

## **2022 SUMMARY REPORT STATEMENT**

The CID Advisory committee met six times throughout the year. After the first couple of meetings, we agreed to hold subsequent meetings on the third Thursday of each month. The first three meetings were held under the leadership of former Economic Development Director Jonathan Bartlett. Upon his departure, the committee was unable to meet for lack of a quorum during the summer. When we regrouped in September, William Smith, the new Economic Development Director became our primary sponsor.

Our focus initially was obtaining an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the East Metro Dekalb CID. After a couple of trips back and forth between the City Attorney's office and the CID, this was completed during the summer. In the meantime, we additionally proposed two project-specific cooperation agreements between the city and the CID for the landscaping project on Turner Hill Road and the Flock Camera project near the Mall at Stonecrest. The last two proposed agreements were sent to the City Attorney's office for review, but we have not yet heard back from them.

Although we lacked a quorum in August, several of our committee met with Larry Kaiser, the Executive Director of the Metro South Community Improvement District, hearing of their work with both the businesses and residents in their southwest Dekalb community. This meeting inspired us to seek a greater degree of cooperation and progress within our own community. As a result, we scheduled a presentation from Bernard Knight, Chairman of the Stonecrest Industrial Council, at which we heard of their plans to form the Stonecrest/Lithonia Industrial Park Community Improvement District. Our committee will take a tour through the Stonecrest/Lithonia Industrial Park on December 9, visiting several businesses and hearing their plans for greater community involvement.

These are some of the activities of the CID Advisory Committee. If possible, we would like to keep the same group together in 2023, as we believe we can make much more progress after gaining experience in 2022.

- Minutes are on file at city of stonecrestga.gov
- All meetings were recorded and are on file at stonecrestga.gov

Chairperson: Greg Wright