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WEST BROAD/HAWTHORNE AREA TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT (TAD) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2025: 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Room 103 City Hall
301 College Ave., Athens, GA 30606

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<https://youtube.com/live/dMn1gLmLbSE?feature=share>

Members Present: TJ Stephens (chair), Bill Berryman, Heidi Davison, and Sam Drennen

Members Absent: Kimberly Davis and Ken Dious

ACC Staff Present: Daniel Young, Economic Development

Visitors: None

1. Call to Order as a Regular Meeting:

A. TJ Stephens at 10:02 AM

2. Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to approve agenda: Sam Drennen
Second: Bill Berryman
Unanimous approval to approve agenda

3. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2025 meeting

A. Motion to approve minutes: Sam Drennen
Second: Bill Berryman
Unanimous approval of minutes

4. New Business:

A. Welcome new committee member Heidi Davison
B. Vote on Community-Identified Priority List recommending 50% to Public Infrastructure Improvements; 25% to Economic Development Partnerships; 15% to Housing Opportunities; and 10% to Youth Development.
Motion to approve recommendations: Sam Drennen
Second: Heidi Davison
Unanimous approval of recommendations

5. Old Business:

A. None.

6. Committee Questions and Discussion

- A. What is the justification for the contents of the recommendation? Why is sewer capacity not included? – The issue of sewer capacity is already under a multi-year plan to address, and this list is community-driven based on feedback during public input gathering. However, this need is acknowledged on the introduction page under “Primary and Secondary Priorities”.
- B. Request a report on the revenues for this TAD. – Will be provided to the committee with the explanation that the revenues are typically gathered October through December each year.
- C. When the School District/School Board agrees to participate in a TAD, do they have input in reviewing project proposals and requests for TAD funds? – That is up to the arrangements made between ACCGov and the School Board at the time the School Board agrees to participate. It is not required. Some municipalities include members/representatives of the School District on their TAD Advisory Committees regardless of participation in a specific TAD.
- D. What is the status of the discussion to consolidate the TAD committees? – The Manager’s Office has made a recommendation to consolidate the six TAD committees into a single committee following the acceptance of all of the priority lists. This recommendation was received by the Government Operations Committee (GOC) and is pending further activity. Links to relevant GOC meeting highlights from March 17, 2025 and April 21, 2025 meetings sent to TAD Advisory Committee members via email on Monday, May 12, 2025.
- E. What is the status of the Land Bank Authority of Athens-Clarke County? – Designed to allocate \$275,000 towards a land bank addressing affordable housing issues in Athens was held until June 3rd M&C meeting for further discussion and clarification.

7. Date for Next Regular Meeting: June 3, 2025, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Room 103 at City Hall

8. Adjourn

- A. Motion to adjourn: Sam Drennen
Second: Bill Berryman
Unanimous approval to adjourn
Meeting ended at 10:24 AM