnett County, Georgia or DeKalb County, Georgia,". Motion to approve the By-Laws with the change just noted was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Morsberger. Motion was approved 6-1 with Mr. Custar opposed.

(d) Mr. Gower asked for an amendment to the 2010 approved budget item 7215, that to cover the unexpected expense of crib walls. This expenditure will increase the budget line item from \$3,000 to \$24,400. Mr. King made a motion to amend the current 2010 budget item 7215/Landscaping Infrastructure Maintenance to \$24,400. Seconded by Mr. Morsberger. Motion to amend was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

(e) Mr. Brooks presented several opportunities for Evermore to host special events. Events will be commensurate with the completion of the median/landscaping on Highway 78 (March 15th), and the opening of Evermore Offices at the Tennis Center. A future event for consideration will also be the Gwinnett "Button Bash" event. Mr. Brooks requested the Board provide direction on how best to proceed. Mr. Adair recommended that this be a task of the Economic Development Committee, and any Board Member who wishes to participate. After a short discussion, Mr. King agreed to investigate, plan, and report back to the Board.

(e) **Chairman's Remarks.**

Mr. Adair spoke about Engage Gwinnett and the final Open Meeting for County residents. He encouraged all to attend.

(f) **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Gower directed the Board to the reports included in the binders, including Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Profit and Loss Budget Performance, List of Checks Issued, and Bank Statement with Cancelled Checks. Beginning balance as of January 1, 2010 was \$746,274.84 with deposits of \$10,466.41. Checks cleared totaling \$90,506.77 providing an ending balance of \$66,234.48 in the General Operating Account. There was approximately \$10,700 in checks not cleared leaving an ending balance of \$666,516. SPLOST funds in January were \$114,238.97, with one check written leaving a balance of \$103,991.38. Total balances equaled \$2,152,856.19.

(g) **Economic Development Report**

Mr. Stedman was attending the National Association of Regional Conferences in Washington, DC, and was not present at the meeting. Mr. Brooks presented the written Economic Development report. Mr. Brooks outlined the recent ARC LCI grant awarded to Evermore, and the resulting positive press coverage. Recent inquiries into the corridor have been very encouraging, and Evermore has participated in a number of opportunities to showcase the corridor and provide information to retailers and site locators. He also spoke about SB1619, and the availability of funds that this bill will provide in 2011, if passed. Mr. Brooks went on to note several deliverables provided in the Board books.

(h) **Board Member Remarks**

Mssrs. Robison, Carraway, Morsberger, Harrison, and King presented their remarks.

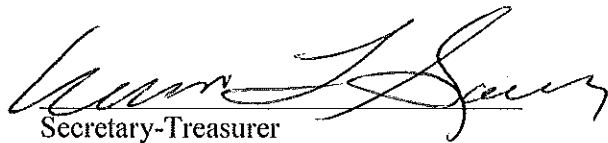
(i) **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Brooks presented his written report. Of the items outlined, the Stadium is foremost and has gained attention from our Congressional Leadership, County Government, and others who have recognized this revitalization opportunity. As we move forward, we are working on a number of other projects. Walton Court is moving through the GDOT process, and the first public hearing will be in June/July 2010. The McGee-Cambridge realignment is also nearing completion, and a copy of the County Supplemental agreement is included in the Board book. Meetings to determine costing for the Yellow Rive Pedestrian bridge have been positive, and yielded results. A spreadsheet containing values for ITS and Landscaping projects on the corridor, provided for questions from the Board members. Mr. King asked that the Evermore Staff be allowed to investigate the variation in these numbers. Chairman Adair agreed and asked that this be provided to the Board once complete.

Adjournment

By acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on March 24 at 2:30 PM at the Stone Mountain Tennis Center, 5525 Bermuda Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087.

Approved by the Board this 24 day of March, 2010.


Secretary-Treasurer