



REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING

Brian Strack, Committee Chair
Peter Bilson, Director
George Bentley, Director
Randy Weiner, Director
Raymond C. Buday, Director
James Gant-Fausett, Director
Hall Rigdon, Director

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Rm.

Presiding: Brian Strack
Present: Hall Rigdon, Ray Buday,

Also Present:
Grif Chalfant, Marietta City Council
Beth Sessoms, Acting Executive Director
Teresa Sabree, Redevelopment Project Manager

CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chairman Brian Strack called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2014 Lawn Care Contract-

Chairman Strack opened discussion of the MRC's 2014 lawn care contract. T. Sabree presented a summary of bids received over the last four years in response to requests for quotes. Sabree asked the Committee to consider selecting White Oak Landscape, Co. Inc. for 2014 lawn care, based on the quality and low cost of service rendered in 2013. There was a consensus among committee members to recommend to the full board at the March business meeting to select and approve White Oak Landscape for the MRC's 2014 lawn care contract.

- Hedges Redevelopment Site

Discussion of Site Development

Chairman Strack opened discussion of the Hedges site. B. Sessoms gave a status update on the city's application to signalize the intersection created if Hedges Street and West Dixie Avenue are realigned. Sessoms reported that several MRC Directors and staff met to discuss the MRC's FY2015/2016 Fund Work Plan and shared ideas for the Hedges Site at the meeting. Discussion

followed regarding Fund work plan development, alternatives for sight development absent of road realignment and marketing the site as raw land with existing streets. Land uses considered by the committee included residential, multifamily senior, major retailers as well as marketing site.

Discussion of Road realignment

The committee discussed creating north/south streets to create a grid network within the Hedges/Gramling neighborhood and funding sources for acquisition and construction of new streets. The committee reviewed conceptual plans developed in 2007 and 2008 illustrating various grid network options and discussed alternative routes and street patterns to give access to existing traffic signals on Powder Springs Street. The Committee considered potential implications of surrounding project sites on the timeline for Hedges site redevelopment, City Council support for a grid system and the potential to reprogram SPLOST funds dedicated to the realignment project. The committee directed Sessoms to contact Dan Buyers and Steve Brock to meet with MRC members to discuss potential site development options.

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The meeting ended at 7:32 P.M.