

**MEETING MINUTES
CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Thursday, February 22, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tad Leithead
John Shern
Connie Engel
Barry Teague
Bob Voyles (Arrived during meeting)
Mason Zimmerman

LEGAL COUNSEL

Lynn Rainey

COBB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Rasha Al Rawi
Melissa Crook
Kyethea Clark
Nelson Geter
Noelle Lloyd
Sharon Mason
Roxanne Plummer
Mike Winters

COBB COUNTY

Jim Wilgus
Karyn Matthews

JACOBS

Alex Chung
Vinay Uchil

OTHERS PRESENT

William Zeh Herbig, Kimley-Horn
Amanda Phair, Cobb Travel & Tourism
Tracy Hulse, Cobb County
Vance Smith, Pond & Co.
Heidi Dasinger, Marietta Power
Jay Ashtiani, United Consulting
Chris Kingsbury, Moreland Altobelli
Emmett Pollard, EPPS Helps
Jon Gargis, MDJ

The February meeting of the Cumberland Community Improvement District Board was called to order at 7:32 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, 240 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta, Cobb County, Georgia, pursuant to legal notice. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1. Minutes: Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the January 25, 2018 Minutes of the CID Board. Mr. Shern seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
2. Approval of Financial Statement: After making the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Teague made a motion to approve the January Financial Reports (Exhibit A). Ms. Engel seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Mr. Teague made a motion to approve the invoices and cash disbursements (Exhibit B). Ms. Engel seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: BIG PICTURE

{Bob Voyles joined the meeting at this point.}

Chairman Leithead stated there are two pieces of transit legislation - SB 386, sponsored by Senator Brandon Beach, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and HB 930, sponsored by Kevin Tanner, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee. Both bills call for transit potentially in Cobb, but different in terms of the funding mechanism. Transit is a high priority for the CCID. Chairman Leithead reported that out of the Cobb EDGE's Strategic Report that 45% of the economic development opportunities that this community encounters rules Cobb County out due to lack of transit.

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Tomorrow the CCID is sponsoring a luncheon for GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry at the Galleria. Board members were invited to attend.

A. Operations (Requests)

1. Akers Mill Ramp (\$50,000): Kyethea Clark, Director of Operations, reported to remain on schedule, GDOT needs a financial commitment from the CCID to begin reviewing the plans for Akers Mill Ramp Ph. 2. This will get GDOT started on the review process, understanding that additional funds may be required. Mr. Voyles made a motion to approve \$50K (reallocation) to GDOT for the plan review process for Akers Mill Ramp Ph. 2. Mr. Shern seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
2. Cumberland Blvd West/Mall (\$232,098): Ms. Clark reported there is an opportunity to upgrade/install a total of 10 decorative black powder coated mast arm poles which would be at an additional cost to the CCID. This would include 3 intersections (Cumberland Pkwy, Mall entrance, and Akers Mill/Stillhouse),
 - a. The upgrade cost presented was \$232,098, going from galvanized to decorative.
 - b. As part of the existing construction plans, Cobb County will be installing galvanized poles at the 3 intersections at no additional cost to the CCID.
 - c. There is a 12-14 week lead time to get materials in. Last year the Board communicated that decorative fixtures/CCID standards should be prioritized within the core of the district. The core was defined as Cumberland Blvd. and the area inside that radius.

Board member Voyles stated the CCID has done a great job in establishing the area and should continue the process.

Mr. Teague made a motion to approve \$232,098 to Cobb County to install 10 decorative black powder coated mast arms at 3 intersections within project limits. Mr. Voyles seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

3. GDOT I-75 & I-285 Interchange Clean-up (\$32,000): Ms. Clark reported that at last month's Board meeting, Board members were interested in hiring (at cost to the CCID) a landscape architect and arborist, Winter Design, to aid GDOT on the vegetation removal and vegetation clean-up project along I-75. Board members requested to have the landscape architect/arborist develop a tree removal plan and oversee GDOT contractors on the clean-up effort to insure that the CCID's interest and vision are represented and implemented. The I-75 and I-285 Interchange project has been organized into 19 zones, which is approximately 100 acres. This clean-up effort is on the southern end. This request is a not to exceed amount of \$32K. GDOT continues working to get the Managed Lane corridor "ribbon cutting ready." GDOT Maintenance Dept. is preparing to clean-up the Managed Lane corridor starting in the CCID (I-75 & I-285 Interchange) at no additional cost to the CCID. The Managed Lane project is scheduled to be complete summer 2018, and GDOT maintenance clean-up anticipates completion late summer/fall 2018. Mr. Voyles made a motion to approve \$32K to Winter Design to aid GDOT on the vegetation removal and clean-up along I-75 and I-285. Mr. Teague seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
4. Cobb Pkwy Enhancements Jacobs Contract Extension (\$15,000): Ms. Clark requested to extend Jacobs' contract on this project, needing an additional \$15K commitment to complete the remaining tasks on the overall project. The construction management required more involvement and construction oversight than initially anticipated. Originally the project planned for corner enhancements which were upgraded to decorative plazas that were more decorative and structurally involved. The increased construction oversight of the plaza work proved to be more than Jacobs initial estimated budget and man-hours initially allocated for construction management and

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oversight. Remaining are the wall panels, Cumberland Blvd plaza landscaping, and Riverwood plaza construction and landscaping. Anticipate completion is June 2018. Mr. Voyles made a motion to approve \$15,000 to Jacobs for Cobb Pkwy enhancements. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

B. Communications & Outreach Activities: Noelle Lloyd, Communications & Outreach Manager, reported:

- Presented the CCID's 2017 Annual Report
- CCID website – maintaining 1500-2000 sessions per month
- Social media – 1500 new followers over the last year
- The CCID will be supporting the Chamber's Cumberland Area Council. Chairman Leithead will be giving sponsor remarks at this luncheon.

COBB COUNTY ISSUES & UPDATES

Jim Wilgus, Cobb DOT Director, reported there will be a transit town hall meeting in Smyrna on Monday night at Brawner Hall. Then on Tuesday at the Board of Commissioners meeting, there will be a public hearing for the circulator.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sharon Mason, President & CEO of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, stated she is excited to be working with the CCID. The CCID over the last 30 years has created an environment that has led to a tremendous amount of economic development success. Mrs. Mason went on to thank the CCID for its investment in the Chamber and Cobb's EDGE. Over the last five years, Cobb's EDGE has created more than 22K jobs (over 10K were in the CCID). Cobb's EDGE will continue to work on projects and advancing a thriving economy. The Chamber just completed its Strategic Planning process for both Cobb EDGE and the Chamber. A couple of needs that came out of the plan were: 1) advocating more for increased mobility, and 2) the Chamber building needs to be enhanced.

Chairman Leithead made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel and to discuss a lease. Ms. Engel seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. At the conclusion of the discussion, upon the motion of Ms. Engel, seconded by Mr. Shern, the Board unanimously (5-0; Mr. Voyles had already exited the meeting) agreed to return to open session.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for the same location on March 29, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Approved by the Board this _____ day of

_____, 2018

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