

**Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2019**

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, in the LRA Building located at 1794 Walker Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair
Tamie Cook, East Point-Colonial Hills
Michael Hopkins, NPU-X
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Community
James Harris, CVNA
Judy Walker, OCCO
Robbie Hunter, NPU-S
Glenda Knight, MACC
Robbie Hunter, NPU-S
James Harris, CV

Alternates: Sagirah Jones, CVNA

Ex-Officio: N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board: Young Hughley, West View

Staff:

Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd Office
CeCe Ross, LRA
Sandra Tennyson, LRA
Robert Moseley, LRA
David Burk, LRA
Mahalia Paul, LRA

Guests: 7

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd welcomed the members and guests to the CES Meeting on July 24th, 2019. With a quorum present, the members approved the agenda following the safety briefing by CeCe Ross.

Approval of Minutes:

June 26th and July 11th 2019 meeting minutes approved with corrections.

Councilmember Sheperd recognized partners and Board members in attendance:

- Young Hughley, LRA

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LRA Board Updates:

Chair Joyce Sheperd announced two personnel changes:

- Mr. Brian Hooker has resigned from the Executive Director position for the Fort MAC LRA.
- Mr. Alan Ferguson, Invest Atlanta-Sr. VP Community Development, will be on loan as Interim Director of Fort MAC LRA while the Board conducts a national search for Mr. Hooker's replacement. Mr. Ferguson will report to work on July 25, 2019.

She also discussed the following:

1. History of steps taken to sell or market the Ft. McPherson property to investors over the years without any significant success.
2. Concerns about negative media coverage and representation of deal with Macauley Investments
3. Members expressed concerns about the rumors of TPS potentially becoming the developer for the LRA property.
4. Members asked about the accountability of the LRA Board to the State of Georgia.

Also, the CES group discussed concerns and other ways to distribute meeting announcement to the community. Chair Sheperd advised that it is the responsibility of the CES community representative to announce upcoming meetings and share information discussed in prior meetings with their communities.

5. Action Items:

- **Suggestion for CES members to review of state legislation**
- **Members asked for TPS reporting on number of residents hired**

Committee Reports

Committees did not report in this meeting.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business/Announcements

- Mahalia Paul will be leaving the LRA for employment opportunity with Suntrust Bank.
- LRA Board meeting planned for August 8th at 1P

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Public Comments:

- *Three guests signed and made comments accordingly:*
 - *Steve Williams expressed concerns for meeting notifications.*
 - *Concern about what is not happening with the property*
 - *Reminder that Atlanta is #4 in gentrification in nation*

Announcements and Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned after motion at approximately 7:18 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd's Staff