

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SNELLVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006

Present: Cecil Sellers, Nelson Williams, Dan LeClair, Brett Harrell, and Jimmy Norton. Also present: Ray Mokhberi, Planning Commissioner, Fountain Square; Warren Auld, candidate for City Council; and David Foster, Planning Commissioner, President of the Nob Hill HOA.

Absent: Mayor Jerry Oberholtzer

Vacant: Mr. Roy Wendt previously resigned from the DDA and his Post remains vacant at present.

Chairman Norton called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

Mr. Norton confirmed a quorum was present and that all members had received and reviewed the minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting. Without objection, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

Banner Program – Messrs. Sellers and Norton updated the Board on the banner project. Mr. Sellers informed the Board that the banners requiring relocation (numbering 52) had been removed and were reinstalled on Henry Clower Blvd, Wisteria, Oak, and Lenora Church. Board Members discussed the possibility of continuing the program, potential modifications, and timing should Council authorize a second year. The Board received an updated listing of DDA banners sold, quantities, funds received, and funds outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Harrell presented the Treasurer's Report indicating the DDA had a beginning balance on 3-31-2006 at the Gwinnett Community Bank of \$94,463.66 and an ending balance on 4-28-2006 at GCB of \$0.00 in checking and \$31,238.60 and \$.000 in a CD respectively. The DDA established new accounts at The Community Bank and had an ending balance on 4-28-2006 in checking in the amount of \$25,719.72 and two CDs in the amount of \$50,000.00 each. The total of all DDA accounts as of 4-28-2006 is \$125,719.72. There were two pending disbursements during the period related to the banner program totaling \$2,000.00. Deposits during the period included interest of \$17.46.

Request for boundary expansion to include Fountain Square – Mr. Norton and Mr. Ray Mokhberi, owner of Fountain Square Business Center, informed the Board that Council unanimously approved the requested modification of the DDA boundaries. Mr. Mokhberi also confirmed, during discussion, that he had reached an agreement, in principle, regarding inter-parcel access with Mr. Martin Goldstein, the purchaser of the old P.D. property.

Potential Sewer Project – Mr. Norton informed the Board that the preliminary investigation of the potential sewer expansion project in the area of Henry Clower Blvd and S.R. 124 proved worth continuing and indicated that Mayor Oberholtzer hoped to be able to provide additional details at next months meeting.

Proposed City of Snellville Vacant Building Registration Ordinance – Mr. Norton confirmed receipt of the draft letter from the DDA to Council regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Sellers, after careful consideration over the course of the past month, joins other Board Members voicing concerns on the proposed registration ordinance. After further Board Member discussion, Mr. Williams motioned to authorize the Chairman to send a letter in opposition to the proposed ordinance requiring the registration of vacant buildings, seconded by Mr. LeClair and unanimously approved. Mr. Harrell delivered the signed letter to the City of Snellville Planning Department immediately after the conclusion of the DDA Board Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting: June 1, 2006, 3:30 pm, Snellville City Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Harrell informed the Board of a pending request by the City of Snellville to assist in funding an Economic Development Manager position and suggested Board Members give consideration in preparation for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Foster suggested that banner advertisers be provided an active link to their business websites from the DDA website as an additional benefit to the program. Mr. Foster further suggested merit to the proposed sewer expansion project as a means to attract future development.

Chairman Norton entertained a motion to adjourn by Mr. Sellers; unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Harrell, Authority Secretary