

Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes May 25, 2016

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on May 25, 2016 in the Fort MAC LRA offices at 1794 Walker Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair
Gamba Stewart, Sylvan Hills
Michael Hopkins, NPU-X
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills- East Point
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood
James Harris, Capitol View

Alternates: N/A

Ex-Officio: Cleta Winslow

Fort MAC LRA Board: Sondra Rhoades Johnson

Staff:

Brian Hooker, Fort MAC LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort MAC LRA
Arthur Mallard, Fort MAC LRA
Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd's Office
Pete Hayley, Fort MAC LRA
Quazilaon Lewis, Community Engagement Fellow
Jefferey Hicks, Fort MAC LRA
Tracey Mosley, ULGATL

Other: Khalilah Birdsong, Tyler Perry Studios

Guests: **11**

Joyce Sheperd, Councilmember for District 12 and Chair of the Community Engagement Subcommittee, welcomed the members and guests to the May 25, 2016 MILRA CES meeting. Chair Sheperd expressed appreciation for Tyler Perry Studios for providing the meal for the members and guests attending this meeting. After calling the meeting to order, the meeting proceeded with updates and discussions since a quorum was not present. Chair Joyce Sheperd advised that TPS should be added to future agenda for updates.

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Approval of April 27, 2016 Minutes:

Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes but could not approve.

Updates and Information:

- **Fort MAC LRA Board** Brian Hooker provided updates from recent committee meetings:
 - The Finance Committee accepted a bid from the procurement process for the FORSCOM building. The H. J. Russell and Company was selected and will conduct the physical needs assessment of the FORSCOM facility. The assessment could take about eight (8) weeks to complete.
 - Special Called Board Meeting was convened on May 16th for the Board to approve the H.J. Russell and Company contract. In an executive session a real estate concern was discussed.
- **CES Bylaws Committee** Ricardo Jacobs reported that several meetings were planned to discuss the Bylaws. However, attendance was not adequate to move forward with reviewing and making recommendations. After discussion, the group's consensus was to put this topic on the June agenda for the full committee to review.
- **CES Jobs Committee** met on May 23rd to discuss and develop a process for identifying and communicating available and future jobs at the TPS facility to the community. Joyce Sheperd, chair, continued by reviewing the job workshop attended by TPS and conducted in NPU-S. A similar workshop will be scheduled for NPU-X as well. A June meeting is scheduled and other partners will be invited to participate in the conversation. A copy of the meeting minutes were distributed to the members and made available to the guests.
- **TPS Update:** Ms. Birdsong advised that Councilmember Sheperd's office will be contacted with details for any filming projects involving simulated gunfire and/or explosions. After a discussion of concerns on filming and community notifications, **Joyce Sheperd suggested that a representative from the City of Atlanta Film and Entertainment Office attend the next meeting to share the process for communicating filming projects involving simulated gunfire, explosions or traffic impacts.**

Unfinished Business/Concerns

As a result of continued concern about the noise on the TPS property, ***a request was made for TPS to present at the next meeting.*** Joyce Sheperd-Chair, will coordinate obtaining a version of the renderings/plans that can be presented and Khalilah Birdsong will discuss with TPS the presenter. The information should include any plans that could be made

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public about TPS construction/development that could impact the surrounding communities.

New Business/Concerns

Fort MAC Events was discussed by Pete Hayley. Pete shared that the LRA is very interested in activating the property via leasing, long term tenants and events. The LRA is looking for more creative ways to enhance the experience at Fort MAC such that it will become a “place people want to be”. Recently, a Food Truck Wednesday has been instituted to bring more activity and interest to the LRA property. Some additional ideas are Arts venues, old fashion Hay Rides, 5K runs, bike tours and LRA property tours. A suggestion was made to consider the National Night Out for 2017 on the base.

The Fall Festival will be discussed in more detail on next month agenda. Pete encouraged the members and guests to forward any ideas to the LRA using the info@fortmaclra.com address.

Announcements:

Fort MAC LRA Meetings:

- Finance Committee June 16th at 1P
- Development Committee June 9th at 1P
- MILRA Board June 16th at 2P
- CES Meeting June 22nd at 5:30P

As information, the Board will meet the 3rd Thursday bi-monthly for the remainder of the year: June, August, October and December.

Public Comments

Two (2) people signed up and made comments regarding the LRA and projects. A suggestion was made that the committee consider putting flyers in the neighborhood regarding meetings, activities and events.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Jocelyn Bivins