

BUCKHEAD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BCID)

Minutes

January 27, 2021

Preamble:

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buckhead Community Improvement District was held via ZOOM Teleconference on January 27, 2021, pursuant to legal notice. Chairman Thad Ellis called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:

The Board Secretary recorded attendance and reported that a quorum was present. Members in attendance in addition to Mr. Ellis were: Robin Suggs, Herbert Ames, Jim Bacchetta, Matt Rendle, Robin Loudermilk, Scott Snipes, Howard Shook and Scott Werbel.

Also, in attendance were Jim Durrett, Executive Director; Rebecca Stokes, Board Secretary, Director of Finance; Tony Peters, Director of Capital Projects and Programs; Matt Gore, Projects and Programs Manager; Denise Starling, Executive Director of Livable Buckhead; Lynn Rainey, Board Attorney; John Vaughan, J. Lynn Rainey, P.C.

Guests present included John Ruch, Buckhead Reporter; Major Andrew Sensor, City of Atlanta Police; Jim Elgar; S. Gibbs, Buckhead Tower.

Teleconference Authorization:

Mr. Rainey read the following statement: "In light of the World Health Organization's declaration of a pandemic due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the declaration of a National Emergency and Georgia Emergency constituting circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety, I move to conduct today's board meeting by means of video teleconference." **MOTION: Mr. Loudermilk made the above motion to approve the Teleconference Authorization, seconded by Mr. Ames. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**

- 1. City of Atlanta Police Department:** Major Sensor provided the Board an update on crime in Buckhead. Auto crimes still seem to be the most prevalent issues in Buckhead, mostly in the 3200 block of Peachtree and Pharr Road area in the Buckhead Village. A significant arrest was made recently of an individual who is suspected of recent criminal activities. Zone 2 and 5 have set up an auto larceny task force. Major Sensor stated that the supplemental patrol provided by BCID and Buckhead Coalition has been very beneficial. Zone 2 has received two new officers from the recent graduating class and half of the class has been assigned to provide foot patrol through the end of February. Mr. Shook asked if Major Sensor has received a list of restaurants that are being cited for issues with food and alcohol service compliance. Mr. Sensor stated he has received the list but a small unit is in charge of such matters. Compliance needs to be followed with audits to

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confirm alcohol and food sales are within limits. Mr. Ames asked how many officers Zone 2 has and how many would be optimal. Major Sensor stated that there is no specific number, but 150 officers would be ideal, and we currently have approximately 80. Mr. Ellis asked if BCID could assist with implementing a bicycle patrol in Zone 2. Major Sensor responded that this would be a great discussion to follow up on. Ms. Suggs stated Simon has increased the number of off-duty officers to 14-15 on the mall premises. Ms. Suggs asked if there is a way to find a report of non-operational License Plate Readers so we can arrange for repairs. Major Sensor will investigate getting status reports. Mr. Ellis asked what BCID can do to assist APD in the short term. Major Sensor replied that the supplemental patrol is very helpful. Mr. Rainey asked for clarification on the number of officers in Zone 2. Major Sensor replied that the numbers he provided covered is the total for three shifts.

2. **Board Meeting and Executive Session Minutes from December 2, 2020:** Mr. Durrett asked the Board to approve the Minutes from the December Board meeting and Executive Session. **MOTION: A draft of the December 2, 2020 Board Meeting and Executive Session Minutes were reviewed by the Board. Ms. Suggs made a motion to approve the December 2, 2020 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Bacchetta. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Ames provided the Board with a review of the monthly financial reports included in the Board packet, current as of November 30, 2020.
4. **Projects and Programs Report:**
 1. **Livable Buckhead 2020 Presentation:** Ms. Starling provided a presentation of 2020 accomplishments of Livable Buckhead. ***Ref. New Business 1.***
 2. **Peachtree Phase 3 Update:** Mr. Peters presented a summary of the project that detailed the 2021 goals. Goals include City Council approval, CFA approval by the Mayor and GDOT and the start of construction. The legislation will be presented to City Council on March 1, 2021. Once all approvals are complete, we will begin the phase of relocation and burying utility lines. ***Ref. New Business 2.***
 3. **Piedmont Widening Update:** Mr. Peters presented a summary of the project that detailed the 2021 goals. The first priority is to complete the Right of Way acquisitions to meet utility relocation and construction schedules. Mr. Durrett stated that it has been reported that Regency Centers is moving forward with the redevelopment of Kroger shopping center, which will be in line with this project.
 4. **Wieuca-Phipps Roundabout Update:** Mr. Peters presented a summary of the

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project that detailed 2021 goals. 2021 Goals include complete Right of Way acquisition in 2nd quarter and the start of construction in 3rd quarter. Mr. Ellis asked if there have been initial conversations with the properties involved. Mr. Peters stated that conversations have been ongoing and we continue to confirm that all parties involved are comfortable with the design.

