



## CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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### Transportation Advisory Committee

*Councilwoman Tammy Grimes D5*

*Erica Williams*

*Bernard Knight*

*Calvin Lawrence*

*Darien Senior*

*Low Engineering Ex-Officio*

*Alan Burnette*

*Ahli Moore*

*JW Eady*

*Councilmember George Turner - D4*

*Kendra Price*

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### MINUTES

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Date September 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Erica Williams, Chairperson

The meeting began at 6:09 pm

**II. ROLL CALL:** Ashley Waters, Deputy City Clerk

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Overall limit for public comments is 20 minutes. Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.
- Speakers can only speak once in public comments. Public comments are restricted to topics regarding transportation projects serving Stonecrest.

**IV. AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes for July 13, 2022 and August 10, 2022

**Motion** – to approve July 13th, 2022 and August 10, 2022 meeting minutes made by Bernard Knight. Councilmember George Turner seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. DOT Update – Councilmember George Turner

Councilmember George Turner stated that he intended to have an update presented by GDOT but has not been able to coordinate it yet. He is also looking to invite MARTA to speak to the committee and will be working on that for a future meeting.

- c. Update on road/streets repaving – Hari Karikaran

Hari Karikaran provided a brief update on the street repaving in Stonecrest. He stated it is the largest street repaving project Stonecrest has ever had at 58 lane

miles and that it has been extremely successful so far. Hari clarified that Stonecrest has a towing company for cars that are street parking and possibly conflicting with the work being done. He also stated that they are working on a solution for communities that are designed with street parking or very little drive way space, possibly providing a space for homeowners to park while the work is completed.

d. Status of Stonecrest Freight Cluster Plans Study – Hari Karikaran

Hari Karikaran stated a RFQ has been prepared and sent to ARC. It came back with a request for the full package, which Finance is working on. Once approved by ARC, it will be posted on the city's website. William Smith provided information on what will be requested and completed by this study such as pedestrian safety and industrial needs. He also clarified that the Freight Cluster Plan and the Freight Cluster Study are one in the same.

e. Sub-Committees (Trails and Freight Cluster)

Bernard Knight gave a brief presentation on the Freight Cluster plan as a supplement to Mr. Karikaran's presentation. He presented a collection of photographs that were taken before, during, and after the work.

Kendra Price stated that the Trails subcommittee did not have anything to present at the time but plan to have something at the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem stated there is currently a RFQ on the Trails at the city. Mr. Karikaran provided some information on the RFQ and stated there were not enough proposals received to select a consultant and the RFQ was readvertised. Mr. Karikaran also stated there will be a 6-month study/comprehensive plan to be completed sometime next year and that the plan will include extensive public input. He also confirmed that the City has multiple plans, and that the Transportation master plan is providing the means to address some of the problems with trails, while we work to complete the RFQ process and begin the study. Erica Williams asked about Lithonia Industrial, wanting to ensure it remains on the City's radar. Hari gave a brief update on Lithonia Industrial and spoke on GDOT's involvement. He also stated that the Freight Cluster study will provide more information once completed.

f. Potential funding resources

Bernard Knight spoke on going back to the ARC for funding for infrastructure within the LCI plan study area and mentioned the city should reach out to get information on the requirements.

Kendra Price mentioned she will revisit her notes on grant opportunities and present them to the Board at a later meeting. Councilmember George Turner stated that the most important part is identifying funding opportunities and then holding the City Manager and Staff accountable.

g. Intergovernmental partners

Erica Williams stated that the NAACP will be doing some boots on the ground work regarding Transportation and she would like to make sure the citizens are able to volunteer to help with Dekalb County and transportation as a whole.

Councilmember George Turner stated there is an opportunity with the Citizen's Academy that will be created using ARPA funding, to reach the citizen's and get them involved.

Bernard Knight stated the East Metro CID should be considered as partners, as well as the City of Lithonia.

h. Comments

Councilmember George Turner reiterated this is an Advisory Board.

Erica Williams asked that everyone get any items for the agenda to her by the end of the month.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to adjourn. Bernard Knight seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The Meeting end at 7:00pm

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