

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

July 17, 2012

A meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Tuesday July 17, 2012, at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman
Richard Holmes
Kenneth Deleon
Ayesha Khanna
Joe Macon
David Todd
John Akin

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Jack Sprott, MILRA
Sandra Tennyson, MILRA
Darlene Hawksley, MILRA
Michael Lusk, MILRA
Ken Neighbors, 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:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd,

Guests:

Nzingha Asantewa, Ankobia Group
Johnnie Gordon, Ankobia Group
William T. Parker, ABG
Melissa Coper, ABG
Jim Stapleton, Private
Starlyn Baxter, ACU
Al Rosado, VAMC- ATL
Hal Bergin, FMCU
Lance McCravy, Plumbers & Pipefitter
Barbara Patton, ACU
Shirley Harris, Atl. Workforce
Jeffery Hawzlor, Oxford
Bruce Gunter, PRI
Doris Hines, Atl. Tech College

Jon Tuly, ARC
Jeff Al-Mashat, Hope Atlanta
ED Bernard, Marx/Okubo
Brenda Archer, Residence inn Marriott
Eric Moore
Jackie Huffman, Jaba Services
Barbara Worthy, Jaba Services
Benjamin Spears, Office of Congressman John Lewis
Pamela Newkirk, MACC
Dianese Howard, Subcom
Zebedee Lindee Standard
Barbara Guillory,
Dr. Deborah Johnson-Blake, Atlanta Tec
Kim Carter for Com Mike Beatty
Barry Bates, Atlanta Technical College
Kathryn Rice, BQC
Lyn Stukes, Secure World
Deborah Scott, GA Stand-Up
Melody Harclerobe, Harclerobe Architects
Kerri Hayes, Congressman John Lewis Office
Allean Brown, NPU-S
Rosemary Green, MACC, NPU-R
Rep. Virgil Fludd, State of Georgia

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 1:04 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. Joe Macon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by David Todd. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the June 19, 2012 Minutes. Richard Holmes made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Joe Macon. Approval was unanimous.

Regular Session:

Item No. 4: Community Engagement Subcommittee Report:

Councilmember Sheperd stated that at the last Community meeting there were several guest speakers one being Invest Atlanta's President & CEO Brian McGowan and Dr. Samantha Williams with the Centers for Disease Control and they both gave a brief presentation on their backgrounds and highlighted some of their goals and objectives for the neighborhoods surrounding Fort McPherson.

Councilmember Sheperd also stated that at the meeting they talked about job creation and that there is a good balance between the communities (City of East Point and the City of Atlanta). Also there was a new appointee to Ward B, Ms. Pat Langford.

Councilmember Sheperd announced that the next Community Engagement Subcommittee meeting would be held Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., on the property of Fort McPherson at the offices of the MILRA.

Item No. 5: Financial Report for MILRA/MPLRA:

Mr. Michael Lusk gave a brief presentation on the financial status of the MILRA and a handout was attached for the Board Members perusal. The handout was self explanatory.

Item No. 6: Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget:

Mr. Sprott stated that last week the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) awarded a \$1,011,276 grant to MILRA and in anticipation of receiving additional proceeds from leasing of real property; the MILRA staff has prepared a draft budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Ward asked for this item to be tabled until the next board meeting for review and approval. Staff was directed to offer the budget in a balanced format and include a narrative explaining each category of revenues and expenses.

Public Comments:

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

Item No. 9: EDC Transfer Negotiations:

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 session 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, Joseph Macon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. The vote was unanimous.

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes. Joseph Macon made a motion to end the Executive Session and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

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

Adjournment:

Joe Macon made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Ken Deleon. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA meeting ended at approximately 2:59 p.m.

Recorded By:



Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By:



Jack Spratt
Executive Director

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