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Fuqua Group to Develop City Property Across From The Forum

PEACHTREE CORNERS, Ga -- Peachtree Corners Downtown Development Authority (DDA) moved one step closer to selling the 20.6 acres of city-owned land across from The Forum Shopping Center Monday (Sept. 30) by unanimously selecting the Fuqua Group as the top-ranked development team.

The team consists of Fuqua Development (retail), AMLI (residential), and Pope and Land (office). During a proposal to city council last August, Fuqua representatives indicated they would partner with Bob Cheeley, who owns several tracts of land surrounding the city's property, to assemble a total of 31 acres for a mixed use development that would include retail, restaurants and residential, a dinner theater, health club and parking decks. Representatives said the financing is already in place.

Fuqua is expected to create a conceptual plan to present to city officials in the Spring. After review by the Planning Commission, the proposal will go before city council in a public hearing for final approval.

Community Development Director Diana Wheeler said the public will have lots of opportunity to provide input into the project.

The TPA Group was ranked second by the DDA. Wheeler said they will be contacted if agreement on the sale cannot be reached with the Fuqua Group.

Before voting, DDA members said the high quality of responses made their choice more difficult than they had anticipated.

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