

# McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

July 17, 2014

A meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

## **Board Members:**

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman  
Kenneth Deleon  
Richard Holmes  
Ayesha Khanna  
Chandra Houston  
Brian McGowan  
Thomas Weyandt

## **Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:**

Jack Sprott, MILRA  
Sandra Tennyson, MILRA  
Darlene Hawksley, MILRA  
James McCormick, MILRA  
Michael Lusk, MILRA  
Ken Neighbors, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig  
Kristen Brooks, Attorney City of Atlanta  
Kristen Wilson, Mayor's Office City of Atlanta  
Sojourner Marable Grimmer, Office of Chairman Eaves, Fulton County  
Jocelyn Bivens, City of Atlanta Council Staff  
Senator Vincent Fort, District 39

## **Ex-Officio:**

Joyce Sheperd, Atlanta City Councilmember  
Cleta Winslow, Atlanta City Councilmember

## **Guests:**

Saradin Stein, Capital View Neighborhood, Assn.  
Franky Hartnett, Sand Town West ridge Assoc.  
Daniel R. Meachum, Ubiquitous Studios  
Leon Saunders, Ubiquitous Studios  
Sherry B. Williams, CPEF  
Prentiss Davis, D-One Security Services  
David Pendered, Saporta Report  
Kate Leslie, AJC  
Kevin Do, Remax  
Loc Huynl, Remax  
Kay Wallace  
Stephen Knight, WEBED

Krishna Wilson, CA  
Steve Williams, CV  
Daniel Whitner

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 1:11 p.m.

**Announcements and Welcome:**

Chairman Ward thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting. Chairman Ward 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 recognized that a quorum was in place and recommended the approval of the agenda. Kenneth Deleon made a motion to approve and it was second by Brian McGowan. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the June 18, 2014 MILRA Special Meeting Minutes and the July 10, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes. Richard Holmes made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

Chairman Ward invited public comments and several people took advantage of the opportunity to speak.

**Item No. 4: Community Engagement Subcommittee Report:**

Councilmember Sheperd gave a brief update on the last couple of meetings of the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Copies of the CES Meeting Minutes from the May 21, 2014 and June 25, 2014 meeting were enclosed in the board members handouts for their perusal. Councilmember Sheperd stated that at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting Dr. Clifford Kuhn, a specialist in 20<sup>th</sup> century Atlanta History, was a guest speaker at the CES meeting and that he gave a very detailed history of Fort McPherson and the development of the surrounding communities and cities. Councilmember Sheperd also stated that she gave an update to the CES Board on the possible sale of the property and that the reaction was mixed. Councilmember Sheperd informed the Board and the audience that the next scheduled meeting of the CES was scheduled for next **Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 5:30PM at the offices of MILRA.**

**Item No. 5: Report from Executive Committee:**

Chairman Ward made an announcement to move into Executive Session and read the following 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 and (2) deliberate concerning a personnel matter. The specific reason for the closed session is to (1) discuss the acquisition/sale 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, Thomas Weyandt made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Kenneth Deleon. Approval was unanimous.

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 1 hour and fifty one (51) minutes. Chandra Houston made a motion to end the Executive Session and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

After the Executive Session ended Chairman Ward asked that the meeting be reopened to the public. Kenneth Deleon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

**Adjournment:**

Richard Holmes made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Kenneth Deleon. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA meeting ended at approximately 3:44 pm.

**Recorded By:**

  
Sandra Tennyson  
Executive Assistant

**Approved By:**



Jack Spratt  
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 McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") held on the 17th day of July, 2014.

(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 17th day of July 2014 which was closed for the purpose of:

**X DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER**

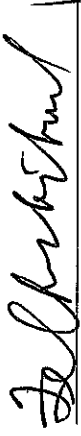
**X DELIBERATION REGARDING ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE**  
(To be spread on minutes upon conclusion of disposition of interest in real estate)

**DELIBERATION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION**

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 17th day of July, 2014.

  
Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 17th day of July, 2014.

  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

Witness

Witnessed:

*my commission  
expired May 17, 2015*