



CALLED REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021  
SAM KING ROOM  
2:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wendy Davis (Chair), Randy Quick, Jamie Doss (for Jim Bojo)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sammy Rich, Joe Smith, Toni Rhinehart, Bekki Fox, Doug Walker, Porter Law

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order. It was noted that Commissioner Jamie Doss would be sitting in for Committee member Jim Bojo in his absence. The minutes of the April 28, 2021 Redevelopment Committee meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

BRAVES BOULEVARD PROJECT UPDATE:

Sammy Rich reported that the county would be meeting to hear Mr. Patel's proposal soon, after which the project would be taken to the Redevelopment Agency for consideration. However, the city and county must both decide if they are in favor of the project or not. Chairperson Davis suggested that they wait for Patel to meet with the county before deciding to support or not. The Committee was in agreement.

RIVER DISTRICT STREETScape UPDATE:

Rich stated that the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge and streetscape discussion is on the agenda for the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Joint Services Committee. He stated that both the county and the city need to come to a consensus so that an RFP can be sent out for the streetscape project and decisions regarding the bridge must be made and agreed upon by both parties before that can happen. The group discussed the concept provided by Commissioner Mark Cochran which reduces traffic to two lanes from W. 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge so that sidewalks can be widened, and more parking can be provided. The 4 lanes on the bridge would be reduced to 2 thru lanes along with a designated right turn lane into the courthouse parking lot for traffic headed to Broad Street. His concept would also make it easier for emergency vehicles to pass and get across the bridge other than the earlier proposed 2 lane bridge. Davis wants to make sure that the county understands that the streetscape design concept planned for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between the bridge and W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street includes two lanes of traffic regardless of the number of lanes on the bridge. She also stated that she does not want the project to be put on hold waiting for the DOT to complete the widening of Second Avenue or the Turner McCall Boulevard. Commissioners Doss and

Quick agreed that there are aesthetics that can be changed on the bridge (i.e., new lighting planters, landscaping, archway, etc.) other than focusing solely on lane changes but that the committee should wait to see what is decided in the Joint Services meeting. Rich agreed that the Cochran concept addresses the problems of traffic flowing into the courthouse, slows traffic, and allows for emergency vehicle traffic. A consensus was made by the committee to support the concept and present it at Joint Services on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

NWGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL PHASE 2 UPDATE:

Rich stated that Rome Floyd Development Authority was currently touring the facility buildings and houses. He will provide the committee with any updates he receives from this tour.

REVIEW/UPDATES OF 2017 SPLOST:

- East Central Secondary Access Road – there is a bid opening scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Works & Infrastructure Improvements – Rich will provide updates at the next meeting.
- Public Safety Facility & Equipment Improvements – Fire: Burn building is under construction, tanker is currently being built. PD: All 20 vehicles have been outfitted.
- North Broad Youth Center Recreation Renovations – will be done after Parks Hoke Park is complete.
- Barron Stadium Improvements – complete.
- Water & Sewer – projects have not gone out for bid.
- Silver Creek Trail – no change, decisions will be made jointly between city and county.
- Blueways/Waterways – plans are moving forward for the ECO center renovations and expansion into the basement. The same company, Jones Pierce Studios, will possibly design and build the new boat house.

Davis asked Rich about the status of Unity Point. Rich stated that according to CTI, the project has been delayed because of the permitting process being restarted.

The next Redevelopment Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelley Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelley Parker  
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City Manager's Office