

- A \$200,000 grant has been made available for all Gwinnett County CIDs by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners. The deadline for application is May 1. Funds must be used for revitalization efforts that will match and or leverage other grants. Staff is completing the forms.
 - Staff recommended that the Commerce Avenue Gateway Park/Plaza Project be submitted. Board agreed with staff recommendation.
- Staff has made contact with Vice President David Sims to express the CID's concern that the parking area at the vacant SunTrust location is not secure. Per Mr. Sims, the location will be sold in April. SunTrust is sending personnel to clean area and better secure grounds.
- Staff met with County staff to mark out the exact location of the sidewalk project along Venture Parkway and up Market Street. Project should be completed by early May. The cost is estimated at \$55,000.
- Staff met with Grant Guess, Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, to review options associated with keeping this initiative moving forward. The CID received two concept/engineering plans from the Department of Public Utilities. Based on initial conversations, CID needs to develop a green space/park plan to submit to county. Discussions will continue.
- Executive Director has spent much of the first weeks meeting with individuals/organizations that will help CID secure future funding and facilitate project completion (ARC, State delegation, County Commissioners,)
- Staff working to schedule a Goal Setting Session with the Board at the June meeting.
- Staff will submit a reconciled budget to be reviewed and approved at the June Board meeting.
- The annual election for Posts 1 &4 will be held in advance of the May 10 Board meeting. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wisdom have expressed a desire to be re-elected.

Attorney's Remarks

At Mr. Rainey's request, Mr. Mark Williams motioned to adopt a tax millage rate of 5 mills for the 2006 County Tax Digest, seconded by Mr. Wisdom and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Marsha Bomar Anderson, Street Smarts, expressed her delight in having the CID staff residing at the Street Smarts office during 2005 and 2006.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 10, 2006 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Gwinnett Place Marriott , Centennial Ballroom, Salon "A". The first order of business will be elections for Post 1 & 4 beginning at 9 a.m. Voter registration will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a. m.

Adjournment

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Approved by the Board this

_____ day of _____, 2006.

Secretary

approval. Katie plans to have the full design completed for presentation at the May Board meeting along with the Satellite Blvd. Streetscape Master Plan.

Landscape Plan – I-85 ramp areas @ Steve Reynolds Blvd. and Pleasant Hill Road

Mr. Blake Manton recommended that work begin as soon as practical to develop a landscape plan for the Steve Reynolds interchange. Ideally, this project should be reviewed and approved by GDOT and installation completed this coming fall. Mr. Wheeler requested that a proposal be prepared for review at the May Board meeting. Mr. Wheeler also requested that Blake schedule all ROW mowing to be done on Wednesday/Thursday.

Annual Audit

Mr. Wisdom motioned to have the CID's annual audit conducted by S&H for a cost not to exceed \$7,000, seconded by Mr. Wiener and unanimously approved.

CID Office

M. Allen reported that work is on schedule to complete the new office. The additional build-out cost of \$19K was not included in the 2006 budget. Mr. Wheeler requested Mr. Wiener to review the lease to verify the need for the added cost.

Board & Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report

The **Checking Account**, as reflected in the March online transaction report, had a 3/1/06 beginning balance of \$3,779.56, a 3/31/06 ending month balance of \$16,661.46 and a current (General Ledger) balance of \$353.16.

The **Money Market** account had a 3/1/06 beginning balance of \$32,651.68, a 3/31/06 ending balance of \$1,136.47 and a current (General Ledger) balance of \$1,880.24.

The **Georgia Fund 1** account had a 3/1/06 beginning balance of \$646,294.14 and a 3/31/06 ending balance of \$648,814.83.

Combined totals for all three accounts are:

Beginning Balance = \$682,725.38 (3/1/06)
Ending Balance = \$666,612.76 (3/31/06)
Ledger Balance = \$651,048.23

Mr. Rolston moved to approve the Treasurer's report and ratify March expenditures, seconded by Mr. Mark Williams and unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Remarks

- Joe Allen shared the staff's CID expansion plans that will take a prioritized/tiered approach to adding new parcels to the CID. The campaign will begin May 1 and last until October 1.
 - Priority 1: Fill in "holes" in current configuration and capture parcels on northern side of Satellite Blvd.
 - Priority 2: Set southern boundaries
 - Priority 3: Expand to Club Drive
 - Priority 4: As time allows, these parcels will complete the District.

**GWINNETT PLACE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Comfort Suites, Shackelford Rd.
April 12, 2006**

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members: Tom Wheeler Leo Wiener Glenn Wisdom
Mark Williams Scott Rolston

Staff: Joe Allen Dave Rosselle Lynn Rainey

Guests: Keith Hogsed, Street Smarts
Steve Bitney, Street Smarts
Marsha Bomar Anderson, Street Smarts
Katie Blankenstein, Jon Benson & Associates
Blake Manton, Imagescapes, Inc.

Call to Order

Mr. Tom Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Action Items

Meeting Minutes Approval

Mr. Mark Williams motioned to approve the March 8, 2006 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Rolston and unanimously approved.

Transportation Study

Mr. Keith Hogsed, Street Smarts, provided an update on progress in completing the District Transportation Study. A final report will be presented at the May Board meeting. Mr. Wheeler emphasized that the major role of the CID was to solve the problem of heavy traffic congestion and that the purpose of the Study was to identify key transportation issues that the CID would focus its efforts.

Steve Bitney, Street Smarts, discussed his progress on the feasibility study for a southbound I-85 slip ramp. Conceptual plans to locate the slip ramp in the vicinity of the GA Power ROW are not viable because the outside C/D lane is exclusively for traffic from SR316 and does not include I-85 traffic. Mr. Mark Williams motioned for Street Smarts to pursue investigating the viability of a slip ramp design that would be acceptable to GDOT and FHWA not to exceed a cost of \$12K, seconded by Mr. Rolston and unanimously approved.

Branding

Mr. Allen provided an overview of the branding team meeting to discuss the proposal by Todd Vaught, Sky Designs. Following Mr. Allen's recommendation to adopt the proposed design, Mr. Mark Williams motioned to adopt the design standards, seconded by Mr. Rolston and unanimously approved.

Commerce Ave. Gateway Park & Satellite Blvd. Streetscape Master Plan

Katie Blankenstein, JB+a, provided an overview of the proposed park and monument design. The next step will be to present to Gwinnett County DOT for their review and