5. **Lenox Road Complete Street-Phase 1:** Mr. Peters presented a summary of the project and a detail of 2021 goals. 2021 goals for this phase are to acquire all Right of Way and begin construction in 3rd quarter.
6. **Lenox Road Complete Street-Phase 3:** Mr. Peters presented a summary of the project. In December 2020, ARC notified BCID that they had awarded BICD \$4 million in federal funds for construction of this phase. These funds are designated in fiscal year 2025. Mr. Peters requested that the board approve a commitment of \$3.75 million that will be used for engineering, Right of Way, utility work and the 20% match for federal funds. Mr. Rendell asked when the funds will be spent. Mr. Peters stated the ARC funds would be available July 1, 2024. ***Ref. New Business 3.***
7. **West Village Streetscapes Update:** Mr. Gore presented a summary of the project and a detail of 2021 goals. The goal is to complete this project in the 2nd quarter of 2021. As the City of Atlanta continues to work on the stormwater drainage within the village, BCID has done some additional work on completed sections. Once the City completes their project, we will be able to complete the project. Mr. Ellis asked if there has been resolution with the gentleman that expressed some concerns. Mr. Gore stated that all concerns have been addressed. Mr. Peters reported that we are looking at ways to address the sidewalk color difference.
8. **GA400 Interchange Scoping Study Update:** Mr. Peters reported that this project will be merged with the Lenox Road Complete Street Phase 3 project going forward.
9. **Programs:**
 - i. **2021 Infrastructure Maintenance Budget:** Mr. Peters provided a summary of this 2021 program. This proposed budget of \$500,000 will be used for repair and replacement of pavers on Peachtree Road, pedestrian enhancements, streetlight repair & replacement and asphalt/concrete repairs. Quarterly progress reports will be provided to the board. Mr. Gore reported that the contractor will be Georgia Development Partners. This \$500,000 will be presented in the overall programs budget that will for approval. Ms. Suggs asked what the full scope will consist of. Mr.

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Peters replied that we will be able to provide this information at the end of this year but stated that the Board should anticipate a 3-year program. Mr. Rainey asked if a contract has been executed. Mr. Gore stated we have signed a proposal, but we need to execute a PSA.

- ii. **Supplemental Patrol Program:** Mr. Peters reviewed the current supplemental patrol program and the request to add an additional officer to this program. Atlanta Police Foundation will provide a 3rd car for this officer. The cost to add the 3rd officer increases the budget by \$118,000 and will be included in the 2021 programs budget. We will be discussing with Major Sensor what hours this additional officer will be working.
- iii. **2021 Administrative & Programs Budget:** Mr. Durrett presented the 2021 Administrative and Programs budget to the board and highlighted changes. Mr. Shook asked if the traffic officer program is the best description of this program as they can be used for more than traffic mitigation. Mr. Durrett replied that he will revise the account title with a more detailed description. *Ref: New Business 6.*
- iv. **2021 Goals:** Mr. Durrett stated that he does not have the 2021 Goals in the presentation but confirmed that he had emailed to each board member individually and requested feedback. Mr. Ames requested that a status report be included in 2021 Goals regarding Buckhead Security Plan.

5. New Business:

1. **Livable Buckhead Annual Funding:** Mr. Durrett asked the board to approve a motion to renew the \$200,000 funding for Livable Buckhead. **MOTION: Ms. Suggs made a motion to approve \$200,000 of annual funding of Livable Buckhead, seconded by Mr. Loudermilk. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Peachtree Phase 3:** Mr. Durrett asked the board to approve \$7,000 for legal services. **MOTION: Mr. Bacchetta made a motion to approve \$7,000 for legal services, seconded by Mr. Rendell. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Lenox Road Complete Street – Phase 3:** Mr. Durrett asked the board to approve a commitment of \$3.75M towards the ARC funds of \$4M. **MOTION: Mr. Loudermilk made a motion to approve a commitment of \$3.75M of BCID funds towards \$4M of ARC grant, seconded by Ms. Suggs. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **East Village Streetscapes:** Mr. Durrett asked the board to approve a de-

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commitment of \$13,405.75. This project is complete. **MOTION: Mr. Ames made a motion to approve a de-commitment of \$13,405.75 for the East Village Streetscapes project, seconded by Mr. Rendell. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Caucus of Electors:** Mr. Rainey stated that three board posts are expiring in 2021. These posts are #4, Mr. Bacchetta, Post #6, Mr. Ellis and Post #8, Mr. Rendle. Eligible voters are commercial property owners or their representatives that pay taxes toward BCID. Mr. Durrett asked the board to approve a motion to call for a Caucus of Electors for these 3 posts at the next BCID Board meeting scheduled for April 28, 2021. **MOTION: Mr. Loudermilk made a motion to approve a caucus of electors for these 3 posts on April 28, 2021, seconded by Mr. Ames. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
6. **2021 Administrative & Programs Budget:** Mr. Durrett asked the board to approve the 2021 Administrative Budget of \$1,028,636.26 and 2021 Programs Budget of \$1,604,115. **MOTION: Mr. Bacchetta made a motion to approve the 2021 administrative and programs budget, seconded by Mr. Ames. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Ellis stated that the BCID team and its partners are all very engaged in what is going on in the community and asked that the Board members reach out the BCID team with any questions or concerns.

Mr. Durrett reported that the BCID will be included in a Georgia Trend article on North Fulton County CIDs. Georgia Trend is also interested in doing an article regarding Buckhead in a later issue this year. Mr. Durrett stated that he will be presenting at the Buckhead Business Association Second Cup series on February 3, 2021.

Mr. Durrett asked for public comment. There being none, the Board meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD, this 28th day of April, 2021.


_____, Secretary