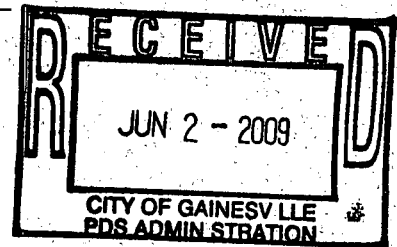




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Erik Bredfeldt
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Dear Erik,

I am looking forward to the coming year of meetings of the Community Development Committee. I understand that our next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on June 8, 2009. I would like the agenda for that meeting to include a brainstorming/strategic planning item for the committee to consider growth management issues it may be interested in discussing over the next year.

Specifically, I was interested in Commissioner Henry's comments at his recent swearing in. He discussed the need to create a more level economic playing field for development in east Gainesville. In that vein, the following three initiatives that may be appropriate for the consideration of the committee:

- one, developing a plan to build out sidewalks and make other road improvements throughout the portion of the city annexed in 1905;
- two, developing a plan to build out utility infrastructure to support development of the allowed intensity in a few small, urbanized areas of the city, such as Five Points; and
- three, creating a vision of our future transit system to synthesize our transportation concurrency program, Gainesville's future land use map, and the bus rapid transit initiatives of the Regional Transit System and the county's proposed long term concurrency management system.

As these proposals are only suggestions, I do not think they require any staff preparation. I hope the committee uses its next meeting to consider whether these initiatives, and any suggested by Commissioners Henry and Lowe, merit more formal discussion at a future date.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hawkins
Commissioner At-Large

cc: Scherwin Henry, District 1 Commissioner
Craig Lowe, District 4 Commissioner