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| **South Fulton CID Board Members & Staff Present:** | **Guests:** |
| Kent Mason, Chairman  Mark Shugart, Secretary/Treasurer  Lisa Pittman  Todd Ward  Monica Miller  Jim Sams  Elijah Thompson  Joddie Gray, CID Executive Director  John Vaughan, Rainey & Vaughan, LLC | Lester Thompson, City of Fairburn  **Via Phone:**  Mark Sanders, Sanders and Assoc.  Mark Sanders, Jr., Sanders and Assoc.  Matt Kimberly, SEI  John Hall, CSX  Sandra Rothbard, Freight Matters  Denise London  **Minutes by:** Joddie Gray |
| **CID Board Members Not Present:**  Matt Luellen, Vice-Chair  Mark Phillips  **Date/Meeting Location:** |
| January 31, 2024 at 11:30  Strack: 125 Laster Industrial Ct, Fairburn GA 30213 and Video Teleconference |
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# **Call to Order**

Kent Mason called the meeting to order and there was a quorum present. The public was provided information on attending the meeting via teleconference prior to the meeting.

# **Meeting Notes**

Mr. Sams made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2024 South Fulton CID Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shugart and passed unanimously.

# **Legislative and Economic Development Updates**

Mr. Sanders, Jr. provided a legislative session update. Cross over day is schedule for March 6th and the session is scheduled to conclude by April 4th. Mr. Sanders will find dates for the South Fulton CID Legislative Reception.

Mr. Sanders also discussed the state budget transportation and infrastructure priorities that will include $530M allocated to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety. The state also funding the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Banks at $60M, noting most of those funds will be for loans.

Ms. Gray noted that the CID is sponsoring South Metro Development Outlook on February 19. The CID has four tickets available.

**Project Updates**

**SR 74 at I-85 Interchange**

Ms. Gray provided an update on the SR 74 at I-85 interchange. GDOT began clearing obstructive trees and vegetation in early December 2024. However, as crews began to survey the vegetation, they sighted the Tri-Colored Bat, one of the two identified Protected Species in the area. Crews immediately vacated the area and will not mobilize to begin clearing until early March 2025, at the end of the Tri-Colored Bat’s hibernation period. Meanwhile GDOT is implementing travel lane shifts. We will push out the info on social media.

**Freight and Sustainability Plan**

Ms. Gray submitted the RFP for the Freight and Sustainability plan to ARC for review. She expects the contract with GDOT for the funds in Q1 2025 and will ideally go out to bid end of Q1/early Q2.

**SC Johnson Turn Lane**

Ms. Gray reported the GDOT requested tree plan was completed and mitigation will be required. Waiting on the GDOT permit.

**Gullatt Road Interchange Justification Report (IJR)**

Ms. Gray noted that the January 20th monthly status update meeting was canceled in observance of MLK Day. According to the consultant team they have been making progress on the interchange analysis and design alternatives. The next meeting is Feb. 17th.

**OIB Extension to Gullatt Road**

Ms. Gray reported that the 60% Plan Submittal is currently scheduled for mid-February 2025, at which time right of way acquisition will begin.

# **Expansion**

Ms. Gray provided the progress to date on the expansion. Government outreach is being scheduled (likely for April), materials are being updated and the team is re-engaging warm leads. They will also start setting up community meetings.

# **MARTA Bus Network Design**

Ms. Gray reminded the Board that Route 188 is going to be replaced by on-demand services in late 2025. Key features of the on-demand service would be:

* Shorter waits (targeting a maximum pickup time wait of 30 minutes) compared to the current 45-minute schedule
* An 18-hour service day every day of the week (compared to the current weekday peak-only schedule)

However, unless you are a resident, you would have to connect to other fixed-route transit services, including the park and ride, those along Roosevelt Hwy, and to a proposed transfer point in Union City where several other routes converge.

# **South Fulton CID Survey**

Conducting a district wide survey for South Fulton CID will allow us to:

1. Align strategic planning efforts with community input
2. Prioritize community needs and aspirations
3. Identify and advance projects

The Board provided input on survey questions.

Ms. Gray introduced the idea of improving the survey with Social Pinpoint. Social Pinpoint is an interactive mapping program that allows us to overlay survey data with geospatial mapping to understand exact feedback locations, identify priority areas in need of infrastructure improvements based on community feedback and map suggestionsfor new services or programming, including as we conduct outreach for expansion.

The price is not to exceed $3,000. Ms. Miller made a motion to allocate up to $3,000 to Alta to purchase Social Pinpoint. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shugart and passed unanimously.

Ms. Gray will send out draft questions and a survey distribution plan before the next Board meeting.

# **Strategic Planning Session**

Ms. Gray and Mr. Cannon explored several options for where to hold the summer strategic planning session and recommended Serenbe for ease of space with catering in a nice atmosphere. Ms. Pittman made a motion to approve $2,292.25 for the rental of a conference room and food at Serebe. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sams and passed unanimously. Ms. Gray will send out a doodle poll for dates in June.

**Financials**

Mr. Shugart stated that there were no significant updates or budget variations to report.

Ms. Gray provided the 2025 budget and noted some key changes. Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the 2025 South Fulton CID Budget, seconded by Ms. Pittman and passed unanimously.

Ms. Gray also noted that we need to update our bank signatories and revisited the idea of a switching bank accounts for a high yield savings account. The Treasurer will follow up with our accountants with questions regarding this option.

# **Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next Board meeting will be February 28 at 11:30. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

*Meeting Minutes approved by the South Fulton Community Improvement District Board of Directors this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Secretary*