

## LAWRENCEVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**OCTOBER 27, 2003**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene Wasserman, Carter Gorman, Marie Beiser, John Heard, Kathy Monroe, and Mike Reedy

Minutes of the September 22, 2003 meeting were read and approved.

Brad Leonard brought a counter proposal to the DDA from the City Council. At the September meeting of the DDA, members proposed that Option A of the TSW proposal be accepted with the DDA funding the amount of \$12,000. In addition the DDA proposed that the city approve a joint expenditure of \$38,000 with \$50,000 from the private sector. This amount of \$100,000 would fund Option A of the revitalization plan.

The City's counter proposal is that the city would pay \$41,000, and the DDA pay \$41,000 and \$50,000 would be from the private sector. This total amount of \$132,000 would fund Option A, Option A-1, Option B. A motion was made to accept this proposal leaving out Option C and placing Stone Mountain Street, Gwinnett Drive and Highway 124 in the plan at this time. The motion was passed unanimously. The thinking on the part of DDA members was that it would be more cost effective to bring these three areas into the plan at this time.

A motion was made for the delivery of the final piece, Option C, to come from LCI grants and funds. Brad Leonard will obtain any documents to apply for state and federal grants or other initiatives. This motion was passed unanimously.

A request from the City Council for the DDA to make recommendations regarding adopting an ordinance to amend Article X of the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance to add Section 10.15 (which regulates signs allowed on Central Business District sidewalks) A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to add to the ordinance amendment the statement that only one sign be allowed per business in the downtown BGC district.

Kevin Pratt (Attorney w/ Webb, Tanner & Powell) reviewed the progress of the Lawrenceville Trade and Tourism Association Inc. (LTTA) Board setup. Five members of the board will be appointed by the DDA. There will be nine directors on the board. Five members of the present DDA will be on the board. It was suggested information be published about the new LTTA board and have interested people apply.

It was brought to the attention of the DDA that some new consistent numbering for the Lawrenceville Square or the downtown district be considered. An example: 123 Lawrenceville Square – as a street address.

Next meeting November 24, 2003.