

Executive Director's Report

May 28, 2025

In the April Caucus of Electors, the Board Members were voted in unanimously. We welcome back Ron Harrison and new Board Member, Larry Ebert. Ron Harrison was once again elected to serve as the Vice Chairman of the CID in the subsequent regular board meeting.

Mr. Ebert currently serves as the CEO of Piedmont Eastside Hospital. In his current capacity, the hospital has seen significant improvement in Patient Services as well as the physical plant of the hospital.

We were sad to see that Diann Baker made a decision not to seek reelection. Diann served for more than 6 years. We wish her the best as she prepares for retirement later this year. She was presented gift by Chairman Garner as a token of appreciation for her service and commitment to the CID.

The CID continues to work with the Parks Department for Gwinnett County. Currently, Gwinnett County staff are evaluating the submissions from both submitters. Once that is completed, the next steps will be determined. (We are meeting with Commission Ben Ku on May 29th to request his support for the Park Project.)

If the park is approved by Gwinnett County, the County and the CID will work in concert to develop the full potential for the park. To that end, we would hope that the location could be an anticipated Trailhead for the County's trail system on the southern end of the county.

<u>Collector Road Phase III Evermore North Blvd. (Hewatt-Parkwood-Britt):</u> <u>Project PI0007535/F-8031/F-1287-19 M-0907-01</u>

Good Progress is being made on this portion of the parallel road. Last Thursday I was able to enter the project from Britt Dr and continue through Parkwood and ended at Hewatt Road. At some point, depending on traffic, we may need to add a Roundabout at Britt and Evermore North Blvd.

The actual construction and installation of facilities along the ROW continues and advances at a good pace. The total completion is scheduled for late October or early November if the current weather pattern does not cause any delays.

<u>Collector Road Phase IV Evermore North Blvd. (Hewatt-McDaniels Bridge-Killian Hill-Ross)</u>

After a recent discussion with Lewis Cooksey, Director of GwDOT, ROW negotiations have begun for this project. While initially thought to phase the project in two sections with the first one starting at the new roundabout at Killian Hill to Hewatt, after numerous discussions, the prevailing idea is to start at Ross to Paxton then onto the intersection at Killian Hill where the roundabout will be located.

General Comments:

We continue to work alongside of the property owners on Easy St. In a recent court case against the business owner, brought by Gwinnett County Codes Enforcement Officers, the Court granted a continuance for the violations of the Codes of Gwinnett County. This case has been continued until June 10th at 8:30AM in Courtroom 2A.



After an assessment by GwDOT, double sided "NO PARKING signs have been installed every 50 feet along both sides of Easy Street. The coordination of enforcement has now fallen to the police department in conjunction with Codes Enforcement. The issue with the improperly licensed used car dealer has created quite an issue on "EASY STREET".

In late April, staff participated in the Chamber of Commerce's DC FLY-IN. This event focused on the economic and tariffs. The group had an opportunity to hear from all representatives of Gwinnett County, both in the House and Senate. The striking differences

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between the Democratic and Republic members were without a doubt the most important and interesting takeaways from the day on the Hill.

On May 6th the CID hosted Mayor Johnny Crist, city of Lilburn. We provided him with an overview of the CID and its major projects. He demonstrated a strong interest in the parallel road projects and the number of apartments being built or planned for the CID.

The 5 CIDs met with Chairwoman Nicole Love-Hendrickson to discuss issues with projects and zoning matters. There has generally been an issue with responses to CID requests and other a number of other issues. However, she has taken that message back to the County and we will meet again in August to discuss any progress that has been made as a result of the May meeting.

The CID continues to work with Partnership Gwinnett as it prepares for the next Peer Tour. The Tour this year will be located in the Metro Charleston area. The primary focus will be the adapted mixed-use development of the Naval Shipyard property and the North Charleston redevelopment projects.

We continue to receive a number of requests for information about property availability within the CID for different housing developers. With the recent requests we anticipate an additional 1000 units within the district. These units are within the existing footprint of the CID and do not include units adjacent to, but not in the existing footprint.

CID representative had an opportunity to meet with Chief JD McClure of the Gwinnett Police Department. In the discussion we discussed crime and other issues impacting the department and the community. Retention continues to be a challenge for the department, while enjoying a declining crime rate despite the increase in population.