

**Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2020**

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, via Zoom video conference.

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair
James Harris, CVNA
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills, East Point
Charles Greene, SHNA
Judy Walker, OCCO
Michael Hopkins, NPU-X
Robbie Hunter, NPU-S
Glenda Knight, MACC
Roslyn Baughn, CANO

Alternates: Allison Hathaway, Pamona Park
Alleean Brown, NPU-S

Ex-Officio: Park Cannon, State Representative

Fort MAC LRA Board: Young Hughley

Staff: David Burt, LRA
Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd Office
CeCe Ross, LRA
Sandra Tennyson, LRA
Pete Hayley, LRA
Tracey Upshaw, LRA
Robert Mosby, LRA

TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement

ULGATL: Nancy Johnson

Guests: 0

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd welcomed the members, partners and guests to the CES Meeting via Zoom on April 22, 2020. With a quorum present, recommended appointments were approved by CES members: Michael Hopkins, Designee and Zack Adriaenssens, Alternate NPU-X

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Approval of Minutes:

February 26, 2020 meeting minutes unanimously approved with corrections. Approved minutes will be posted on the Fort MAC LRA website, www.FortMacLRA.com.

Presentation

N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board Updates

- ***Budget:*** David Burt, Interim Executive Director, reported that the Board conducted its first Board meeting via Zoom on April 16th. Although the LRA Staff is working remotely, the operation is set up to continue with meetings and responding to phone calls. The Board is reviewing the upcoming fiscal year budget. A vote of adoption is proposed for the May meeting. Two items under consideration in the budget are:
 - reduction in insurance liability due to the sale of the FORSCOM building
 - cost increase with environmental impact remediation to be evaluated this summer.

CES members were encouraged to participate via phone call and share with their respective communities. Next Board Meeting is May 21st. Call information will be posted on the website. Councilmember Sheperd added that the virus has impacted the search for an Executive Director and David Burt will remain as the Interim until further notice.

- ***Georgia Power Project Easement:*** David reviewed how power was managed on an active military base. Power was delivered to a meter connecting to the base and then distributed to the substation, all facilities and lines which were owned by the Army. With the sale of the FORSCOM building and recent failure of the line that serves the building, an agreement was reached with Georgia Power to provide temporary service via easement agreement. Moving forward, the LRA staff will evaluate how to provide direct service to the credit unions and future customers.
- ***CES members asked about the status of several items that were pending before the virus:***
 - ***Search for Master Developer on hold***
 - ***TPS has made no official offer to the Board to purchase property as reported in a recent published article. TPS mentioned an interest with Chair Sheperd, but no offer to the Board. Young Hughley added that no***

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type discussion has occurred with the Board and TPS has the right of first offer.

- **Fiber Optic** project in progress, some drilling in Oakland area
- **Project updates** will be provided in **next CES meeting**.

Committee Reports

- **Public Arts Advisory Council (PAAC):** Nothing to report since last meeting in January 7, 2020. Young Hughley reiterated that several members were leaving the Council and new members will need to be recruited. Concerns about the makeup of the committee and suggestions on re-defining relationships with CES/ Board/Community should be submitted to Mr. Hughley. A proposal should be presented with any applicable changes to CES including the bylaws, process and new structure.

Suggestions for PAAC members: revisit with MARTA, Beltline, Earnestine Gary, and Fulton County Commissioner Liz Hausmann

- **Tyler Perry Studios:** Ms. Jessica Hardaway reported no recent activity for hiring at TPS due to the pandemic. However, recent community engagement activity included the following:

The Perry Foundation has partnered with various local organizations to provide funding and support during the CoVID-19 pandemic. For example here are some of the organizations we have partnered with: Meals on Wheels Atlanta, Future Foundation, Covenant House Georgia, and William M. Finch Elementary School. Through the recent support of the foundation, William M. Finch Elementary School was able to provide food for over 100 families and students during the pandemic.

- **Jobs Creation Task Force:** Joyce Sheperd announced that the Atlanta 2020 TV and Film Symposium is postponed. Nancy Johnson suggested that the group explore using social media platforms as a delivery option such as Zoom video conferencing. The Urban League has moved to delivering sessions and training online. Other members expressed support and concerns about delivering via social media, such as networking is very important. Additional discussion will be put on hold for two months while monitoring the impact of the pandemic. A meeting will be convened to discuss other options.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

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Ms. Johnson announced that anyone interested in starting a small business and job opportunities should contact Urban League. Also, the Urban League has some limited funds available to assist with unmet needs for rental assistance, food and utilities. Refer to **website** www.ULGATL.org

Public Comments:

- *N/A*
- *Michael Hopkins asked about information on the Walking Trail near the Murphy Trail. Chair Sheperd advised that there are no development plans at this time. When the project is approved and community supports, then funding will be secured to provide for construction.*

Announcements and Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned after motion at approximately 7:05p.m.

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

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