

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GA
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
June 17, 2014
Suwanee City Hall

Attending

DDA members: James Davenport, Dax Flinn, Beth Hilscher, Kevin O'Brien, Rob Rohloff, Randy Winfield

Staff: Adam Edge, Mayor Jimmy Burnette

Call to Order

Beth Hilscher called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Randy Winfield moved to adopt the agenda (Dax Flinn 2nd). *Motion approved 6-0.*

Approval of Minutes

Beth Hilscher moved to approve the May, 20, 2014 minutes (Randy Winfield 2nd).
Motion approved 6-0.

Historic Marker Project

Adam Edge presented a proposal for signage in the recently recognized National Historic Registry District. He requested the DDA take action on this proposal as it included a suggestion that the DDA fully fund the installation and fabrication of historic markers. He explained the idea of the project is to place markers at properties given "contributing structure" status. He went on to discuss the fact that these properties were outlined in the application the Historic Preservation Division, at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, prepared on behalf of the City of Suwanee for submission to the United States Department of the Interior. This application was approved by both States' National Register Review Board and the National Park Service which ensured contributing properties, and the district as a whole, were recognized by both the State and National Government.

In addition, Adam included the purpose of this project was to further enhance the sense of place that exists in Old Town Suwanee. Edge included this project would bring increased notoriety to the rich architectural and cultural history in the newly minted Suwanee National Historic Registry District.

Following a healthy discussion of the details of the project such as historic marker maintenance and upkeep, project coordination, and marker installation, Dax Flinn made a motion for approval (James Davenport 2nd) and the board voted 6-0 to approve funding for this project.

Small Business Essentials Panel

Adam Edge announced to the DDA the City of Suwanee is working in partnership with the Small Business Resources group within the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce to provide a Small Business Essentials Panel. This will be held on August 18th, 2014 from 2:30-5 p.m. in the Suwanee City Council Chamber at City Hall. Adam informed the DDA that this panel will include members from SCORE, the Small Business Development Center, Minority Assistance Programs, City of Suwanee, and Gwinnett County. Adam defined the purpose of the panel to be an introduction of recently opened small businesses in Suwanee

to the many resources available to them within Gwinnett County. In addition, Adam stated this panel will serve as an entrée to the services provided at each entity such as business and marketing plans, financial and lending assistance, and networking and growth opportunities.

Downtown Brochure

Adam presented the final version of the Downtown Brochure to the DDA Board. He also informed the board that this piece was mailed to nearly 28,000 residences within and around the City of Suwanee.

Other

Pierces Corner

Adam informed the board that Deming LLC is in the process of getting construction plans drawn up for the project. He noted this was a major step for the project as further progress on this project is dependent on those plans.

Buford Highway Project

Adam spoke to the board about a presentation made by URS Corporation to the Suwanee City Council at the Workshop on June 12, 2014. He displayed project renderings created by URS of this transcendent project and a timeline for the same. In addition, he, Beth Hilscher and Jimmy Burnette spoke to the positive momentum a project such as this could create for future development along the Buford Highway corridor to McGinnis Ferry Road.

Adjournment

Randy Winfield moved to adjourn the meeting (Dax Flinn 2nd). *Motion approved 6-0.* Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.