

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1223**

**Land Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2010**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonny Deriso
Dick Anderson
Caric Martin
Lara Hodgson
Mike Byrd
Al Nash
Jerry Bowman
John Sibley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Voyles

All notice having been duly given, the Land Development Committee of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

In the absence of Bob Voyles, Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2010 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2010 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 12, 2010 MEETING

The agenda for the May 12, 2009 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted without objection.

Laura Beall announced that Joey Staubes, a GRTA intern, completed his masters degree in city and regional planning.

DRI Monthly Status Report

Ms. Beall related that the DRI's continue to be slow, but one recently came in. She reported there is more activity on review of old DRI's and interest in amending some current DRI's.

Urban Housing in Major Centers

Ms. Beall stated that today's presentation was a follow up from last month regarding urban housing in major city centers and a discussion of coordinated development strategy and IT3 investments. She introduced Chuck Warbington of Gwinnett Village CID and Tom Boland from Cumberland CID who discussed retrofitting suburban employment centers. Mr. Warbington discussed four myths of Gwinnett County: diversity, size of Gwinnett, employment in the region and transit. Gwinnett is a melting pot for all races and not an all white community. Gwinnett is not a rural bedroom community just outside the perimeter. By 2030 it is projected that Gwinnett County will be the largest county in the metro Atlanta area. One in five people in metro Atlanta live in Gwinnett County. Since 2007 more than 6,000 new jobs have been recorded in the county. Two Fortune 500 companies relocated to Gwinnett County last year. Polling was done regarding transit, and for the third straight year a positive result was obtained. Mr. Warbington also commented on the Gwinnett Village CID. It is 14 square miles and is home to 550 commercial property owners, 5,000 business owners and 50,000 employees. The future land use plan looks at density and employment centers as well as housing. The population is estimated to grow to 1,200,000. The plan will

be implemented by zoning, incentives and transportation. One of the biggest issues is tying Gwinnett to the region via transportation. A light rail system is planned.

Tom Boland from the Cumberland CID discussed development in the Cumberland area. Mr. Boland stated that Cumberland CID is 5.7 square miles. A number of large companies are located in the Cumberland CID including three Fortune 500 companies. Cumberland anchors the end of 75 and 285. Cumberland looks at other CID's and takes the best of what has been done and incorporate the ideas into the Cumberland strategies. Cumberland was the first CID in the State of Georgia. There are \$31,000,000 in street scapes and trails to create a live, work and play environment. Density limits are 14 to 16 per acre. More density is obtained through variances. More dense housing needs to be looked at for the area. In the residential area significant resistance to high density existed in the past, but progress is being made toward a higher densification. Mr. Boland concluded with a discussion of transit growth in the future. Future studies are proposed to study light rail stations.

A discussion followed the presentation.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

Robert Voyles, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary