

BUCKHEAD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BCID)

Minutes

July 28, 2021

Preamble:

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buckhead Community Improvement District was held on July 28, 2021, pursuant to legal notice at Terminus Commons, located at 3280 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30305. 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 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; Lynn Rainey, Board Attorney; John Vaughan, Rainey & Vaughan, LLC.

Guests present included Matthew Katzmark, Carr Riggs & Ingram; Scott Ezzell, Carr Riggs & Ingram; Andrew Kohr, Pond. Guests participating virtually included Brad Queisser, Dentons; Sander Lurie, Dentons; Dan Baskerville, Dentons.

- 1. Board Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2021:** Mr. Durrett asked the Board to approve the Minutes from the April Board meeting. **MOTION: A draft of the April 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the Board. Mr. Loudermilk made a motion to approve the April 28, 2021 Minutes, seconded by Ms. Suggs. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Ames provided the Board with a review of the monthly financial reports included in the Board packet, current as of May 31, 2021.
- 3. 2020 Audit Report:** Mr. Katzmark with Carr Riggs & Ingram reported that the audit of the 2020 Financial Statements was completed and there were no findings. An unqualified opinion was issued.
- 4. Millage Rate:** Mr. Vaughan reported that we advertised a proposed millage rate of 3 mills in the Fulton County Daily Report based on the Fulton County Tax Digest. The board was asked to consider the BCID millage rate for 2021. ***Ref New Business 1.***

5. Projects and Programs Report:

- 1. HUB404 Conservancy:** Mr. Durrett provided details of the project status. HUB404 is now a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization. During the COVID Pandemic, the organization went dormant with the last board meeting held March 2020. Prior to the pandemic, agreements were put in place with commercial properties for annual support of \$.01 per square footage which currently provides income of \$99,000 annually. Fundraising for the project is now relaunching and additional commercial properties will be approached for similar support. Mr. Bacchetta is a board member of this organization and stated his support for the project. To date, the organization has \$250K in the bank and will be interviewing candidates for Executive Director. Ms. Shirley Franklin has been retained as a consultant for this project. Dentons has been retained to lead the advocacy team. Brad Queisser with Dentons provided details regarding the infrastructure legislation before the Senate now and how this affects the potential funding for the project. In addition to the infrastructure legislation, other Federal funding will continued to be pursued. The current priority is raising funds for the next step of engineering services necessary. These services are projected to cost approximately \$10M. Mr. Durrett is meeting with MARTA this week to discuss their partnership in the project and will be coming back to the BCID board with a commitment request. Mr. Durrett pointed out how this park is in line with the BCID Lenox Road Phase 3 project which creates more walkability. *Ref New Business 2.*
- 2. Public Safety:** Mr. Peters provided a summary of the Public Safety program. Currently, BCID is leading the effort in City of Atlanta with our safety programs. During a meeting with Major Senzer, he stated that Zone 2 needs 30 more officers to increase effectiveness against crime. Mr. Durrett and Mr. Ellis met with Chief Bryant to discuss the possibility of more resources. Chief Bryant is gathering a team to determine how this can be achieved. Ms. Suggs recommended we continue to advocate with the City for these resources. In addition, Mr. Peters met with the City Solicitor's office to discuss processes in reporting nuisance properties.
- 3. Peachtree Phase 3 Update:** Mr. Peters presented to the board that the project agreement between City of Atlanta and GA Department of Transportation has been signed by the City. Once GDOT has signed the agreement, the utility work can begin.

