

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

City Park Recreation Building
Cumming, GA
January 26, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 26, 2017, 5:00 p.m. at the City Park Recreation Building in Cumming, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Cumming.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present

Dean Scarborough, Chairman
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Kevin Tallant, GMRC Counsel

Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones
Sam Norton
Lamar Paris
George Wangemann

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 17, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Sam Norton, seconded by George Wangemann, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough reported he will be introducing five new members to the GMRC Council.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman reminded everyone of the GMRC Council Training is scheduled for February 23rd. Training will be held at the Helen City Hall and will begin at 10:00 a.m. and hope to be finished before 4:00 p.m. The last training was conducted was in 2012. This training will not be the same as the previous ones. At this session, along with training, we want

to listen to what the Council has to say. The monthly Council Meeting will be held at the end of the training session. All Council Members are required to attend training.

Surveys have been sent out to all 51 local governments that make up our region to see how the RC is performing and also to find out future opportunities for the RC. Ms. Feldman stated, "You don't know where you're going unless you know where you have been". The RC wants to hear from our cities and counties as to what we can do for them, what the RC needs to improve on, and what they have to say.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there was one check written during the month of December and January which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

GMEBS – December (Health, Dental, Life Ins.)
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NGTC – Welding /Goodwill

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Excused Absence

Chairman Scarborough reported that a letter had been received from Connie Tabor, Private Sector Representative for Stephens County stating that she had missed two consecutive Council Meetings in November, December, and tonight's meet due to events that were previously scheduled before becoming a GMRC Council Member. She asked that tonight's meeting be excused in order to remain on the Council. She is now working to have event's scheduled on dates that does not conflict with the Council Meetings. Bill Chafin made a motion to excuse this meeting and J.B. Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed WorkSource Office Location

Back in October the Council, Workforce Development Board, and the LEO Board had approved for the RC to move forward with securing the Sherwood Building as the new WD Office location. During negotiations, we were notified that the landlord had decided to demolish the strip shopping center, so that put us back to square one. The first item that needed to be taken care of was extending the lease on the Hilton Drive office location, which expired December 31, 2016, until another office could be located. With the lease extension being completed, the search for another building began. The location that is being presented tonight is the Chattahoochee Center located on Thompson Bridge Road. This is a very visible location. The section of this building that we are looking at has 9,000+ SF, 50 parking spaces, over 30 offices, and six restrooms. On July 1, 2017 the OneStop must be up and running. For WorkSource Georgia Mountains to operate the OneStop, it must be located in a facility where core partners of the OneStop operation will have a physical appearance at this location. This building has plenty of space for these partners. MOUs would be done with all partners and they would be cost sharing.

The cost for this building is \$11.50 SF with \$1.50 common area maintenance fee which totals \$13.00 per SF. The total would be \$121,264 annual or \$10,105 monthly. This is doubling our current amount, but we are also doubling the space. The moving fee would be approximately \$20,000. The building would need some renovations such as interior painting, replacing carpet, updated computer network wiring, security system, and removal of sinks from some of the rooms. We are negotiating for a carpet allowance. The funds for rent and the move will come from the WorkSource budget. No money will come out of RC dues. We also would apply to the State for funds for signage for the building.


Jim Conley made a motion to move this item on to the Council for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Bill Chafin and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m..



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary