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To: All Dunwoody Chamber of Commerce Members

What Government Issues are the Chamber working on?

I think it is fair to say that we have not done a good job of communicating the Chamber's government involvement to our members and I apologize.

- Impact fees – there is a proposal to implement impact fees in Dunwoody. The Chamber is involved in this effort and we are basically opposed given that the bulk of the fees will fall on the shoulders of the business community. There is little chance that impact fees will be implemented but we will stay involved.
- Signs – signs are our ongoing project. The sign ordinance itself was presented to the Council as a work in progress. We knew from the start we would find problems and there would have to be modifications. Your Chamber is involved and will continue to be so in the development process and all changes in the sign ordinance.
- Zoning revisions – the City has hired a consulting firm to rewrite the zoning laws. Portions of this will affect new businesses and business moves as the old businesses will be grandfathered. The Chamber will be closely involved. Our objective is solid and clear zoning that affords the best environment for new and existing businesses.
- Economic growth – economic growth is critical for everybody's prosperity. The Chamber maintains a dialogue with the City and where possible with the potential candidates. I must say that I am encouraged with the economic growth in our area. The new businesses large and small moving or opening coupled with the growth of the sales in the mall and in the solid growth of our hotel occupancy are all a testimony to the efforts of the City, Chamber, PCID and CVBD.

This is a brief report. We intend to be involved in everything that affects the business community and will do a better job of communicating.

Sincerely,



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Dunwoody Chamber of Commerce