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4. **Piedmont Widening:** Mr. Peters presented a summary of the project. We are moving forward with the Right of Way Acquisitions. Letting should begin at the end of November 2021.
5. **Wieuca-Phipps Roundabout Update:** Mr. Peters provided a summary of the project. We have started the title work required for Right of Way acquisition but there have been delays due to the current market. We still anticipate construction to begin the first quarter of 2022. *Ref. New Business 3*
6. **Wieuca Road and Old Ivy Road Placemaking:** Mr. Peters presented a summary of the project. In partnership with the North Buckhead Civic Association, BCID would like to develop a Placemaking Concept for this area. The project area is the Wieuca Road corridor extending from Phipps Boulevard north to Roswell Road and Old Ivy Road from Wieuca to GA 400. Possible improvements that would be identified included crosswalk striping, replacement or addition of new sidewalk, gateway signage, distinctive markers that coincide with the design of the pocket park and can be used to link the corridor, potential locations for art and larger markers at key locations, aesthetic improvements at bridge locations and landscaping elements in both public and private rights-of-way. *Ref. New Business 4*
7. **Lenox Road Complete Street-Phase 1:** Mr. Peters provided a summary of the project. We are beginning Right of Way acquisitions and project construction to begin first quarter of 2022.
8. **Lenox Road Complete Street-Phase 3:** Mr. Peters provided a summary of the project. We will work with Rogers to confirm we have a cohesive design with HUB404 project. Construction will begin in 2025 based on GDOT funding. Mr. Snipes asked if this project will include landscape improvements. He requested we review what's currently in place and make improvements.
9. **West Village Streetscapes Update:** Mr. Gore presented a summary of the project. City of Atlanta is currently working on the stormwater drainage within the Village. Once they are complete, we will be able to complete the project.
10. **2021 Infrastructure Maintenance:** Mr. Gore provided a summary of this 2021 program. BCID was working to replace streetscape pavers with concrete and curbs but there has been a supply shortage that has delayed this project. In the meantime, the contractors have been pressure washing sidewalks which has had great results. There have also been other repairs such as replacing light poles as needed.
11. **BUC Shuttle:** Mr. Durrett presented to the board that due to COVID19, the launch of the new micro-transit service was put on hold. During this time, we have continued the current shuttle service with American Coach and have been using

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funds already committed for new shuttle service to cover this ongoing expense. A re-launch of the micro-transit has been scheduled for November 1, 2021. In order to move forward, an additional commitment of \$834,000 is needed to continue the new service through December 31, 2022. This commitment will not affect the current Available Funds as future year projections were already in place. Ms. Suggs asked we confirm there is termination clause in place with this agreement. *Ref New Business 5.*

6. New Business:

1. **2021 Millage Rate:** The board was asked to consider a 3 mill rate for 2021. **MOTION: Mr. Loudermilk put forth a motion to approve a Millage Rate of 3 mills for 2021; seconded by Ms. Suggs. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. **HUB404:** The board was asked to ratify a contract with Dentons for \$70,000 to pursue federal funding. **MOTION: Mr. Loudermilk put forth a motion to ratify a contract with Dentons in the amount of \$70,000 for services through December; seconded by Mr. Werbel. The motion passed 7-1 with Ms. Suggs opposed.**
3. **Phipps Wieuca Roundabout:** The board was asked to ratify a Task Order #5 with Pond in the amount of \$72,169. **MOTION: Mr. Loudermilk made a motion to approve Task Order #5 in the amount of \$72,169, seconded by Ms. Suggs. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Wieuca Road and Old Ivy Placemaking:** The board was asked to consider a commitment of NTE \$43,000 for a Placemaking Concept. **MOTION: Ms. Suggs made a motion to approve a commitment of \$43,000 for a Placemaking Concept on Wieuca and Old Ivy Roads, seconded by Mr. Ames. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. **BUC 2.0:** The board was asked to consider a commitment of \$834,000 for the BUC 2.0 micro-transit service beginning on November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. **MOTION: Mr. Werbel made a motion to approve a commitment of \$834,000 for BUC 2.0, seconded by Ms. Suggs. No objections were recorded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Durrett stated that next board meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021. Based on a scheduling conflict, he asked if the board would agree to reschedule this meeting to November 3, 2021. All board members present agreed to the new date.

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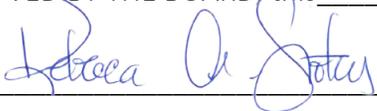
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Mr. Durrett asked for public comment. There being none, the Board meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD, this 3rd day of November, 2021.


_____, Secretary