

**HIGHWAY 78 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)  
BOARD MEETING #15  
April 21, 2004**

**Attendees**

**Board Members:**

Kenny King            Art Mezzullo      Ken Shiver  
Emory Morsberger   Pat Hoban        Forrest Adair      Bill Gower

Brett Harrell, Executive Director  
Dave Rosselle, Secretary

Absent: Dean Robinson

Special Guests: Roy Ashley, Roy Ashley & Associates, Jim Corcoran, The Morsberger Group

**Board Election – Post 1 & 4**

Voter registration was conducted from 1p.m. to 1:30p.m. At 1:30p.m. Mr. Harrell declared the registration closed. He reviewed the election notification process and the process for the caucus and election.

Ken Shiver was announced as the Post 1 candidate. No additional candidates were received from the floor. Mr. Morsberger motioned to close the nominations, which was duly seconded by Mr. Hoban and unanimously approved. Mr. Shiver was elected as the new Post 1 Board member by acclamation.

Art Mezzullo was announced as the Post 4 candidate. No additional candidates were received from the floor. Mr. Morsberger motioned to close the nominations, which was duly seconded by Mr. Gower and unanimously approved. Mr. Mezzullo was elected as the new Post 4 Board member by acclamation.

The election was properly certified by Kenny King and witnessed by Andrew Mertz. [Election certification has been furnished to Gwinnett County and the City of Snellville.]

**Call To Order**

Chairman Kenny King called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm. Everyone on the Board and in attendance were invited to introduce themselves. Kenny King extended a warm welcome to Ken Shiver and expressed thanks to Larry Pearson for his service on the Board.

Mr. Roy Ashley, Ashley & Associates landscaping, was invited to make a brief presentation to the Board concerning their interest in being selected as the landscape planning & design firm for the 78 median project.

**MINUTES**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Mezzullo motioned to approve the March 17th, 2004 Board meeting minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Hoban and unanimously approved.

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### Committee Reports

No reports.

### Action Items

*Annual Landscape Maintenance Contract* – Mr. King reviewed the RFP process and schedule. Bids are to be presented at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and the contract awarded at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Mezzullo motioned to have the RFP issued which was duly seconded by Mr. Hoban and unanimously approved. The RFP and process will be posted on the CID Web site.

*Paxton Lane IPA* – Dan Dobry introduced himself as the 78 CID point of contact for URS. Kevin Posey, transportation design engineer, gave the URS presentation of their proposal for IPA access plans for the Paxton Lane area which included three access alternatives for the west side of the Publix shopping center and a 78 frontage road between Jessica Darren Court and the Yellow River Game Ranch. The Board requested Mr. Harrell meet with area property owners to obtain their support and any proposed changes. Following property owner input, meetings will be held with County and State DOT planners.

*Summer Internship proposal* – Mr. Harrell proposed that Michael Adams, Master Degree student at Georgia State, be retained as a summer intern to assist with development of IPA plans and Grant preparation with total compensation not to exceed \$2500. Mr. Morsberger motioned that the request be approved. Mr. Mezzullo seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

*MUR 04-001* – Jim Corcoran representing the Morsberger Group presented the MUR plans for Mountain View Village and answered questions. Mr. Adair made a motion in support with conditions to be made part of the MUR zoning. The motion was properly seconded and failed 2-2 with Messrs. Adair and Mezzullo in support; Hoban and Shiver opposed; Gower, King and Morsberger abstaining. Mr. Shiver then moved to postpone action until the Board's May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion to postpone was duly seconded and passed 3-2 with Messrs. Shiver, Hoban and King in favor and Messrs. Adair and Mezzullo opposed; Gower and Morsberger abstaining.

### Discussion Items

*TEA Update* – Mr. Harrell provided an update on the status of the CID's request to receive \$7 million in funding in the pending federal transport bill. Congressman Linder has been instrumental in having the CID's request for funding included in the approved House version of the Bill.

*RTF update* – Mr. Harrell reviewed the status of the Stone Mountain Study being conducted by TSW. Mr. Harrell will submit a letter summarizing the CID's input on the preliminary findings by next week.

*Gwinnett County SPLOST* – Mr. Harrell provided information concerning the potential SPLOST schedule for the November referendum. He will work closely with the CID's County liaison, Mike Comer, to determine how 78 CID projects can be included in the SPLOST project list.

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*Chairman's Remarks* – Mr. King presented the Merchant's Association's financial statement and a draft of a proposed "Shop 78" flyer to be included in a local area coupon mailer. The purpose is to promote 78 businesses and help stimulate membership in the 78 Merchants Association.

*Treasurer's Report* – Mr. Gower provided a summary of the CID's financial status. As of March 31, 2004 the CID account balance was \$116,797.83 with an additional \$150,122.65 in CD's. The CID's monthly Balance Sheet was included in the meeting reference binder.

*Maintenance and Security Team results* – Mr. Rosselle referred the Board to the monthly maintenance and security team summary reports in the meeting binder. He advised that Leach Landscaping had successfully completed the spring weed control application approved earlier and just completed a project that removed 6 tons of dirt and debris from the curbs and roadside drop inlets. Mr. Harrell also mentioned that the Security Team had thwarted a burglary that was about to be committed.

*Executive Director's Update*

- Mr. Harrell advised that the CID may be able to seek "grand fathered" status to obtain LCI project implementation funding if the CID develops an independent Park Place study. The estimated cost for the Study is \$100K. The Board was asked to consider this idea with a decision to be made at a future meeting.
- Mr. David Snell has agreed to Chair a newly formed political action committee, 78 TransPAC, to advocate for 78 transportation improvements and support like-minded candidates and elected officials.

**Announcements**

Mr. Gower invited everyone to attend the Car Show at Brand Bank to be held Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The next monthly CID Board meeting will be May 19th, 1:30 p.m. at Snellville City Hall.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Adjournment**

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dave Rosselle*  
Secretary