

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

April 17, 2014

A meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman
Kenneth Deleon
Richard Holmes
Aysha Khanna
T. Rogers Wade

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Jack Sprott, MILRA
Sandra Tennyson, MILRA
Darlene Hawksley, MILRA
James McCormick, MILRA
Ken Neighbors, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig
Jatal Slade, City of Atlanta Mayor's Office
Kevin Johnson, Invest Atlanta
Justin Giboney, Invest Atlanta
Michelynn Carellas, Army
Owens Nuttall, Army

Ex-Officio:

Joyce Sheperd, Atlanta City Councilmember

Guests:

Alleean Brown, NPU- S
Monica Robinson, Fulton County, Health Wellness
Ernestine Faircloth, Stand-Up
Jacquelyn Treadville Sand-Up
Ralph Brown, Brown Design
Matt Brown, Brown Design
Ron Alston, SunTrust
Peter Lyons, Epstein Group
Joseph Johnson
Norma Uroughart
Starlyn Baxter, ACU
Cynthia Barren 25-8 Consulting
Doris Hines, Atl. Tech. College
Edward Powers, Hope Atlanta
Deb Marshall

Llmette Miller, ACU Ft. Mac
Bruce Gunter, PRI
Alan Travis BOR

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 1:17 p.m. Chairman Ward recognized that a quorum was not yet in place and preceded with items on the agenda until a quorum was present. A *quorum was not achieved* and all items requiring a vote were tabled to be voted on at the next scheduled MILRA Board meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at the offices of MILRA located at 1794 Walker Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

Announcements and Welcome:

Chairman Ward thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting. Chairman Ward reminded the audience about the sign-in-sheet for public comment for non-board members and asking that anyone making a comment to the Board to please state their name, address and to limit their comment to three minutes.

Item No. 4: Community Engagement Subcommittee:

Councilmember Sheperd stated that at the Community Engagement Subcommittee meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 several issues were discussed:

- A roll call-from the revised CES appointment list to confirm participation from the identified communities.
- A revamping of the CES committee to include the alternates.
- Mr. Sprott, Director of MILRA, gave an update on the current status of Fort McPherson.
- Discussion on where the water was coming from the City of East Point/City of Atlanta.
- Discussion on MARTA surrounding Fort McPherson.
- Update on the homeless piece and how it fits in with the redevelopment on the base.
- The possibility of Dr. Khun from Georgia State University coming to the base to give a presentation to the CES committee on the History of the base.
- CES members wanting to do a tour of the buildings and grounds on the base to become more familiar with the base.
- A major concern for the CES is that they would like to have a member from the community to serve of the MILRA Board.
- Councilmember Sheperd announced with the new MILRA Board meetings being moved to Thursday's; the CES meetings are now held on the following Wednesday's after the MILRA board meetings.

A draft copy of the CES Meeting Minutes was enclosed in the Board members' packet for their perusal.

Item No. 5: Veterans Administration Medical Clinic Update:

Mr. Alvin Rosado, Ft. McPherson Site Administrator, gave an update on what was happening at the VA Clinic on the base of Fort McPherson. Mr. Rosado stated that the clinic is fully operational and they are expecting to service at least 9,700 patients for primary care per year. He also stated that the Dental clinic is to open in May and that the East Point Clinic lease was renewed, therefore it is still open. Mr. Rosado stated the CBOC is fully operational and that they have a list of community partners serving the veterans. The Domiciliary is also open and has a 40 bed capacity and in the future they should be adding another program with an additional 21 beds, which will bring the number to over 60 beds. Mr. Rosado stated they are experiencing homeless veterans with children and that they have a few community partners that are assisting them and when it comes to homeless veterans, they can always use help from the community.

Item No. 6: Salutrased Report on Technology Park Issues:

Chairman Ward introduced Russell M. Medford, MD, PHD, and Managing Partner of the Salutrased Group. Chairman Ward reminded the board and audience that at the last MILRA Board meeting held on March 20th, the board had approved a contract with the Salutrased Group to help with and assist in the opportunities and challenges facing a Georgia Science Technology Park on the grounds of Fort McPherson.

After the introduction, Dr. Medford handed out and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation to the MILRA Board Members which introduced his team, himself and the agenda that detailed the process for their three month work study for the Bio-Science Center. The hand out was self-explanatory.

Item No. 7: Overview and Progress Report:

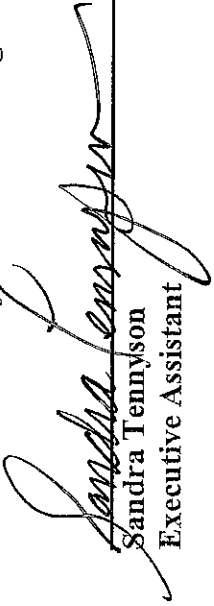
Mr. Spratt stated that it was the Board's decision to give a monthly overview and progress report at each MILRA meeting for the benefit of those in attendance who may be new to the Fort McPherson project. Mr. Spratt stated that in 2006, the McPherson Planning Local Redevelopment Authority was started and that the MPLRA accomplished everything required by the reuse plan for the Army. Mr. Spratt stated that just last week he attended the first meeting of the Atlanta Aerropolis Alliance, which was put into place to bring vibrancy back into the area surrounding the airport. The fact that Fort McPherson is located between two MARTA stations and is approximately 3 miles from the airport is a major plus and it supports the reuse plan. Mr. Spratt stated that the conveyance of the EDC application is on schedule and that the appraisal of the property has been completed.

Public Comments:

Chairman Ward noted that no one had signed in for public comments.

Adjournment:

Chairman Ward adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:23 pm.


Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant
4/17/2014

Approved By:



Jack Sprott
Executive Director