

LAWRENCEVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

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

Chairman Wasserman called the meeting to order. He asked that the minutes from the August meeting be approved.

Chairman Wasserman introduced Marty Allen, Planning and Community Development Director, from Suwanee. Marty Allen then made a presentation regarding the new town center for Suwanee at the corner of Buford Highway and Lawrenceville Suwanee Road. It consists of 15 acres. He reported that a group in Suwanee developed a comprehensive plan in 1997-99 that would strengthen the old town Suwanee area plus add the new town proposal. The city of Suwanee has funded their plans through bonds and some grants from the ARC. All total their plan includes 750 acres. The Urban Revitalization Agency transferred powers to the city of Suwanee and in turn they can sell to someone that they approve in the RFP process. One group is the Bowen property of 23 acres adjoining new town and it will be zoned to restricted uses. Architectural guidelines are in the RFP and developers will bring to the city renderings and sketches.

Bill Tunnell of TSW was introduced next and presented his DDA Master Planning proposal for the city of Lawrenceville. All members were given a copy. His scope of services were presented in three options Option A downtown, Option B a larger area to each side of downtown, and Option C northwest of downtown.

After much discussion of the plan and the expenses of the plan it was decided that public participation to review the plan would also be helpful. A proposal of two nights for the public to review the plan at city hall should be set up with a representative to answer questions about design, etc.

John Heard made a motion that we accept section A of the TSW proposal in the amount of the \$12,000. In addition the DDA proposes to the city that the city approve a joint expenditure of \$50,000 by the private sector, \$12,000 by the DDA and \$38,000 by the city council for the revised proposal including public support. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Brad Leonard will plan the meetings for the public perhaps the third Wednesday of October being one.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Next meeting October 27.

Marie Beiser, Secretary

