Archway Executive Committee continues ‘graduation’ discussion

BY KIMBERLY BROWN

Habersham County is entering its fifth year as a University of Georgia Archway Partnership community and is midway through the time period in which the city of Clarkesville has been the focus of the partnership’s activities.

During regular April 6 meeting, the Archway Executive Committee confirmed that discussions with John Gordon, executive director of Archway, have been held with Chatham, Arms, and Southern Bank and Trust as Archway coordinator of operations and the Downtown Development Authority

The committee’s chairman, Mike Milner said, said, the meeting had been held with partners to discuss the partnership’s activities.

It was clear from my meeting with them that they are very supportive of our community for Archway, Milner said. That’s also clearly that Archway is not going to be here forever so we need to start looking at some form or fashion, to start having (graduation loan) discussions in a long-term plan for graduation.

Gordon sharpened the group’s focus to its commitment to the Archway Partnership and was clear that the city of Clarkesville has enough resources to be able to support a long-term collaboration of all partners. The Haber- sham County Economic Development Authority includes six of the seven municipalities.

Habersham County Board of Commissioners, Habersham County Medical Center, Habersham County Board of Education, Georgia Technical College and Piedmont College.

While not an official part of the town of Tallahassee, the city resident is welcomed at the Tallahassee city council. Women’s Town Hall has been attending Archway.

Gordon said his discussions with the council have been ongoing with each recognizing that Archway Part- nership “is a long term, but there is a lot to be done here.

He recommended the discussion continue with both program members, as well as “some key individuals on the key work groups that are ongoing,” especially the water, permitting and Economic Development Council (EDC) work groups.

If you can get those folks in the room together, we can have a little bit of time deciding what the appropriate graduation date is and thinking about what key goals you want to work on.

Gordon said graduation is “incredibly positive” for the county. As an objective person looking in, I view it as an indication you are working together very positively and in a col- laborative way on some really key, and Chamber of Commerce, resources for the community.

Mixon agreed the county is “better off for having Archway” and there is “no foreseeable date” for graduation.

“We need to make sure we have got our board on the ground on the ground and that we are going to be to be committed to,” he said. “Basically that’s what the work groups that will carry us to the finish line.”

Mixon also pointed out the emphasis on Archway on the community will carry on after Archer with his partnership has ended.

“Archer could have grown from the Archway Partnership at some time, but we should be able to transition that to Habersham County as a local to local organization to address some of these projects,” he said.

“We want to be the people that are going through graduation,” Gordon said. “The reality is the University of Georgia is not going away after you graduate. So during the transition pe- riod, we’ll make sure you know what the resources are out there and how to access those resources on your own after graduation.

The next Archway Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2016. We’re really the big picture of that, which will benefit the city. But getting it very compli- cated efforts for the city and banking insurers and tax (Glen) is here.

When the project is complete, the buildings are to be utilized as in one building it will be rezoned, CERG, through rezoning, to begin to pay for the city’s investment in the property. Ke- ller said.

In essence of the rezoning, to be realized, CERG, through rezoning, will begin to pay for the city’s investment in the property.

Kesler said Tuesday the $500,000 is contingent upon receiving the funds.

If received, the $500,000 will be paid out of grant monies. She added it would facilitate funding for building the structure and then the city would begin to use the land and would be able to close, and the $50,000 in contingent upon receiving the funds.

City transfers rebuild property to DDA

The following public meetings are scheduled be- fore the Habersham County Commission, work session.

Habersham County Commission

4 p.m., Monday, April 11, at the Habersham County Courthouse, [work session]

Habersham County Board of Education

1 p.m., Thursday, April 7, at the Administration Build- ing in Clarkesville. (Work session 3:30 p.m.)

Baldwin City Council

6:30 p.m., Monday, April 11, at Baldwin Municipal Building

Alto Town Council

7 p.m., Thursday, April 7, at Alto Town Hall, Gaines- ville Highway.

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