



CID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Member Tara Graves – District 1
Renee Cail – Member
Greg Wright – Member
Malaika Wells – Member

Councilman Rob Turner – District 2
Cornell McBride – Member
Michael McClinton – Member
Jonathan Bartlett – Ex Officio
Christopher Sanders – Ex Officio

CID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING

March 30, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Access: [Stonecrest YouTube Live Channel](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER – Jonathan Bartlett, Economic Development Director

Member Bartlett called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Member Bartlett called the roll: All members present, except Member McBride and Member McClinton. A representative of the city attorney's office, Alicia Thompson, also attended. There was a quorum.

III. AGENDA

a. Public Comments

There were no public comments

b. Review Committee Objectives

Member Bartlett stated that because there were new members and the committee hadn't met for a while, he wanted to start with general overview of CIDs and state the objectives of this committee via PowerPoint presentation. Member Bartlett stressed that the community must understand that this committee is not itself a CID. The City of Stonecrest does not run a CID but rather this committee was enabled to study the opportunities for CID's and engage with an existing CID that we have here in the city. The CIDs main purposes to attract funding, investment, and CID formation is a deliberative process between the private sector and local government. He went on to

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review what CIDs are allowed to engage in, key points East Metro Dekalb CID, and other committee objectives. All of which can be viewed in detail at the YouTube link above.

c. Election of Chair

Council Member Graves was nominated by Council Member Turner to serve as Chair of the CID Committee. Council member Graves commented that she would like more time to consider the nomination.

Motion: Member Wright made a motion to defer the election of a chair until the next meeting. Council Member Graves seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. Adjustments to the East Metro CID Cooperation Agreement and Resolution – Alicia Thompson, City Attorney’s Office

Member Bartlett began by stating that last year the committee began formalizing a cooperation agreement with the East Metro CID. The committee and Council did approve that agreement and Executive Director Christopher Sanders did request a small change to that agreement regarding notification of meetings and minutes to the City of Stonecrest. Several questions were brought up by new members due to lack of familiarity with the referenced documents for this agenda item. Member Turner requested that Member Bartlett circulate the agreement and resolution to all members.

Motion: Member Wright made a motion to have the next meeting two weeks from 3/30/2022. Member Cail seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Member Wright moved to have any discussion of adjustments to the resolution or agreement deferred to the next meeting in two weeks to have everyone review the notes. Member Cail seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

e. Update on East Metro CID Board Engagement and Activities - Council Member Cornell McBride and Attorney, Christopher Sanders, Executive Director, East Metro CID

Member Sanders opened by addressing an earlier question referencing docking powers and explained that the Georgia Assembly Act applies to CIDs near lakes and bodies of water. The City of Stonecrest is inland and docking powers will not apply.

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Roughly about \$15,000 a year has been invested in the City of Stonecrest area for landscaping. That does not include the actual beautification projects that have been done to create the median that's on Turner Hill, but instead involves bi-weekly tasks such as, inputting new mulch, trash pickup, and trimming bushes, etc. Mulch is also put out twice a year.

A program was also discontinued that funded police patrols of the Panola Rd. area for the purpose of disgraced individuals and the subjects soliciting and selling items on the side of the road. The first initial camera program in the Turner Hill area was put in place in 2020 and six different cameras were placed. Statistics at the end of 2021 showed DeKalb County police were able to recover 20 vehicles based on our plot cameras that had a total vehicular value of over \$356,000 recovered just by our quad cameras alone. This year the program is expecting to expand to the Stonecrest area, by way of Panola Road and another nine to ten cameras along the Panola Road corridor to continue growing our footprint that includes Memorial Drive.

Member Turner asked what area of Panola Rd. the cameras will be located. Member Sanders states that they will be in the area around Panola Rd. and Covington Hwy., extending up to around Panola Rd. and Fairington Rd.

Member Sanders confirmed that the board does not let anyone know exactly where the cameras will be located but will notify the district that they are being installed. A vote for the money to be allocated to that project will take place with the board of East Metro Dekalb CID. None of which come from the City of Stonecrest.

Regarding Member Wells' inquiry as to how the collaboration between East Metro CID and the City of Stonecrest is going and how many commercial and industrial property owners in Stonecrest are members of the East Metro CID, Mr. Sanders noted the relationship is evolving. The first real infusion of capital in Stonecrest was the beautification with the Turner Hill Project. Turner Hill Rd., Evans Mill, and Panola Rd. are the only areas within the City of Stonecrest that will be the focus of the East Metro CID. There were also some changes to our board with new members. Along with Member McBride, the board also has Danny Gibson Irvin for Kaiser Permanente and Chairman Fred Daniels for Citizen Trust Bank.

Member Bartlett advises that the City's focus is on maximizing the benefit that the community gets out of the CID being present in Stonecrest.

Member Cail asked Member Sanders if he had any foresight for the residential areas of the City of Stonecrest. Member Sanders responds by reiterating that he is unable to speak to anything residential as he only advocates for commercial and industrial. Member

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Sanders will also forward GIS maps to members for review of CID boundaries in Georgia.

Member Wells inquired about other CIDs existing in Dekalb County. Member Sanders confirmed the following: East Metro CID, Little 5 Points area, Tucker/Northlake, Tucker Summit, Chamblee/Doraville, Assembly CID, Perimeter/Sandy Springs, and Greater Conley.

Member Wells also asked if there was a collaborative effort between the Dekalb CIDs? Member Sanders responded that information and knowledge base is shared, but not necessarily resources. The East Metro Dekalb CID board meets quarterly. He will also send members the yearly budget for the board.

f. Updates on Future CIDs in the City

Per Member Bartlett, there is no current update relative to additional CIDs. The Stonecrest Charter, Section 1.06, details how the City of Stonecrest can work with CIDs or use the premise of the CID to improve quality of life in the City of Stonecrest.

Member Cail asked if there is a collaborative effort between the DeKalb CIDs? Is there any sharing of resources? Member Sanders says not necessarily resources, but information and knowledge base is shared so the Executive Directors of the DeKalb County CIDs meet roughly on a quarterly basis and discuss different issues and things that we need to advocate.

g. Committee Member Comments

- Renee Cail confirms the mission statement with Member Sanders. She asks how he interacts with the community for open dialogue. Mr. Sanders advises that he speaks at HOA's, realtor groups, etc.
- Members offer introductions of themselves to the committee at the request of Member Bartlett.

IV. Adjournment

Motion made by Member Greg Wright to adjourn at 6:28 pm. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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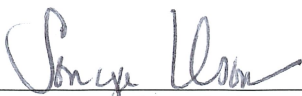
As approved on the 7th day of August, 2022.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA



Greg Wright, Chair

ATTEST:



Sonya Isom, City Clerk

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