

**Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:04 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Paulson presiding.**

**Council Members present:** Council Member Steve Soteres, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Jody Reichel, Council Member Andy Bauman, and Council Member Tibby DeJulio.

**INVOCATION**

Rabbi Ron Segal, Temple Sinai, offered the invocation.

**STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**City Springs**

1. **19-124** Update on the Arts Education Program

**Managing Director City Springs Theater Company Natalie DeLancey** gave the City Springs Theatre Company Arts Education Program PowerPoint presentation.

**Council Member Tibby DeJulio** stated there was mention of the cost of the event being a defining factor for the schools to have field trips. He asked if the school pays or does the student pay to attend the events.

Managing Director City Springs Theater Company DeLancey responded that depends because every school is different. Some schools receive funding for the field trip. Sometimes the funds go directly to transportation and then the students are asked to bring in money for the field trip. Private schools are different than public schools.

Council Member DeJulio stated there was a mention of Title I schools. If he remembers correctly those schools have less funds than others. The Council wants to make sure that no students are excluded from attending the events just because they do not have any money.

Managing Director City Springs Theater Company DeLancey stated Title I schools do receive additional funding because of their classification. You are correct in that we want to make sure students are not excluded. As the program grows we hope to develop a financial aid scholarship program that we can rely on to give the schools in need some additional resources.

Council Member DeJulio asked if the same thing will be done with the summer camp program.

Managing Director City Springs Theater Company DeLancey responded her staff can look into that.

**Council Member Andy Bauman** stated it is amazing that just a few years ago this site was a Target parking lot and now it is City Springs. It is extraordinary how this area has come to life. This is exactly what late Mayor Galambos, prior Council, and those involved in decision making process had in mind. He echoed Council Member DeJulio's comments. The main mission statement should be to serve and bring arts education exposure to this great programming. We should do all that we can by collaborating and having private and public partnerships to accomplish this. He wants to see reports on the program as it progresses. Our top priority should be meeting the needs of families, children, and seniors should be our single top priority.

**Council Member Chris Burnett** asked approximately how many adults have attended the first three Broadway performances and what is expected for the rest of the inaugural season.

Managing Director City Springs Theater Company DeLancey stated her staff has seen over 25,000 patrons to date with the City Springs Theatre Company. We are looking to add a couple of more shows for

Hairspray. For Billy Elliott her staff is projecting about 8,000 more attendees. There should be over 40,000 patrons through City Springs Theatre Company this year.

Council Member Burnett stated the theatre company is doing a spectacular job and making the City proud.

### **Public Works**

#### **2. 19-125 SR400 Multi-Use Path Update/T060-TS201 SR 400 Multi-Use Trail**

**TSPLOST Manager Allen Johnson** gave the SR400 Multi-Use Path Update PowerPoint presentation dated April 16, 2019.

**Council Member Tibby DeJulio** stated he has had the opportunity to walk the path, or what is there at this time and it is fabulous. The only concern he has is when the path reaches Lolidans it comes up to the street and over the bridge and then crosses the street again. He asked if there is any other way to construct the project for those that are riding bicycles and walking with children in order to keep them out of traffic.

TSPLOST Manager Johnson stated in this section there is a bridge. The only area where the path will be at grade is at Windsor Parkway. One will have the ability to cross, go under, or continue on from Wieuca.

Council Member DeJulio stated he saw something in the news reports that were emailed to staff. He asked if he saw it correctly that a graveyard has been identified in this location.

TSPLOST Manager Johnson stated staff has not seen that yet. The next task order will get more in detailed in environmental clearances.

**Council Member Jody Reichel** stated this is a very exciting project and she cannot wait to ride her bicycle into the City of Atlanta along the Beltline. She asked if the I-285/GA400 path is currently in progress..

TSPLOST Manager Johnson responded yes. The I-285/GA400 path is what the SR400 Multi-Use path will connect to. One section will connect to Peachtree Dunwoody Road and the other will continue north. Eventually, the plan will be to go from Big Creek in Roswell all the way down to the Beltline. This project will connect to the Hammond Drive area and Peachtree Dunwoody as part of the I-285/GA400.

Council Member Reichel asked if it has already been determined where the path will be located.

TSPLOST Manager Johnson stated there are set plans where GDOT will tie into the project.

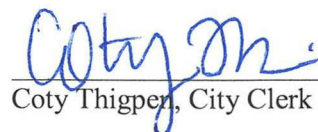
Council Member Bauman stated his dream for the southern part of the City is to get our citizens safely into Chastain Park. There may available space behind the Post property that will allow the path to connect to the Blue Heron Nature Preserve. That would bring the western portion of Sandy Springs into this network.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Date Approved: May 7, 2019



John Paulson, Mayor Pro Tem



Coty Thigpen, City Clerk