

Call to order: 6:15 P.M.

A meeting of the Brookhaven MARTA Citizens Review Board (BMCRB) was held at the Brookhaven City Hall community room on February 12, 2015. Attending members were Bates Mattison (BM)-chair, Pat Hoban (PH), Joel Putterman (JP), David Leaderman (DL), Blair Belton (BB), Giles Stevens (GL), Joe Palladi (JPA), Jack Hondred (JH), Denise Starling (DS), Michael Roberts (MR), Susan Coker (SC), and Kathy Chrisman (KC). Lynda Martin (LM) was absent. Guest Aaron Worthy, program manager for the DeKalb County Public Library (DCPL), was also in attendance.

JH began a 1 hour PowerPoint presentation acquainting the review board members with the 2005 Livable Centers Initiative, 2007 Overlay Study and the 2015 Brookhaven Charrette (presentation postponed for 2 weeks). In the presentation, JH pointed out various important elements of the reports:

1. The need for a center to the city of Brookhaven
2. Encouragement for public spaces
3. Promotion of mixed-use development
4. A walkable environment
5. The overlay is supplemental to the base zoning code
6. Better awareness of the LCI will result in a better quality of neighborhood
7. Proportion of elements (retail: housing: open spaces) is important for a successful plan. (This is a response to PH's query about the success rate of this type of environment.)

Other business:

BM reviewed the MARTA Acquisition Plan timeline emailed out to board members earlier in the day. BM remarked that the RFQ deadline has passed.

There was continuing conversation related to the previous meetings discussions:

1. This board's (public voice of Brookhaven) relevance, input & importance regarding the RFP (Request for Proposal) process.
2. JP the raised beneficial merits of the creation of evaluation criteria for the potential developers proposals and how it should be delivered to MARTA. BM believed the most effective manner to communicate the board's evaluation was through the Brookhaven City Manager, who is on the MARTA committee to select the developer.
3. Amanda Rhein, the MARTA Senior Director of Transit Oriented Development (TOD), has communicated that MARTA would like this board to submit a developer recommendation. MARTA is not interested in a community confrontation.
4. JPA reiterated the need for a traffic study. He also reminded the committee about the expiration of the LCI studies and the loss of grants related to them.
5. Motion to select David Leaderman as Secretary of the Review Board, move by DS, second by JPA. Motion passed.

Next meeting (02/19/2015):

Presentation from Alison Weissinger, Director Of the DeKalb County Public Library System (DCPLS), and Aaron Worthy, Program manager of Design and Construction for DCPLS. They will discuss the replacement of the Brookhaven branch and how it fits in to the MARTA plan.

Wendy Butler, attorney for the Brookhaven Development Authority, will discuss how MARTA works the RFP process.

Michael Roberts, BMCRB member, will discuss storm water management

Joe Palladi, BMCRB member, will make a traffic presentation.

Motion to adjourn at: 8:20 P.M. move by BB; seconded by JPA, motion passed.