

MINUTES
GWCCA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
February 23, 2016
11:00 a.m.
GWCC Sales & Event Services Board Room

The following were in attendance:

Committee Members Present:

David Allman
Chris Cummiskey
Glenn Hicks
Tim Lowe, Chair
Doug Tollett

GWCCA Staff:

Carl Adkins
Dale Aiken
Kevin Duvall
Jennifer LeMaster
Frank Poe
Pargen Robertson
Sherrie Spinks
Adam Straight
Mark Zimmerman

Committee Members Absent:

Stan Conway
Anne Hennessy
Lee Hunter, Ex-Officio
Rep. Jan Jones, Legislative Advisor
David Werner, State Advisor

Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the December 1, 2015 Development Committee meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the December 1, 2015 GWCCA Development Committee meeting minutes was made by David Allman, seconded by Glenn Hicks, and unanimously approved.

B/C CONNECTOR UPDATE

At the 2015 September Board Retreat, it was reported that the convention and trade show market is healthy within the industry, in Atlanta, and at the Authority. Customers were invited to the Retreat to offer feedback regarding their needs, which will help guide the Authority's focus moving forward. Over the next three years, the CAPX program (\$158M) will keep the Authority current but it will not necessarily move the Authority ahead.

Staff proposes a connection between Buildings B and C through the loading docks making it additional exhibit space and a conditioned passage from one building to the other.

In an effort to refine costs, an RFQ for architectural services was issued. Seven statements of qualifications were received. Over the next sixty days, staff will review the submissions.

HOTEL UPDATE

The Drew Company is the apparent hotel developer awardee. Their team consists of:
Architect – Gensler;
General Contractor – Skanska;
Program Management – Jacobs; and
Hospitality Consultant - Pinnacle Adv. Group.

The Committee was also updated on Dome site parking deck and the proposed alternate Red Deck entrance/exit on Upper International. The new Green parking lot, which will be in the Dome's footprint and will have 800+ spaces, will connect to Mangum via Magnolia.

PARK VISION UPDATE

Frank Poe and Kevin Duvall met with the USOC in Colorado Springs in November 2015 to inform them of the Vision and pending capital campaign. They are in support. Total capital campaign for the Park Vision is \$25M. Good progress has been made towards contribution commitments. Staff updated the GWCCA Finance Committee yesterday regarding the capital campaign.

Renderings of the following five Park Vision projects were shared today with the Committee.

- Metro Atlanta Chamber building removal (Closing deadline is March 25, 2016.);
- Southern Company Amphitheater renovation;
- Create Centennial Plaza (previously AYIB through the Park), includes new brick campaign;
- New Baker Street entrance; and
- New multi-use space where current Park Admin/Ops office is located.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of the 1996 Olympic Games is set for Saturday, July 16.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Dale Aiken, Assistant Secretary

Tim Lowe, Chair