

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

October 9, 2012

A meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Tuesday October 9, 2012, at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310, the new office of the MILRA.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman
Kenneth Deleon
Ayesha Khanna
Chandra Houston
Brian McGowan
David Todd
John Akin
T. Rogers Wade

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Jack Sprott, MILRA
Sandra Tennyson, MILRA
Michael Lusk, MILRA
Ken Neighbors, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig, LLC
Daniel Sherman, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig, LLC
Kristen Denius, Assistant City Attorney, City of Atlanta
Jalal Slade, City of Atlanta Mayor's Office
Tom Weyandt, City of Atlanta Mayor's Office
Mike Carellas, BTC Fort Mac

Ex-Officio Members:

State Representative, Ralph Long

Guests:

James Wilkes, Shamrock Gardens
Howard M. Chennault
Jack Wexler, Faithful & Gould
Jim Stapleton
Nzingha Asantewa, Ankobia Group
Barbara Patton, ACU
Edward Powers, Hope Atlanta/Travelers Aid
Ralph Brown, Brown Design
Doris Hines, Atl. Tech
Chris Kaney, Nycom
Clara Dallas, Chris Kids
Velda Simpson, Kairos Development

Alexander Gothard, East point
Rhea McBride, Atlanta
Allean Brown, NPU-S
Elva Thurman, East Point
Darlene Burke, NPU
Kim Carter, For Commissioner Mike Beatty
Barbara Guillory
Gladys Hardnett-Thomas, Oakland City
Thekla Holder, Grystal Green Cleaning
Dianese Howard, WSCO
Colbert Lovett, Concerned Citizens& Clergy of East Point
Robbie Robinson, United Consultants
Zeb Linder, Standard
Eric R. Carswell
Glenda Knight, MACC
Brenda Archer, Residence INN
Stephen Smith, Councilmember Sheperd's Office
Joseph Johnson
Liz Smith, PTA
Deborah Scott, Georgia Standup

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m.
Chairman Ward recognized and announced that a quorum was in place.

Announcements and Welcome:

Chairman Ward thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the MILRA new office space.

He 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.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the agenda. Kenneth Deleon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by T. Rogers Wade. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the August 21, 2012 Minutes. Ayesha Khanna made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Kenneth Deleon. Approval was unanimous.

Regular Session:

Item No. 4: Audit Report- January 2010 through June 2010:

Mr. Sprott stated that there was no audit report; however they did have documentation from Mauldin & Jenkins starting from January 2010 through June 2010. Mr. Sprott stated that he hopes to get the final report by Friday, of this week and in the interim asked for the board to table this agenda until the next Board Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012.

Item No. 5: Community Engagement Subcommittee Report:

Mr. Sprott, informed the Board that due to a previous commitment Councilmember Sheperd was unable to attend the Board's Meeting and in her absence he would give a brief update on this agenda item. Mr. Sprott stated that at the last Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting held on August 22, 2012, Councilmember Sheperd went over the timetable about the Army and hiring of a new employee for the MILRA. He stated that she also discussed jobs with the Veterans Administration, which could take place as early as Spring and that the VA currently intends to keep the Buggy Works facility in East Point open. There was also an update given on the maintenance of the grounds around the base and that it's currently being maintained by DOT and MARTA.

Mr. Sprott stated that the Open House held on the grounds of Fort McPherson on Saturday, September 22, 2012, was a huge success, roughly 200 attendees were present and thanks went out to Councilmember Langford of East Point for contributing to the cost for the printing of brochures, that were designed by Renia Barrentine, President of Frog Hollow in East Point. Robo calls, hand distributions of flyers and e-mail blasts for Atlanta and East Point were sent out by various council members whose districts surround Fort McPherson.

Item No. 6 Development Director Selection Subcommittee Report:

Mr. Sprott stated that at the August 21st Board meeting a Subcommittee was developed to assist in the selection for the position of *Director of Development and Operations* for the MILRA. Those Board Members were *Richard Holmes, David Todd, John Akin* and *Chairman Felker Ward*. Mr. Sprott stated that he could advertise for the position as early as this week.

Public Comments:

Chairman Ward invited public comment and two members took advantage of the opportunity to speak.

Item No. 9: EDC Update:

Chairman Ward made an announcement to move into Executive Session and read the required statement.

“Ladies and Gentleman:

In accordance with O.C.A. SECTION 50-14-4(B), a quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA is present and will enter into executive session by a majority vote. The purpose for the closed section is for members to (1) deliberate regarding the acquisition of interest in real estate. (2) Receive Attorney-Client Communication. The specific reason for the closed session is to (1) discuss the acquisition of real property at Fort McPherson. The specific reasons for the closed session will be entered in the official minutes and a notarized affidavit will be executed stating that the executive session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.”

After Chairman Ward read the statement, Brian McGowan made a motion to approve and it was seconded by David Todd. The vote was unanimous.

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 1 hour and 6 minutes. David Todd made a motion to end the Executive Session and it was seconded by Kenneth Deleon. Approval was unanimous.

After the Executive Session ended Chairman Ward asked that the meeting be reopened to the public.

Adjournment:

Ayesha Khanna made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by John Akin. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA meeting ended at approximately 2:45pm.

Recorded By:


Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By:


Jack Sprott
Executive Director

OPEN MEETINGS AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Felker Ward, Jr., who, after being duly sworn in, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") held on the 9th day of October, 2012.

- (2) I have been advised that *O.C.G.A* § 50-14-4(b) requires that when any meeting of the Authority is closed in accordance with an exception to the Open Meetings Law that:
 - (i) the specific reason for the closure is to be entered upon the official minutes of the meeting;
 - (ii) the meeting is be closed only upon a majority vote of a quorum present for the meeting;
 - (iii) the minutes are to reflect the names of the members present and those voting for closure; and
 - (iv) the person presiding over the meeting is to execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

- (3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 9th day of October, 2012 which was closed for the purpose of:

DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER

- X DELIBERATION REGARDING ACQUISITION OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE**
(To be spread on minutes upon conclusion of disposition of interest in real estate)

DELIBERATION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION

- X ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

as allowed by *O.C.G. A.*, Title 50, Chapter 14 and was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 9th day of October, 2012.



Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 9th day of October, 2012.

Witnessed:



Notary Public (SEAL)



Witness