

## **Peachtree Gateway Partnership (Chamblee, Doraville, Brookhaven and Dunwoody)**

The cities of Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville and Dunwoody held 3 meetings in 2014 and 6 meetings thus far in 2015 which were facilitated by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to discuss better coordination of planning and community development. The 2014/2015 meeting topics included:

- Overview of PDK operations from Mike Van Wie
- Update on plans for redevelopment of former GM site from Eric Pinckney (Integral Group)
- Discussion on greenspace/floodplain areas and potential trail system. Ideas for coordination and priority projects for North DeKalb area.
- Chuck Warbington – Gwinnett Village CID and Yvonne Williams – Perimeter CID's
- Brad Carr provided an overview of Partnership Gwinnett
- ARC provided updates on the Aerotropolis Alliance and Bike/Pedestrian/Trails planning

The cities determined it was in their best interest to explore a non-profit 501c6 entity similar in structure to Partnership Gwinnett, Cobb Edge and the Aerotropolis Alliance at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

The initial name of the proposed 501c6 organization has been proposed to be the Peachtree Gateway Partnership (PGP). The PGP area has many strengths including the Peachtree-DeKalb Airport, MARTA rail system, Interstate 85 and 285 highways, redevelopment of the former GM site in Doraville, CDC, IRS, corporations, parks, etc. Possible priority projects for the PGP include:

- Coordinated transportation planning
- Interjurisdictional trail system similar to the Atlanta Beltline, Silver Comet and Heritage Trail
- Develop a "Blueprint" for area (similar to Atlanta Aerotropolis)
- Explore creating a new Community Improvement District (CID) in the area
- Explore a Joint Development Authority

Brad Carr, Attorney with Anderson, Tate and Carr has provided legal services to the group. The discussed the mission, name - Peachtree Gateway Partnership (PGP) and initial board: Mayors of the four cities; PDK airport manager; plus 5-7 non-governmental representatives were discussed. It was agreed to remove the boundaries of the Perimeter Community Improvement District (PCID) from the proposed area of PGP. The following public, private and non-profit organizations were identified as the initial 501c6 board. Once a Board has been seated the priorities for the organization and a budget will be considered.

- Mayor Eric Clarkson
- Mayor John Ernst
- Mayor Donna Pittman
- Mayor Denis Shortal
- Mario Evans, Dekalb-Peachtree Airport
- Jimmy Ellis
- Pat Epps
- Stephen Macauley
- Jeff Petrea
- Eric Pinckney