

Highway 9 Design Guideline Committee

MINUTES

MAY 7, 2009

4:00 PM

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

MEETING CALLED BY	Alice Wakefield, Community Development Director
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
FACILITATOR	Alice Wakefield, Robyn MacDonald, Michele McIntosh-Ross
NOTE TAKER	Michele McIntosh-Ross
TIMEKEEPER	Michele McIntosh-Ross
ATTENDEES	Terry Herr (Milton DRB Chairman), Tom MacPherson, Adam Orkin, Roger Festa, Brenda Hemphill, Diane Palmer, Dennis Potts, Anna Anton, Alice Wakefield, Michele McIntosh-Ross, Robyn MacDonald

Agenda topics

5 MINUTES	APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2009	ROBYN MACDONALD
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DISCUSSION	Brenda Hemphill asked staff to correct the spelling of her name.
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CONCLUSIONS	The committee was satisfied with the proposed minutes.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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1 HOUR	VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY	ROBYN MACDONALD
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DISCUSSION	Explained the process for filling out the survey. Please see attached notes for a summary of the discussion. The survey will help the committee to visualize the types of streetscapes, hardscapes, architecture, etc for the Hwy 9 corridor.
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CONCLUSIONS	See Attached
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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Will have the survey results at the next meeting	Robyn MacDonald	April 21, 2009
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30 MINUTES	REVIEW OF UNDEVELOPED PARCELS/CHARETTE FOR HWY 9	ROBYN MACDONALD
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DISCUSSION	Staff presented maps that showed the undeveloped parcels along the corridor. Overall, the Hwy 9 corridor is developed with a few parcels remaining. There was discussions about future redevelopment of the older portions south of Webb Road.
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CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

None at this time.

OBSERVERS

Heidi Sowder, Clyde Johnson – ISAC, Jeff Walker

RESOURCE PERSONS

SPECIAL NOTES

After the members completed the Visual Preference Survey the discussion followed:

Instead of 15 or 16 ft wide roadway, suggest Hwy 9 to be 14 ft wide including the parallel parking lanes to slow down traffic through Milton's section of 9.

Diagonal parking is easier to park and is a more efficient use of space

9 should slow down through Milton

Established agreement that the sidewalks on 9 should start at least 10 ft from the curb.

A variety of building height looks good. A combination of 2, 3, and in some case 4 story buildings make a nice streetscape.

3 and 4 story buildings allow more variety and opportunity for good architectural composition. Can have nice design accents on building corners.

3 and 4 story buildings can be allowed with conditions of provision of usable green space on site or purchased for the City (land bank) at an alternate site.

A ratio of building density to required open space should be worked out.

On 141 through Duluth there is a berm along the route that effectively blocks the parking lot from view, but allows the shops behind it to be seen from the road. It is nice to be able to see the shops without the parking lot. The parking lots are what disturbs the view and prohibits a nice streetscape.

Utilities should go underground! How can we garner support to put group pressure on Sawnee Electric to bury the power utilities.

Pervious pavers are desired

Mixed pavers create interest as opposed to monochromatic or mono-textured pavers.

Where there is no bus shelter provided by MARTA, a Milton style bench should be provided the Bus Stops.

Consider a Milton Bus System that looks like a trolley or street car. The thought is that more residents will ride the 'bus' if it did not look like a bus but rather a trolley or street car. Organizations such as a CID are better equipped to make a community bus system a reality. The North Fulton CID consulting team is scheduled to talk to the Hwy 9 committee on May 21, 2009.

Roger vehemently objected to playgrounds or play areas in the Hwy 9 area. The rest of the body did not share his objection.

Some amenities deteriorate fast – look for low maintenance amenities and product that age well

An information kiosk is a good idea..... But maybe a community bulletin board fits Milton better

Solar powered lighting is advantageous for cost reduction

Make sure greenway trails connect to neighboring cities. Path Foundation can help facilitate this

Fix Bethany Bend Intersection. Southbound from 9 to west on Bethany Bend is almost a U turn.

Re-route through traffic from 9 to Deerfield to Windward to 400/400 to Windward to Deerfield to 9 leaving the section of 9 between Windward and Deerfield to be a local street with shops street parking and reduced traffic.

Requests: Marta routes through Milton, Hwy 9 overlay map in PDF, visual preference survey in PDF,