



DeKalb Delegation Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2019, Approved March 11, 2018

Attending: Rep Wilensky, Rep Wilson, Rep Evans, Rep Drenner, Rep Nguyen, Rep Holcomb, Rep Oliver, Rep Kendrick, Rep Carter, Rep Bennett, Rep Stephenson, Rep Davis, Rep Mitchell, Rep Jones, Rep Shannon, Rep Henson

- I. Chair Drenner called meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.
- II. Re-called to order at 12:22pm
- III. Report of Officers - None
- IV. Report of Special Committees:
 - a. Ethics: SB 7: Rep Stephenson: Will review additional substitutes to SB 7
- V. Unfinished Business: None
- VI. New Business:
 - a. **Special Committee for SB 89 in our packet** – Amend an act for City of Decatur. Secretary Evans read the bill title and opening paragraph. Chair Drenner appoints: Rep Stephenson as Chair, Rep Bennett as member, and all Decatur Reps as members: Rep Shannon, Rep Oliver, Rep Evans, and Rep Drenner.
 - b. **LC 47 0105 Stonecrest** – Opportunity to raise hotel/motel tax. Secretary Evans did first reading of the legislation. Chair Drenner appoints all members of Stonecrest to the committee. Chair is Rep Carter. Members are: Rep Davis, Rep Stephenson, Rep Jones, Rep Kendrick, and Rep Bennett. Rep Carter asked: What is process we need to follow? Chair Drenner: go back to page 5 of Delegation Rules for Municipal Legislation.
 - c. **Sister City Initiative** – Idea to cross pollinate S. DeKalb and N. DeKalb cities. Chair Drenner appointed Rep Kendrick as Chair, with Rep Wilensky and Shannon as members.
 - d. **Casino Gambling Study Committee**: Chair Drenner appointed Co-Chairs, Rep Jones and Rep Mitchell. Rep Jones declined. Rep Mitchell will chair, with member Rep Bennett.
- VII. Program: Secretary Evans thanked the Georgia Municipal Association for lunch and introduced the DeKalb Mayors to discuss annexation plans.
 - a. Mayor Patti Garrett of Decatur– SB 89 DeKalb bill – “Connector Bill” Decatur has purchased 77 acres of former United Methodist Children’s home and will need to annex a few residential parcels to connect current Decatur border with the former UMCH. DeKalb County and DCSD are not in opposing. Some families living there on property this summer.
 - b. Mayor Jason Lary of Stonecrest - Opportunity to raise Hotel/Motel Tax. Legislation read today for first time and carried by Rep Carter. Also a couple of meetings about split parcels between Stonecrest/Lithonia/Unincorporated DeKalb, making sure boundaries are correct. Also publically thanked Reps Mitchell, Carter and Jones for helping him with his cancer situation.
 - c. Mayor Patricia Wheeler of Stone Mountain – No plans for annexation this year
 - d. Mayor Deborah Jackson of Lithonia – No plans for annexation this year. Participating in DeKalb County’s Study of Impact of Annexation and New Cities on DeKalb County by the Carl Vinson Institute.



- e. Robin Gomez – City Manager of Clarkston – committee met last Saturday – looking to eventually annex areas to square city limits. Potentially to Memorial Drive.
 - f. Bill Rosenfeld – representative from City of Tucker
 - g. Question - When will Carl Vinson Study be completed? – Set to be complete by end of December, 2019. Delegation wants to have meeting to learn about this study.
- VIII. Executive Session – Guests all left
- IX. Guests called back in, Meeting Adjourned at 1:15pm
- X. Submitted by Becky Evans on March 11, 2019