



REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING

Brian Strack, Committee Chair
Grif Chalfant, Director
Peter Bilson, Director
George Bentley, Director
Randy Weiner, Director
Raymond C. Buday, Director

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Rm.

Presiding: Brian Strack

Present: Pete Bilson, George Bentley, Ray Buday, Griff Chalfant

Also Present:

Reggie Taylor, Executive Director

Teresa Sabree, Redevelopment Project Manager

Dan Conn, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Strack called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of Hedges Area road alignment

R. Taylor opened discussion of Hedges area road alignment. Committee members reviewed a concept plan for road improvements encompassing the Hilton, City golf course, Hedges site and Wynhaven from Cemetery Street to Garrison Road. Dan Conn updated the Committee on his staff meeting with GDOT to discuss the Hedges and West Dixie alignment project signalization. Conn reviewed the criteria GDOT considers for signal approval. The city will submit a Transportation Engineering (TE) report to GDOT in about 3 weeks at a cost of approximately \$8,500 instead of a design plan. Conn estimated a 6 week preparation period for the report followed by a 2-3 month review period at GDOT, for a total turnaround time of 3 to 4 months. Discussion followed regarding specific GDOT requirements for signal warrants and ensuring that trip volumes are accurately projected for the request. Directors also considered potential rerouting of additional roads in the Gramling Street area to improve the transportation network and direct more traffic to the proposed signaled intersection. Conn will attend next week's MRC Regular Board of Directors meeting.

- Update on rehabilitation of 193/195 Hedges Street

Taylor reported that contract negotiation has been completed to move forward with renovation work at 193/195 Hedges Street. Taylor distributed a new quote and project timeline from Reliant Property Solutions.

- Update on demolition status of 89/91 Hedges Street

R. Taylor reported on progress made towards completing demolition of 89/91 Hedges Street. Taylor distributed a Notice to Proceed from the Cobb County CDBG Program Office. The State Office of Historic Preservation had to give approval for the demolition in order for the notice to be issued. Taylor reported that new bids would be obtained based on an expanded scope of work.

- 76 W. Dixie update

Taylor updated the Committee on efforts to acquire property at 76 W. Dixie Avenue. Taylor is working with the City Attorney and lienholders to resolve title issues. In addition to several loans, there is a balance due to the City of Marietta and Cobb County for back taxes.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.