



CID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Member Tara Graves–District1
Council Member Rob Turner – District 2
Malaika Wells – Member
Greg Wright – Member
Renee Cail – Member

Cornell McBride - Member
William Smith – Ex Officio
Christopher Sanders – Ex Officio
Sarah Simpson - Member

CID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Greg Wright, Past Chairman at 6:08 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:** Greg Wright

All were present except Member Cornell McBride and Member Christopher Sanders. A quorum was obtained.

a. Welcome new member, Sarah Simpson

Member Sarah Simpson was welcomed by Chair Greg Wright and the CID Advisory Committee.

III. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion. Councilmember Rob Turner made a motion to add public comments after the approval of minutes.

Member Malaika Wells seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Greg Wright read a public comment submitted via email from Marie Colson regarding the dissolution of a private, exclusive membership CID. Chair Greg Wright responded that there is not a CID in Stonecrest, but instead Stonecrest has a portion of the city in East Metro CID. Chair Greg Wright welcomes a conversation with Marie Colson.

V. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2022 MEETING**

Motion. Councilmember Rob Turner made a motion to approve October minutes. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

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VI. **ELECT CHAIRPERSON**

Chair Greg Wright opened the floor for Chair nominations. There were no other nominations. Chair Greg Wright made a motion to remain Chair of the CID Advisory Committee. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **2023 Meeting Schedule**

Chair Greg Wright stated that per the City Clerk, the committee is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month and the committee went on to discuss which schedule would be most feasible. Member William Smith gave reasons for having a monthly and quarterly schedule.

Motion. Member Renee Cail made a motion to approve meeting monthly and revisit the schedule later in the year.

Member Malaika Wells seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

b. **Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail study by Gresham Smith (Erin Thoresen, Project Manager)**

Chair Greg Wright discussed participation of the Stonecrest Industrial Council, East Metro CID, and the community in the upcoming study by Gresham Smith.

Member Malaika Wells confirmed that there would be community conversations with the contractor. Chair Greg Wright responded that there will be engagement with the community of some kind.

The committee went on to discuss how Stonecrest can ensure that Stonecrest does not become an industrial city.

c. **Problems with litter and traffic near the intersection of Lithonia Industrial Boulevard and Parkway Drive**

Member Sarah Simpson spoke about her issues in District 1 where she lives.

d. **Similar litter and debris problem at 1501 Coffee Road**

Chair Greg Wright stated there are issues at this location with dumping and the committee discussed. Councilmember Tara Graves suggested the See, Click, Fix app to report issues they see in the city.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Planned activities for the East Metro Dekalb CID (in Stonecrest) in 2023**

i. **Has the CID communicated its proposed activities to city staff per the Cooperation Agreement signed last year?**

Chair Greg Wright received a message from Member Christopher Sanders

stating that the only project being worked on is the flock camera deployment on Panola Rd. There are multiple agreements that have been routed to the city.

- b. Follow-up on the Project-specific cooperation agreements that were forwarded to city staff from the city attorney's office last October

- i. Flock cameras

- ii. Turner Hill landscaping

Chair Greg Wright stated that a recommendation was made and they have not been signed off by the City Council and would like for City Council to follow up on this.

Member Malaika Wells asked if a description of the process once a recommendation has been made by the committee. Member William Smith responded that the recommendation comes to him and he works with the City Clerk's Office and then ultimately get the matter on the agenda for the Council Meeting.

- c. SLIP/CID progress

- i. The Stonecrest Industrial Council is retaining the services of a consultant to help with the transformation from a private council to a public Community Improvement District.

Chair Greg Wright stated that they have begun to collect dues from members and now have funding for a consultant.

Member William Smith stated he has asked for a consultant for the City to inform the committee of what a Stonecrest CID would look like with objectivity and knowledge.

Member Renee Cail stated that her research has found that there are concerns for vehicles being stolen and break-ins, but Member William Smith's statement put her at ease.

Chair Greg Wright stated that the Stonecrest Industrial Council is willing to spend their own money with another consultant and is unsure that it makes sense to spend Stonecrest money. Member Malaika Wells responded that her concern is that there is no objectivity, and the SLIP consultant will do what is best for them. Chair Greg Wright replied that there would be two residents appointed to the board that would provide said transparency. Member William Smith suggested that both consultants are used to provide a wealth of information to the Council.

Motion. Member Malaika Wells made a motion for the committee to recommend formally to City Council that they employ a consultant to evaluate the creation of a CID in the City of Stonecrest. All in favor except Chair Greg Wright. Motion passed 5-1.

- ii. We have recently begun charging membership dues to our members to raise funds for this effort.

This item was discussed under the previous item.

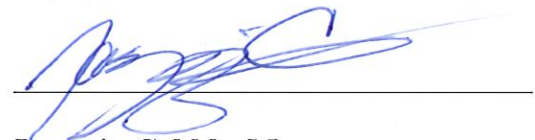
Member Malaika Wells invited everyone to celebrate Juneteenth when it is time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion. Chair Greg Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

As approved on the 26th day of October, 2023.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA



Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonya Isom, City Clerk