



Executive Director's Report

November 14, 2018

The elections are over, well almost. We do have a new Commissioner for a portion of the CID. Commissioner Elect Ben Ku will replace outgoing Commissioner Lynette Howard. Commissioner Elect Ku has been extensively engaged in the Gwinnett County activities for a few years, and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award for Most Volunteered Hours in 2017. We have reached out to Mr. Ku in an effort to demonstrate the activities of the Corridor. The County will also see Commissioner Elect Marlene Fosque replace Commissioner John Heard. As of this writing, there are a number of races that have not been decided or are in a run off schedule for December 4, 2018.

Our office continuously sees a growing interest in new facilities and businesses in the corridor. We are currently working with Stone Mountain Toyota as they eye a new facility in the corridor, while maintaining their current location as a previously-owned vehicle facility. There is an ongoing effort to locate a large retailer in the corridor. While the CID has only a few sites with the required acreage, we still have several sites available.

The CID also has two different developers looking at sites in the corridor to locate two hotels. While this process will be a lengthy one, we are encouraged by their collective interest in the sites.

Project Rocket continues to advance with an amended DRI. This meeting and update was held on November 2nd. The discussion and amendment focused on rerouting traffic and its related traffic patterns. The amended plan is currently under review by GRTA, SRTA and ARC.

Collector Road Phase II Evermore North Blvd. (Britt-Highpoint-Walton Realignment):

Progress continues on the construction site. All curb and gutter has been installed. The housing development has all infrastructure in place. Construction of the first 48 units is expected within the next several months.

The CID has been asked to name the roundabout in memory of Jamie Britt. There will be a formal request made to the Board of the CID and related Resolution provided.

Collector Road Phase III Evermore North Blvd. (Hewatt-Parkwood-Britt):

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Great news, the actual approval from GDOT for ROW has been received. The property acquisition and offers have begun to work through the process. This process has been long and difficult, due to the many changes that must take place, in order for the project to move forward. While the project is taking longer than expected, the end result will be a much more efficient and effective use of the roadway and related ROW. With the addition of storm water management and sanitary sewer, the project will have a positive impact on both residents and businesses.

General Comments:

The Draft 2019 Budget will be presented to the Board for review. The comments received will be factored into the final budget document for consideration at the December 19th Board Meeting. The budget will feature a few recommendations that have not been considered in prior years. One primary change will be the addition of 10 cameras with LPR (License Plate Reader) capability. These cameras will interface with the County's Real Crime Data Center which is expected to be live by the 2nd Quarter of 2019. Meanwhile, the information will be available for viewing via a "drop" at the CID Office and at the South Precinct for Gwinnett PD.

The Community effort of involvement for **Red, Blue, and You** will be held on November 15th at the Buford Arena at 11:30 am. All first responders are invited to the event, and equally as important, the community is invited to show their support for the first responders. All Board Members, including their family and friends, are encouraged to attend. More information about this event can be found at: <http://www.redblueyou.org/>

The MARS event was held on October 25th. More than 300 people attended the event, which shed light onto several economic redevelopment projects across the Metro Atlanta region. The presentations gave insight into current economic development patterns through the perspectives of local developers and engineers. There were several influential keynote speakers: Taiwo Jaiyeoba, the Director of Planning in the City of Charlotte, NC, and Tom Murphy, former 3 term Mayor of Pittsburgh, PA, just to name a few. As a result of this meeting, the CID has received a number of calls related to development within the corridor. At each of these events, we receive contacts, with some of them from previous events continuing to work through their process.

The Executive Director of Evermore CID will represent all Gwinnett County CIDs on the Board of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce. A Chamber retreat was held on November 4-5 to discuss the future of the Chamber and its programs. Improvements to the Physical Plant will be a priority in the coming year. A complete renovation of the 1818 Club is also slated for this year.

On November 7th, I was invited to see the Lilburn trail improvements. Kim Conroy (former GwDOT Director) showed the use of the precast concrete pathway. Nearly all of the wooden bridges have been replaced with the precast product. As the CID looks to the future of the Gwinnett Trail plans, we should consider supporting the idea of concrete and

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precast concrete. While this approach will initially be more expensive, in the long run, the CID and County will recognize a significant savings.

On November 14th we will meet with Gwinnett Planning and Development to discuss a housing development on a 7.8 acre parcel located on West Park Place. This development will be similar to those developments in Charlotte, North Carolina.