



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending March 17, 2017

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- A grant application was submitted for intersection and approach improvements of the U.S. Highway 278 and North Clarendon Avenue intersection. Improvements will include upgrades to curbing, ADA ramps, pedestrian countdown heads, and repairs/replacing sidewalks.
- Mayor Elmore, City Manager Brown and City Planner Stevens met with Decatur Mayor Garrett, City Manager Merriss, Assistant City Manager Menne, Decatur Downtown Development Authority members Bill Floyd and Fisher Paty to discuss the redesign of U.S. Highway 278. The City of Decatur supports the efforts by the City of Avondale Estates to make the corridor more pedestrian friendly. Decatur is working on other priority transportation projects in the near term but intends to address issues on this corridor at a later date.
- The City welcomed Reunion Salon and Banjo Cold Brew Coffee with ribbon-cutting ceremonies. View pictures from Reunion Salon's ribbon-cutting [here](#) and Banjo Cold Brew Coffee's ribbon-cutting [here](#).
- City Manager Brown and City Planner Stevens met with Commissioners Fisher and Yelton to discuss action items, responsible parties, and next steps regarding downtown development efforts. A draft spreadsheet was created to discuss the list and determine if the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) would like to move forward with any or all the items listed. The spreadsheet will be discussed at the upcoming BOMC Work Session on March 22. To view a copy of the spreadsheet click [here](#).
- The City hosted the DeKalb Municipal Association Mayor Policy Committee meeting at City Hall.
- City Manager Brown, Mayor Elmore, and Communication Manager Revzin met to discuss Mayor Elmore's State of the City speech.
- Mayor Elmore and City Manager Brown met with Avila Real Estates' civil engineers. Items discussed included stormwater, the Avila retention pond, sanitary sewer issues, streets, parking, and grading.

- City Manager Brown, City Planner Stevens, City Clerk Hill, Communications Manager Revzin, Public Works Director Griffin, and Administrative Assistant Holmes held a planning meeting for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, Dog Parade, and Antique Car Show scheduled for Easter weekend.
- City Planner Stevens attended the quarterly Lifelong Communities Meeting at the Atlanta Regional Commission. Topics discussed were transportation options in the region, housing statistics, and sidewalk inventories.
- The Avondale Estates Woman's Club and other groups in the City have discussed the possibility of a grant to collect stories and history from longtime residents. The grant would allow production and recording of longtime resident interviews along with a booklet; information about the details of the grant are being gathered.
- On Wednesday, March 22, the parking spaces in the front of the Tudor Village Building will be stripped. The community is asked to find alternative parking in the back of the Tudor Village Building.
- Members from the Avondale Estates Tree Board and arborists from Arboguard Tree Specialists conducted a city-wide inspection of mistletoe growing in trees located in the City right-of-way.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Chief Thomas and Captain Conroy attended Chief's Day at the Atlanta Capital. A three-hour training session followed by lunch, and a meet and greet with Governor Nathan Deal.
- Avondale Estates Police Department officers met with DeKalb Sheriff Jeff Mann's representative to finalize the deputization renewal process.
- A speed data study was conducted on Franklin Street, monitoring eastbound traffic with the speed display set in the "off" position. The study covered the period, March 5-11. The report revealed that 3,272 vehicles traveled the area at an average speed of 13 mph in a posted 25 mph zone; all vehicles were operating within acceptable limits during the study.

PUBLIC WORKS

- The Rail Arts District (RAD) Studio Cruise banner was installed at the intersection of Clarendon Avenue and North Avondale Plaza.
- Flyers were delivered to business owners in the Tudor Village Building informing them that the parking lot at the front of the building will be closed for striping on March 22.
- An arborist finished removing the metal edging from the tree stump located at 10 Dartmouth Avenue.

- A tree in the right-of-way at 101 Dartmouth Avenue was inspected.
- Six abelia bushes were planted to fill in the damaged plants on North Avondale Road.
- Household Waste Removed – 25 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 9 tons
- Sign Violations – 22
- Special Pickups – 8
- Site Visits - 19